

# PIRATE'S PRESS



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## APRIL EVENTS

- 2 Spelling Bee Test 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 4 Spelling Bee Test 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>
- 6 Coppes, Richardson and Harrington  
To "Cinderella"
- 6 Rogue Valley Harmonizers (Quartet)  
Performs in classrooms
- 11 PTA Meeting @ 2:10 Library
- 11 Spelling Bee @ District Office 6:30PM
- 13 Carnival @ 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- 21 Battle of the Books 8:30 AM
- 23 Progress Reports
- 24 Harrington and Richardson – "America  
Sings" at Grants Pass High School
- 25 Site Council Meeting @ 2:10
- 27 Progress Reports

## MAY EVENTS

- 3 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 7 Coppes – Smokey the Bear
- 7 – 11 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 9 PTA – Library
- 18 No School – Staff Development Day
- 23 Site Council Meeting
- 28 Memorial Day – No School

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Spring has sprung and students are beginning to act out in ways that sometimes interferes with their learning. Even though we have begun the third trimester, there are still about 10 weeks of school left. In order for these last weeks to have a strong educational impact, we need your help. Please remind your child that you have high expectations for their continued success in school. This is a good time to review the school and bus rules in the student handbook you received at the

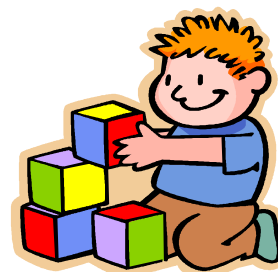
## **Message from Principal cont'd**

beginning of the year. Let your child(ren) know you expect the best he/she can do at school and on the bus. Safety and learning are the main reasons for our rules.

Many fun activities also happen during the last few weeks. We truly want every student to have the opportunity to enjoy those activities. Please understand that we expect students to be accountable for the choices they make every day. We will not allow students who make poor choices at school to attend special activities with other students. If a child is sent to the Ed Lab more than 3 times in a month, receives a referral to the office or a bus citation that requires disciplinary action by Mrs. Van Brunt, it is possible that student may not be able to attend special activities. This could prevent a child from participating in field trips, parties, special recesses, movies, assemblies and other school activities. Mrs. Van Brunt will note on the referral or send a letter to indicate if a child has lost a special privilege. Hopefully, this will not happen very often, if at all.

Mrs. Van Brunt would only choose to do this if a student has issues being disruptive to learning or that makes him/her unsafe to go to different places. It is our desire to end the school year pleasantly and productively for each student at Jerome Prairie Elementary School. Please reinforce these expectations with your child at home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Mrs. Van Brunt at 541 476 2802.



## **PBIS AWARDS FOR MARCH**

### **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:**

Lovell - Cody Rommes  
Coppes - Tristian Sellen  
Kenney - Sarah Marquez  
Richardson - Josalyn Nichols  
Harrington - Soarin Clayburn  
Katz - Calli Pelkey

### **COOPERATION:**

Lovell - Legacy Magley  
Coppes - Kathleen Magley  
Kenney - Drew Sellke  
Richardson - Faith Garfield  
Harrington - Isaiah Chambless  
Katz - Mikayla Van Boven

## **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

### Participants:

Vincent Brooks  
Daniel Beachy\*  
David Countiss\*  
Brenna Bare  
Aileen Poynter\*  
Noel Sandeen\*  
Halle O'Brien  
Ashlee Merker  
Weston Flow\*  
Gabe Farey  
Annika Sellke\*  
Jaden Mikits  
Lily Sloan\*  
McKenzie Fisher  
Claire Wood

\*Indicates Team Members

Students completed for this honor on March 13<sup>th</sup> and individuals were selected based on their knowledge and retention of minute details of all ten books on their reading list. Participants started working on Battle of the Books in December. Congratulations!



## **NUTRITION LADY**

(Letter from Sally Schulte)

Hello Parents!

My name is Sally Schulte and I will be teaching some of your kids about nutrition and healthy eating habits for 5 weeks starting after Spring Break. This program is funded by Oregon State University Extension and I work for their office right here in Josephine County. If you have any questions, you can reach me at: [Sally.Schulte@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Sally.Schulte@oregonstate.edu)

My focus will be getting the kids to start thinking about what they are eating and learning some basic nutrition concepts, all while having fun! Depending upon the grade, we will be learning about the importance of eating breakfast; why fruits, veggies, dairy and whole grains are so important; and learning to cut back on sodium and empty calories from added sugars.

It would be ideal if we could partner together to produce greater results. Some of the ways you could do this are by:

- Asking your child what they learned about from the "Nutrition Lady"
- Exploring healthy food choices together in your kitchen or the grocery store
- Offering healthy snacks first, such as fruit, yogurt parfaits, whole-grain waffles with applesauce and sprinkling parmesan cheese on hot popcorn
- Eating a variety of vegetables and fruits every day
- Eating more whole grains, such as oatmeal, brown rice and whole-grain bread
- Limiting the sugary drinks such as soda, sports drinks and fruit-flavored drinks.

When you make healthy eating a family affair, everyone benefits. This means foods and beverages with plenty of nutrients (protein, fiber, vitamins and minerals) and not too many calories, fats or sugars.

There are some great web sites available to help with information, tips and recipes. Some of these are: FoodHero.org; ChooseMyPlate.gov; eatright.org; and kidseatright.org.

Happy Eating!

## **TRASHION SHOW**

As most of you know, our Site Council also serves as our PBIS committee. At our last meeting, we discussed at length a variety of possible earned events we could provide for students who earned this special event. After much discussion, it was decided we would be having a "Trashion Show"!

A Trashion Show is a fashion show of crazy get ups and accessories students and families create from recycled items! Details are still being arranged, but now is the time to start discussing this fun event with your child. Students who earn that PBIS event will be allowed to bring a special "Trashion" outfit or accessory to school to wear at a special assembly.

Each student who wishes may dress up in a costume they helped create using recycled materials. The majority of the outfit must be made of recycled things and only a small amount of new materials may be used to create this outfit.

New items, such as tape, thread, string, glue, etc., may be used to help hold the outfit together. Recycling old clothing pieces to make something new is also a great idea! Otherwise, it is all about helping keep our earth healthy and green by creatively reusing objects and materials you can find around to make a wild and crazy outfit. Students will get to change into their outfits after lunch. More details to follow.

However, now is a great time for your child to begin thinking about their "recycled" outfit. You may need to save interesting objects from home to add interest to the special clothing.

Ideas? Buttons, material scraps, fun bags from stores, advertisements, leftover party goods like napkins, streamers and tablecloths, old holiday decorations, even empty pop bottles can all become something else to wear! There are lots of ideas on the internet about using recycled materials to create new things. Check out topics like sustainable clothing, reuse of old materials, making fashion out of old things, recycled clothing materials, etc. Begin thinking and playing at home now! All kinds will be invited to participate or just watch the crazy outfits on others if they earn their PBIS event for the last trimester. We hope it is a lot of kids.

**GO PIRATES!!!**

## **READ-A-THON**

PTA is doing Read-a-thon as another fundraising event for this school year. Read-a-thon took place from March 17<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>. Funds raised will go towards the Accelerated Reader Program, school field trips and assemblies, technology and playground improvements as well as other PTA projects.

Thank you to students and parents for your participation in this fundraising event.



## **SPIRIT WEEK**

Students and staff at Jerome Prairie participated in Spirit Week before leaving for Spring Break.

Book Fair had a Hawaiian theme this year. Lori Sanders, our librarian, decorated the library and made it look very festive. Student and staff members dressed in Aloha shirts, pareaus and muumuus.

On Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, there were many crazy hats and creative hairdos on our school campus. It was amazing to see how many students found different ways with "crazy hair".

Thursday was pajama day and adults and students came to school in either their jammies or very comfy sweats. That evening, parents and students could come dressed in their jammies with pillows to watch "Mr. Popper's Penguins" in the gym. Reading took place in Room 10. Everyone that came had a great time and enjoyed cookies and milk.

Friday was designated as Pirate Day. Students and staff came dressed in their version of a pirate. Jerome Prairie was filled with "spirit" as big and little pirates roamed through the school.



## **PTA CORNER**

**Carnival:** Families, we are still in need of volunteers to make our carnival successful. We have broken shifts into one hour commitments so that you can help and still enjoy the event with your family. If you can volunteer at your class booth, or for any other job, please contact your room parent. The list is as follows:

**Ms. McKee-** Tammie Campbell- 541 308-8225 or [datlhkcl@aol.com](mailto:datlhkcl@aol.com)

**Mrs. Lovell-**Rachael Sandeen- 541 471-8849 or [rachaelsandeen@gmail.com](mailto:rachaelsandeen@gmail.com)

**Ms. Coppes-**Emily Meade- 541 479-1404 or [meadegirl@hotmail.com](mailto:meadegirl@hotmail.com)

**Ms. Kenney-**Bobbi Crowley- 541 788-8854 or [bobbicrowley@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbicrowley@yahoo.com)

**Mrs. Richardson-**Kristi Haley- 541 441-1654 or [Kristih1977@hotmail.com](mailto:Kristih1977@hotmail.com)

**Mr. Harrington-**Cassie Bare- 541 472-1244 or [bastarropehorses@q.com](mailto:bastarropehorses@q.com)

**Mrs. Katz-**Stacy Countiss- 541 476-4055 or [countiss@oigp.net](mailto:countiss@oigp.net)



**Cake Walk:** As part of our Spring Carnival on April 13<sup>th</sup>, students and their families can participate in a **CAKEWALK**, with various baked goodies for prizes. Here is an opportunity for all of you bakers to show your stuff! The more baked goods you make, the more prizes the kids can have for this fun event. If you like to bake and have a favorite cake, pie, cookie or cupcake recipe, please sign up to contribute to the cakewalk. Items should be packaged on paper or foil plates that you do not expect to get back!

Please contact Stacy Countiss at [countiss@oigp.net](mailto:countiss@oigp.net) or 476-4055 with your baking plans. **If you aren't into baking and you still want to contribute, please feel free to purchase baked goods from your favorite bakery, or donate cash or gift cards toward purchase of more goodies.** Our goal is to have 150 baked items to distribute to cakewalk winners.

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**Yearbook:** Parents, it is time to begin yearbook preparation. Please submit any photos of class parties, field trips, etc. to our yearbook chair, Megan Beck. You may submit them by email to [msbeck@charter.net](mailto:msbeck@charter.net) or you may drop off CDs in the office in Megan's name.



**Yard Sale:** The PTA, due to popular demand, will be holding another yard sale this year. The yard sale will be held May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at the school. Please consider donating your unwanted items and your time to help raise money for our kids. Watch for more information regarding the yard sale in the next few weeks.



## **CINDERELLA**

On Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, the classes of Ms. Coppes, Mrs. Richardson and Mr. Harrington will be attending a production of "Cinderella" at the Grants Pass High School Performing Art Center.

This show is a two hour musical with live acting, singing and dancing presented by the One Eleven Theatre Co.

