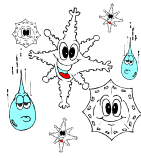


Buzzin' Around Madrona



January 2012



Dear Parents,

The months of January and February tend to be our worst months for attendance. That is mostly due to frequent bouts of colds, flu and sometimes illnesses like strep throat. We want to help you in any way we can. Remember it is important for you to decide if your child is in mild discomfort or is truly ill. Any child that is throwing up, has an unexplained rash, diarrhea, or a temp above 100, should probably be kept home. All illnesses are excused with a phone call or note from you within 48 hours of the illness. The best defense against illness is to help your child get plenty of rest, eat a healthy diet and wear appropriate clothing for the weather. Also, make sure your child washes his/her hands often. This helps remove harmful bacteria that can make you and your child sick. Please call us if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's attendance or health issues.

Reading is an Investment

“Reading is an Investment” is a literacy and financial education program for all public elementary schools in Oregon. It is a statewide program designed to highlight the importance of reading and teaching young children about money and basic financial concepts. The program has two components:

Book donation: New books are donated to public elementary school libraries that teach a variety of financial lessons and are tied to the State Math, Language Arts, and Social Sciences Standards adopted by the State Board of Education.

Reading program: Children can participate in the reading program in two ways: (1) as a class project with teacher involvement, or (2) individually, outside of the classroom. A recommended reading list is provided. After completing the program, children receive a certificate of achievement from the State Treasurer, fun prizes, and information about the Oregon College savings Plan. In addition, children who complete the program are entered into a drawing to receive one of 50 \$500 Oregon College Savings

plan accounts, awarded every April. Plus \$500 will be awarded to the winner's school.

This is an annual program beginning in October of each year. It is available to the public elementary schools in Oregon at no cost. For more information about “Reading is an Investment”, please visit <http://www.ost.state.or.us/> or call the State Treasurer's office at 503-378-4329.

Attendance

A parent must excuse student absences. It is required that you let us know when and why your child is absent. You can help us with this in two ways. You can call us the day of the absence and tell us why your child is out, or you can write a note and send that in on the day your child returns to school. Absences are only excused for illness, Doctor's appointments, death in the immediate family and family emergencies. All other absences are unexcused. Make sure you have contacted us within 48 hours or your child's absence becomes unexcused regardless of the reason.

Our new Synrevoice communication system calls every parent each day that a child is not in school if the absence has not been excused. **Please make sure that you say “Hello” to activate the message. Also, please keep the office up to date when phone numbers change, etc.**

Lost and Found

Please mark all of your child's sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, jackets, back packs, etc. with a name! If items are marked, they are promptly returned to their owner, but if they aren't, they are placed our lost and found in the cafeteria. There are so many nice things that have not been claimed. Please come and take a peak when you have a chance. **Also, there is a lost and found rack in the cafeteria that parents can check at any time.**

VERY IMPORTANT WEATHER INFORMATION

Winter is upon us, and it's time to advise our parents what to do in case of adverse weather conditions. **It is important that you follow the steps below in the event of a delayed start or school closure. Please start with step one. It is the fastest, most effective way for us to reach every parent.**

1. Make sure your phone numbers and email addresses are up to date with the school. We will use our new "Synrevoice" communication system to notify all parents via phone and/or email of delayed starts or school closures. Synrevoice will start calling at about 5:30am. **You must say "Hello" in order to activate the message.** If you do not receive a phone call or email, you might want to consider checking with the office to verify your phone numbers and email addresses are correct. If you followed all of these steps, and you did not receive a phone call or email, proceed to step 2.
2. Access our website at www.threerivers.k12.or.us as early as 5:30am to find out if there is a delayed start or school closure. If you don't have internet service, proceed to step 3.
3. All of our local radio and television stations start making announcements as soon as the school district notifies them of a delayed start or school closure. The local radio stations are as follows:

KAJO	1270 AM	476-6608 or 476-5256
KLDR	98.3 FM	474-7292
KRWQ	99 FM	474-3026
KRRM	94.7 FM	479-6497
KBOY	95.7 FM	779-2070

Our local T.V. stations are:

KOBI	Channel 5
KDRV	Channel 12
KTVL	Channel 10

4. **Contact the school only as a last resort.** First of all, there may not be anyone at the school office in the event of a school closure. Secondly, if there is any staff at school, no one arrives until 7:00am. You can find out earlier what the status is by using one of the previous steps. Finally, it may be difficult to get through to the school as the lines may be busy handling other calls. There are only two phone lines available.

Sometimes we are able to continue school on time when the weather is bad, but it is not safe for the buses to travel some routes. In that event, attached is a list of straight line routes that buses will use to pick up students. Please post it somewhere handy.



THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Three Rivers School District Board of Directors announces that three positions on the Budget Committee have expired. These positions are for a three-year term.

The Board will be accepting applications for appointment to fill the expired vacancies. All applications must be submitted to the District Office no later than January 13, 2012. Applicants must reside within the Three Rivers School District. Further information and application forms may be obtained at: District Administration Office located at 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, OR 97527; by calling the Board Secretary at (541) 862-3111 ext.: 5217; or **accessing the district website at <http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us/CCBIndex.asp>**

From the desk of the family advocate



Winter months can be hard on our Hornets! With our playground forming puddles, often students will need to change to dry clothing, and/or dry shoes. We are very happy to provide students with these supplies; however, it is important that we have these items returned to the school, so that we do not run out. If your child comes home with something we have "loaned" him/her, please make sure that the item is washed and returned to school promptly. This will help to keep our supply closet well stocked and available to all of our Hornets. We will happily accept your donated "gently used" clothing in sizes that would fit kindergarten through fifth grades. Thank you for all of your past donations, too!
Thank you, Andrea

No Child Left Behind

Our school receives federal funds for Title One programs that are part of the No Child Left Behind Act. Under this law, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). If you request this information, the district will provide you with this information in a timely manner. You have the right to request the following information:

- If the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instruction
- If the teacher is teaching under an emergency status for which state licensing requirements have been waived
- The type of college degree major of the teacher and the field of discipline for any graduate degrees and certificates
- If your child is receiving Title One services from paraprofessionals and if so, his/her qualifications

If you would like this information, please contact Madrona Elementary School.



Education of All Disabled Children/Young Adults

Public law 105.17 known as I.D.E.A. (Individualized Disability Education Act) requires that school districts provide a free and appropriate education to all disabled children/young adults ages 0 to 21.

Three Rivers School District requests the identification of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 to 21, who are not enrolled or currently being served by the district schools.

If you know of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 to 21 who are not receiving educational services, please call the Special Education Department of the Three Rivers School District. The phone number is 541-862-3111.

AR Awards

For September, October, November, & December

Independent Reader

Kael Dymock
Julian Grinager
Kayden Kennedy
Preston Jarvis
Liam Jolman
Taya Mendoza
AudriAnna O'Connor
Katie Shaver
Madison Williams
Chase Chalker
Jazmine Dennison
Jose Eslama-Hernandez
Charlie Jarvis
Levi Loraditch
Sean Marrs
Amiya Matson
Wyatt Nutting
Adrian Solomon

Super Reader

Breanna Boyle
Tyler Childers
Natasha Combe
Kael Dymock
McKendrie Ebben
Autumn Gettys
Areana Harris
Troy Johnson
Jose Lopez
Triston Marchington
Tanner Noble
AudriAnna O'Connor
Jacob Riegel
Selah Sandys
Kyle Serino-Jordan
Jack Shaver
Allie Therson
Chris Therson
Austin Verner
Maiah Combs
Gabriel Dewey
Kyle Serino-Jordan
AudriAnna O'Connor
Katie Shaver
Brianna Star

Advanced Reader

Sierra Combe
D. J. DeCasas
Rosa Duenas
Connor Harper
Eric Hookland
Andrew Kainer
McKenna Lawson
Charlee Lilla-Bare
Maliah Obien
Derek Potts
Duane Spicer
Payden Tavelli
Madeline Terpening
Paul White
Madison Young
Kyleah Gurwell
Troy Johnson
Bailey Lankford
Hailee Fraser-Lindsey
Charlee Lilla-Bare
Garrett McGinnis
Jack Shaver

Star Reader

Jared Anderson
Aubrielle Garcia
Jada Hurley
Michelle Larson
Erin Parise
Hailey Pickering
Brianna Stark
Cody Traughber
Tenley Williams
Sierra Combe
Joseph Gerson
Ian Hayes

P.T.O. News

The Madrona P.T.O. has a lot going on! Fundraisers to benefit the many student activities and facility needs and programs around the Madrona campus have begun, and we thank each of you for your very helpful participation. The Jog-A-Thon brought in \$4,472.42 and the candle sales also went well, thanks to the hard work of our tireless Madrona Hornets, of course! Thank you to each and every one who helped to make these events happen.

Coming up on January 28th is Family Fun Night, a Madrona favorite for years now. We hope that you will mark your calendar and perhaps even help us out with some donation of goods for the spaghetti dinner or prizes/service for the fun part of the evening. Please contact a P.T.O. officer if you would like to volunteer in any way with this or any P.T.O. event.

The P.T.O. is considering making a change from a P.T.O. (Parent Teacher Organization) to a P.T.A. (Parent Teacher Association) and becoming part of the national association that is known as the P.T.A. More information on this issue will be sent home to all Madrona families in the near future.

We would love to have you come alongside and join us as we work to help make Madrona the very best place for our children it can be! Everyone is welcome!

A special thanks goes out to all of our volunteers who came and worked in our Santa workshop and helped our Madrona students make ornaments.

Madrona staff and PTO would like to thank Nancy Hurley for decorating the gym for our winter program. Your time and dedication makes our program special.

We still collect Box Tops for Education, and Campbell's Soup labels. So please don't throw those labels away. We also still collect used printer cartridges, and cell phones. All of these tremendously help our school, and we thank you for your support!

Don't forget about eScrip. By registering your Safeway Club Card with eScrip, you make a donation every time you shop! Go to www.escrip.com or call 1-800-400-7878 to register.

January Events

- Jan. 3** – School resumes from Winter Break
- Jan. 9**– Kids Smile Program
- Jan. 10** – PBIS Trading Cards on Sale
- Jan. 12** – PTO Meeting in Library @ 2:10pm
- Jan. 13**- **No School**; Staff Development Day
- Jan. 16** – Martin Luther King Day **No School**
- Jan. 24** – PBIS Trading cards on sale
- Jan. 26** – Site Council Meeting @ 2:00pm Library
- Jan. 26** – Progress Reports Out
- Jan. 27** – Pride Day Assembly @ 1:00 pm
- Jan. 28** – PTO Family Fun Night (Dinner @ 5pm, Bingo @ 6pm)
- Jan. 30** –**Feb 03**- Book Fair; Library

February Events

- Jan. 30** – **Feb 03** – Book Fair; Library
- Feb. 1** – Evening Conferences regular school day
- Feb. 2** – Conference Day-**No School** all students
- Feb. 3** – **No School** all students
- Feb. 7** – PBIS Trading Cards on sale
- Feb. 9** – PTO Meeting @ 2:10 in Library
- Feb. 14** – Happy Valentine's Day!
- Feb. 16** – RV OPERA Pinocchio all school invite
- Feb. 20**– President's Day – **No School**
- Feb. 21** – PBIS Trading Cards on sale
- Feb. 23** – Site Council Mtg. @ 2pm
- Feb. 24** – Pride Day Assembly @ 1:00pm

Book Fair

The whole school is excited about our upcoming Book Fair. An amazing selection of books is headed our way! At the Book Fair you will find the latest and finest titles for kids, as well as books of interest to parents. Mark your calendar for our Book Fair Event where the whole family can join in the fun.

When: Jan 30- Feb 03

Where: Library

Love books? Volunteer to help at the Book Fair. You can decorate and set up; help kids select books, work on refreshment, or help pack up. There are lots of ways to participate. Please contact our Librarian Brenda Haberman @ 541-476-6624. Also, you can visit the following website for more information.

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/madrona>

Calling All Madrona Readers!



We are looking for students who like to read books and memorize details for our upcoming Battle of the Books!

Students may pick up a list of books for their reading level from the library.

Once they have read a book and tested 85% or better, they will receive a sticker on their B.O.B. chart and a prize from Mrs. Van Brunt's box!

Madrona's competition will be held in room 12 (Ed Lab) from 12:30-1:30 pm for the groups below:

Group 1 April 5

Group 2 April 6

The district competition will be on April 12, 2012

We will need a few parent volunteers to help with our quizzes and with our competition. If you are interested, please fill out the form below and return to our school.

Sincerely,

Brenda Haberman, Library Manager

____ Yes, I understand my child will be reading from the established list of books and must test on and score at least 85% on 8 of the books by the first week in April in order to be considered as a representative from our school in the district Battle of the Books. The top scoring students will then be considered for the school teams based on their test score and participation in the practices at school.

____ Yes, I want to help with Battle of the Books! You can call me at this number _____.

Parent name:

Date _____

This year's book titles are:

Group #1 2nd, 3rd, 4th grades

1. *The Family Under the Bridge* by Natalie Savage Carlson
2. *Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Beverly Cleary
3. *The Grand Escape* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
4. *Sadako and The Thousand Paper Cranes* by Eleanor Coerr
5. *Baby* by Patricia MacLachlan
6. *The House of Wings* by Betsy Byars
7. *On the Long Trail Home* by Elisabeth J. Stewart
8. *Red-Dirt Jessie* by Anna Myers
9. *George's Marvelous Medicine* by Roald Dahl
10. *Misty of Chincoteague* by Marguerite Henry

Group #2 4th/5th grades

1. *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell
2. *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls
3. *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli
4. *The Return of the Indian* by Lynne Reid Banks
5. *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett
6. *The Fledgling* by Jane Langton
7. *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
8. *Call it Courage* by Armstrong Sperry
9. *Flip-Flop Girl* by Katherine Paterson
10. *The Silver Chair* by C.S. Lewis

Southern Oregon High-Tech Crimes Task Force

Southern Oregon High Tech Cyber Task Force is working hard to keep kids in Southern Oregon safe from harm on the internet. Their work is mentioned in the local papers almost weekly; arresting people who have committed crimes against children. Come learn what the Task Force and FBI have to say about these subtle High Tech Cyber Crimes. They will be in Grants Pass teaching a class that includes: chat rooms, social networking, online games, virtual worlds, parental involvement, and internet sexual predators. The class is free. No children under 12 years of age. Class is scheduled for Thursday, January 19th at 6:30, at Grants Pass High School Commons. This community education event is brought to you by Grants Pass Council.

Grants Pass National Little League



All sign ups are being held at
The Bear Hotel
 2101 NE Spalding Ave.
 Grants Pass, OR 97526

January 12, 2012 5:00pm-9:00pm

January 18, 2012 5:00pm-9:00pm

January 28, 2012 9:00am-3:00pm

February 15, 2012 5:00pm-9:00pm

*February 4, 2012 9:00am-3:00pm @ Jim Sigel

Registration dates are for both American and National Leagues. For more information call
American League: Lauren Garmendia
 541-787-5037

Or

National League: Stan Mustoe 541-226-8426

Grants Pass Youth Soccer Club

Spring Season Registration is upon us!
 January 10th – February 8th

Registration Fees:
 U06/Kinder \$45
 U07 – U10 \$70
 U12 – U14 \$85



*Third child discount of \$35 each for U7-U14 within same household

All players must register online at
www.gpsoccer.org

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ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS Straight Line Routes For: Madrona Elementary School

In the event of adverse weather conditions, parents are advised to tune in to Radio Stations KRWQ, KAJO, KLDR, KBOY, and TV Stations KOBI (5), KDRV (12), KTVL (10), or the Three Rivers School District Web Page for information school bus schedules.

Sometimes weather conditions leave some roads blocked or unsafe to travel but school is still being held. Under these circumstances "straight line routes" will be run. This is the information you will get on the web page or radio/TV stations.

When straight line routes are run, the roads affected are listed below. If you live on one of the roads that the buses cannot travel, you may bring your student to the nearest intersection of the main road traveled. This will also be the stop for the afternoon drop off.

ROUTE#	STREET NAME
B-07	Missouri Flat, Kubli Road, Slagle Creek, Humbug (Right & Left Fork), Scott Drive
B-08	Grays Creek, Copper Drive, Past Hidden Valley HS on Murphy Creek
B-09	All roads will be traveled
B-10	All roads will be traveled
B-11	Moonbeam
B-12	Weatherbee, Keen Road, Bull Creek, Turtle Lane, Cheney Creek Road