

Buzzin' Around Madrona



January 2010



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.



Adverse Weather Conditions

Winter is upon us, and it's time to advise our parents what to do in case of adverse weather conditions. All of our local radio stations start making announcements as soon as the school district notifies them of a delayed start. The local radio stations are as follows:

KAJO	1270 AM	476-6608 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 also broadcast news about delayed starts. Those stations are:

KOBI	Channel 5
KDRV	Channel 12
KTVL	Channel 10

Sometimes weather conditions leave some roads blocked or unsafe to travel even though school is still being held. Under these circumstances "straight line routes" will be run. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of those bus routes. Please keep it handy for those bad weather days.

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 862-3111.



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.

Lost and Found

Please mark all of your child's sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, jackets, etc. with a name! If items are marked, they are promptly returned to their owner, but if they aren't, they are placed in a small closet in the back of the cafeteria. There are so many nice things that have not been claimed. Please come and take a peak when you have a chance.

Skipper's Night Out



We will enjoy our annual "Skipper's Night Out" fundraiser on January 26th from 5:00-8:00pm. Anyone who eats dinner at Skipper's during these times and mentions Madrona, will have 10% of their total bill donated to our school. As an added bonus, we all get to enjoy each other's company while we enjoy delicious fish and chips, chowder, etc. It also includes take out orders, so there's something for everyone. Tell your friends, neighbors, family and join us for this fun fundraiser. Skipper's is the only restaurant in our area that offers this easy fundraiser. They truly have a heart for our kids!

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 Rodgers.

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. We call periodically to check on kids who are out two or more days if we have not heard from you. Make sure you have done this within 48 hours or your child's absence becomes unexcused regardless of the reason.

P.T.O. News

Thanks for supporting the many fundraisers the PTO does. Upcoming fundraisers for spring include a coin drive, candy sales, and a carnival. Please help our PTO by supporting the fundraisers, and/or by donating your time to help with activities. Remember that every single penny raised by PTO goes directly into making the Madrona learning experience for your child better and more exciting!

Our November PTO Fundraiser was candle sales. Our kids raised \$2,000 covering the cost of our three new doors! Way to go students and parents! The top three sellers were:

1st Place: Tenley Williams
2nd Place: Riley Ortiz
3rd Place: Ruben Martinez

We still collect Box Tops for Education, and Campbell's Soup labels. Attached is a flyer with more information about both programs. 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!

Coin Drive

The PTO will be encouraging all students to participate in our annual coin drive. Each class will be collecting change in cans that will be in each class. The two classes with the top amount of money turned in will each win a special treat. The money from the coin drive goes towards the computer lab. Currently the PTO helps pay for an hour of computer lab assistant time for the primary students in our school. This is an important fund raising event. Please help us out by collecting your loose change this month and sending it our way. The dates for the coin drive are Feb. 8th - 25th. We hope to be hearing lots of "*KA-CHING!*" sounds in those cans! Start saving those coins now!

Albertson's is offering to share a percentage of proceeds with schools through their Community Partners Program. Simply link Madrona's number (49000118317) to your regular Albertson's Preferred Savings Card, and they will send us a percentage of your purchases. You can register either by mail or online at www.albertsons.com. Please see the attached flyer for more information on how to sign up. This is another really easy way to help earn cash for your school. Please consider signing up!

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. 4 – School resumes from Winter Break
Jan. 4-15 – DIBELS testing all grades
Jan. 4 – Hoop Shoot 2/3 girls at lunch time
Jan. 5 – Hoop Shoot 2/3 boys at lunch time
Jan. 6 – Hoop Shoot 4/5 girls at lunch time
Jan. 7 – Hoop Shoot 4/5 boys at lunch time
Jan. 7 – PTO meeting at 2:20pm in the library
Jan. 13 – Lockdown Drill 10:00am
Jan. 18 – Martin Luther King Day – No School
Jan. 19 – Science Fair projects are due
Jan. 20 – Science Fair Open House 6:00-7:00pm in the gym
Jan 20- Progress Reports go home
Jan. 21 – Site Council meeting at 2:10pm in the library
Jan. 25 – WOW Dental Prevention Program
Jan. 26 – Skipper's Night Out 5-8:00pm at Skippers
Jan. 27 – **We DO have school** – Conferences are for **Middle & High School only**
Jan. 29 – Late Start Friday-School and buses start 2 hours later
Jan. 29 – Pride Day Assembly 12:45pm in the gym. This will be for December and January award winners.

February Events



Feb. 1-26 – STAR testing for Grades 2-5
Feb. 1-26 – OAKS State Assessment testing for grades 3, 4, and 5
Feb. 3 – District Science Fair
Feb. 4 – PTO meeting 2:20pm in the library
Feb. 5 – District Science Fair Open House
Feb. 8-25 – Coin Drive fundraiser
Feb. 9-27 – Writing Assessments for 4th Grade
Feb. 11 – Site Council meeting **everyone is welcome** 2:10pm in the
Feb. 12 – Valentine's Day parties in classrooms at 1:00pm
Feb. 14 – Happy Valentine's Day!
Feb. 15 – President's Day -No School
Feb. 23 – PBS Parenting Night & Dinner 5:30-7:30pm in cafeteria & gym
Feb. 26 – Late Start Friday-School and buses start 2 hours later
Feb. 26 – Pride Day Assembly 1:00pm in the gym



Student of the Year



Each year our school, along with all of the schools in both Three Rivers School District and District Seven, is invited by the local Rotary Club to honor one special student as Student of the Year. We are blessed to be the first school each year to do so. In December the fifth grade teachers chose two students from their classrooms that represent students who work hard, have good grades, are kind and thoughtful of others, who are truthful, fair and good sports. They are students who stand out and above in achieving those goals on a regular basis. The teachers meet and choose one student out of the four nominees to represent our school for this special honor. That student and their parents are then invited to attend a special luncheon meeting with the Rotary Club Members. The student and his/her parents are treated to a lunch and the student gives a short speech. The student is also presented with a gift package from various businesses and individuals in our community who want to encourage these special students at each school.

All four nominees are also honored with a presentation at our school board meeting in January. Our four nominees this year were as follows: Kali Henderson, Bailey McGinnis, Ashley Pearson and Gabe McLaughlin. Although, each of the students was well qualified, the staff chose Ashley to represent our school this year. Big congratulations to each of these fine fifth grade students and their parents!

Yarn Donations

Our 4th Grade class began projects using yarn recently. They are learning to crochet and make really cute, creative things! We placed an ad in our last newsletter requesting yarn for these projects. Upon receipt of our newsletter, our friend at the Daily Courier, Patty Richter called and asked if we would like for her to put an ad in the newspaper for us. We happily accepted her offer, and before we knew it, we had truckloads of yarn coming in. We are so blessed to be part of such a wonderful community that reaches out to support our school. Thank you to everyone!

PBS Update

We had a fabulous time at our recent PBS assembly. Students who had earned the assembly by not having any referrals to the office, bus citations or 3 or more trips to Ed Lab for behavior in the month of November enjoyed the Madrona Olympics. A little over 91% of our students were able to join us for that event. Teachers, assistants and 24 students were the competitors. There were representatives from each class on the teams. The rest of the school became our cheering fans for a fun and wacky 45 minutes! We will have two other assemblies this year to celebrate good behavior choices. Thanks for helping your child to make good choices each day at home and at school. Less poor behavior choices at school translates into more time spent on learning. Thanks for your positive support for our kids. Go Madrona Hornets!

Battle of the Books

It's that time of year again. Battle of the Books is here and we need your help! We are looking for parent volunteers who are willing to lead practice sessions starting the week of Feb. 1st from 11:20 to 12:30 about three times a week. The days are subject to our volunteer schedules.

There are two sessions, the 2nd and 3rd graders will practice from 11:30-11:55 the 4th and 5th graders will meet from 12-12:30. If you can stay for both sessions it would be greatly appreciated, however, if you need to do $\frac{1}{2}$ hour sessions we will try to accommodate that. You will be given the directions on how to ask the questions so there is consistency during practice. You will orally ask the students pre-set questions about the books they've read. Practices will be in the center of one of the pods so there will be an assistant at hand if you need assistance with student behavior. If you have any questions please feel free to call the school and speak with Mrs. Van Brunt.

Please return this page to Mrs. Brown in the library.

Yes, I would like to volunteer for both sessions on the following days: _____

Print your name

Daytime phone #

Yes, I would like to volunteer but, can only do one session on the following days:

Print your name

Daytime phone#



Dear Parents,

We are starting “Battle of the Books” at Madrona School. This is a reading competition designed to encourage students to read and broaden their reading interests. Students in grades 2-5 are eligible to participate. Students read from a selected list of ten books over a period of about two months and then teams will be formed. Practices for the test and competition will begin the week of Feb. 1st during lunch recess. Students should try to attend at least two out of three practices a week. Teams will be chosen on how they perform in practice and the results of the written test Mrs. Van Brunt will give on April 12th for level 1, and on April 14th for level 2. Each student that chooses to participate will be required to read all ten books. They will also be taking Accelerated Reader tests on the books they have read, passing with at least 80%. Students must have read at least four books by the time practices begin the week of Feb. 1st. Ten books must be completed by Friday April 9th in order to take the test. Parents are allowed to work with students and read with them as needed. This year’s book titles are:

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

1. Poppy
by Avi
2. Stuart Little
by E.B. White
3. On the Banks of Plum Creek
by Laura Ingalls Wilder
4. SkyLark
by Patricia MacLachlan
5. Wanted...Mud Blossom
by Betsy Byars
6. The Corn Grows Ripe
by Dorothy Rhoads
7. The Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk
by Donald J. Sobol
8. Junebug
by Alice Mead
9. Hello, Mrs. Piggie-Wiggle
by Betty MacDonald
10. Mr. Popper’s Penguins
by Richard and Florence Atwater

Group #2 4th/5th grades

1. From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
by E.L Konigsburg
2. Abel’s Island
by William Steig
3. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
by C.S. Lewis
4. Matilda
by Roald Dahl
5. Charley Skedaddle
by Patricia Beatty
6. Harriet the Spy
by Louise Fitzhugh
7. Time Cat
by Lloyd Alexander
8. The Borrowers
by Mary Norton
9. Amos Fortune Free Man
by Elizabeth Yates
10. The Westing Game
by Ellen Raskin

*Please talk with your student about the commitment of participating in the “Battle of the Books”.

Please return this portion to the Library by January 8th:

_____ has my
permission to participate in the “Battle of the Books”.

Parent/Guardian’s
Signature

I agree to read at least 4 books by Monday, Feb. 1st and ten books by the test on Friday, April 9th.

Student

Student’s Teacher

Lifeskill Winners for November "Organization"

Kindergarten:

Hannah Bennett
Taya Mendoza
Drew Clem
Dustin Combs
Cristal Madris-Delgado
Owen Smith
Kaitlyn Mikits

1st Grade:

Calen Clem
Natasha Combe
Eric Hookland
Skyler Swanson
Breanna Boyle
Connor Harper
Mckenna Lawson
Vivian Rowley

2nd Grade:

Riley Arnold
Erin Parise
Allen Verner
Joseph Gerson
Jacub Garcia

3rd Grade:

Garrett Eells
McKenzie Orton
Robert Pettijohn
Brianna Stark
Aubrielle Garcia
Ashley Kowalski
Ashley Zuanich
James Hindle

4th Grade:

Brittany Haberman
Elijah Hayes
Cody Milburn
Sam Waterhouse
Taylor Decker
Devin Pine
Aubrey Richner
Mattia Sakraida

5th Grade:

Carly Cubic
Ruby Madden
Zach Smith
Jamie Strong
Dorian Clem
Angelica Quevedo

Math Masters for November

4th Grade

Chris Pearson
Laissi Traughber

5th Grade

Zach Smith
Ashley Pearson

Accelerated Reader Achievements November 2009

Independent Reader

Damin Decker
Chris Dillon
Michael Graeber
Zachary Hanson
Ian Hayes
Jada Hurley
Erin Parise
Wyatt Smith
Kitiara Strong

Super Reader

Arthur Corbett
August Curran
Charles Fraser-Lindsey
Kelsey Kielling
Melba Ordaz
Tenley Williams

Super Reader 2

Cody Traughber

Advanced Reader

Tanner Bingham
Cole Lawson
Grace Satterfield
Dylan Stenberg
Robert Swanson

Advanced Reader 2

Koey Kreiss
Kitty Kurutz

Advanced Reader 3

Jorden Riccatone

Star Reader

Anthony Breilinski
August Gannett
Erika Simpson

Star Reader 3

Lucas Nielsen
Elizabeth Therson

Honors Reader

Elijah Hayes



Lifeskill Winners for December "Sharing"

Kindergarten:

Hank Dumas
Tristin Hanson-Damota
Grace Melvin
Isabella Boronda
Dimas Linares
Ashlyn McLaren

1st Grade:

Noah Armour
Thomas Cook
Logan Dove
Triston Marchington
Autumn Gettys
Taryn Hayes
Sebastian Mason
Selah Sandys

2nd Grade:

Chase Brazille
Jonny Burgess
Areana Harris
Vance Milburn
Kalee Staten
Sean Marrs

3rd Grade:

Brianna Casperson
Max Davis
Cameron Hooker
Grace Satterfield
Maiah Combs
Aubrielle Garcia
Chris Therson
Bodeven Locust

4th Grade:

Colton Heath
Isaac Simonian
Dane Backes
Allie Griggs
Kitty Kurutz
Nicholas Spangle

5th Grade:

Lexi Guzman
Hailey Pettijohn
Caleb Prince
Jesse Ramirez
Koey Kreiss
Jennifer Mason
Kaley Morton

Math Masters for December

4th Grade

Kenny Willaman
Jasmine Pinkerton
Elijah Hayes
Cody Milburn
Autumn McLaughlin
Isaac Davies

Accelerated Reader Achievements December 2009

Independent Reader

Connor Harper
Daniel Hulsey
Ricci Mendes

Super Reader

Riley Arnold

Super Reader 2

Eva Bernard
Melba Ordaz
Duane Spicer
Tenley Williams

Advanced Reader

Brooklyn Hurd
Jamie Strong
Aleah Torres

Advanced Reader 2

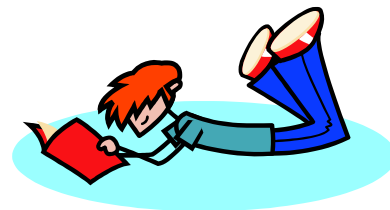
Jennifer Mason

Star Reader 2

August Gannett
Elijah Hayes

Classic

Elizabeth Therson



Community Corner

Grants Pass National Little League



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

**Cost: \$65 per child
\$5 discount for additional children**

**January 9, 2010 9:00am-3:00pm
January 12, 2010 5:00pm-8:00pm
February 21, 2010 5:00pm-8:00pm**

**Registration dates are for both
American and National Leagues. For
more information call American
League Hotline at 541-787-5037
Or
National League Michelle
541-660-2104**

Grants Pass Youth Soccer Club



**Spring Season Registration is upon us!
January 11th – February 11th**

**All players must register online at
www.gpsoccer.org**

Rogue Valley Symphony



**On January 30, 2010, the Rogue Valley
Symphony is sponsoring a Discovery
Concert at South Medford High School.**

**From 9:30-10:00 there will be an
“Instrument Petting Zoo” which will
give students the opportunity to hold and
view the instruments up close. Then,
starting at 10:30am, there will be a free
concert. Everyone is welcome!**