



Manzanita Messenger



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Thoughts from the Principal.....

Dear Manzanita families,

As I look around outside, the leaves have fallen from the trees, it's getting darker earlier in the evening, and the temperature in the morning is chilly. Winter is almost here!

We will have scheduled parent-teacher conferences on December 5th in the evening and all day on December 6th. Your child's teacher sent home information earlier in November about your specific conference time. We have significantly fewer hours to hold student conferences; therefore each conference will be 15 minutes in length and we will not have as much flexibility to rearrange conferences to a different time. We will try very hard to make it work for families, but we appreciate your flexibility in attending the conference. A close line of communication between the teacher and parent is essential in making sure your child is as successful as possible within the classroom.

This week is the beginning of 2nd trimester. For older students, it's a time to start fresh with grades. To be successful in the classroom, it's important you talk with your student each night to find out what homework they need to finish. They might need to complete an assignment not finished in class during the

school day. Ask them what they studied in school, even have them show you examples of the math they are learning. Having your child talk about their learning will reinforce their knowledge of the concepts. Finally, maintain an open line of communication with your child's teacher.

Our Dutch Bros. gift card fundraiser is coming to a close on December 5th. Cards are available for \$10 or \$20 and they will be sent home with students on December 13th. Please make checks payable to Manzanita PTA. Thank you for supporting the PTA and Manzanita.

There are many events happening at Manzanita in the next few weeks. Information about calendar events can be found in this newsletter, on the reader board in front of the school, and on our school web site (www.threerivers.k12.or.us).

Sincerely,

Jessica Durrant



Dec. 5 – Dutch Bros Fundraiser due— Conferences 5pm – 7pm

Dec. 6— No School— Conferences

Dec. 9— PTA meeting 2pm in Ms. Dow's room

Dec. 10— Holiday Parent Lunch

Dec. 11— 4/5 Music Concert 6-7 pm

Dec. 17- – Site Council



MEDICATION

The cold and flu season is upon us. If your student needs to take over the counter medication here at school, we need a note from parents stating when and how much the student is to take. Medication needs to be stored in the office. If your child needs to take a prescription, please bring to the office the medication in its original container with the child's

prescription label on the bottle. We will also need parents to sign necessary paperwork. Cough drops have to be stored in the office; student ask their teacher for permission to come get one when needed. We hope everyone has a healthy winter!



LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found barrel is overflowing!! If your student is missing jackets, sweatshirt, lunch box, etc. please have them check the tables in the gym. If clothes are not claimed, they will be bagged up and put in storage. Items will then be donated at the end of the school year. Putting student's names on items helps as we try to get them back to the correct owner. The cold weather is here...please come get your warm clothes that are missing.



MORNING START

If your student is coming to school after 7:40am, please have them check in at the office before going to the classroom. Parents need to sign them in and the office will give them a pass to give to their teacher. Thank you for being on time for school!

IMMUNIZATION

State wide immunization exclusion is February 19, 2014. If your child is not up-to-date on immunizations, you will get a letter from the Health Department. Please make sure that the school gets a copy of any updates your student receives.

STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATES

If you have a new phone number, address or someone new you would like to put on as an emergency contact, Please let the office know as soon as possible. We will make sure an updated form gets sent home for you to sign. Having accurate information helps us get you all the school news that you need and allows us to contact you quickly if your student is ill or injured.

Thank you!!

MANZANITA NEWS

Advocate Corner

FOOD DRIVE

The next Food Drive will be held on Dec. 19. If you would like to donate non-perishable food to families in the North Valley area, bring items to school on and place them in the shopping cart by the flag pole.

Thank you all for your continued support of this project.

Clothes Closet

You may stop in to pick up items from 9am to 1pm. Please check in at the office.

Advocates Wish List

Children's belts

Boys Pants Sizes 7 & 8

Sounds of the Season

Come join us in listening to the Holiday sounds of Manzanita 4th and 5th grade classrooms on Dec. 11 from 6-7 pm in the Manzanita Gym. They will be playing recorders and signing fun songs. You will also get to hear the sounds of the Choir.

5th grade students will meet in the Library at 5:45pm and 4th grade students will meet in the Cafeteria at 5:45pm.

Enjoy a wonderful night of Holiday music!



Announcement Assistants

Every morning, Mrs. Durrant randomly selects a student to help with morning announcements. The following students were recently announcement assistants:

Josh Smith, Nathaniel Carlson, Jackson Marsh, Jared Byers, Mayra Covarrubius, Camelia-Pulido, Louisa Marsh, Raul Covarrubias, Heaven Curtis, Bailee Ceciio, Leon Diaz, Charley Lockwood, Jerry McCurdy, Elijah Myers, Ayla Udink, Joshua Hulst

Maybe YOU will be the next announcement assistant!



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8	9 PTA Meeting 2 pm in Ms. Dow's class	10 Parent Lunch	11 4/5 Music Con- cert 6-7 pm in the gym	12	13	14
15	16	17 Site Council	18	19	20	21
22	23 Winter Break	24 Winter Break	25 Winter Break	26 Winter Break	27 Winter Break	28 Winter Break
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