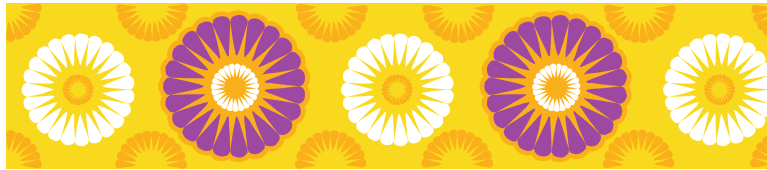


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MARCH EVENTS

- 4 – 8 Classified Employees Week
- 4 Site Council Meeting at 2:10 PM
- 11 - Clerical Day – No School
- 13 PTA Meeting at 2:10 PM
- 15 PBIS Big Event
- 18 Portland Opera
- 19 Meeting – Proposed Merger 6:30 PM
- 22 PBIS Awards Assembly 8:00 AM
- 25 – 29 Spring Break – No School

Attachments:

Family Camp Flyer
 OSU Extension “Play the Hero”

Message from the Principal:

Dear Parents,

I want to begin by thanking you for recently attending your child’s conference in February. Nearly all the parents made it in or had a phone conference with the teacher. We appreciate that kind of partnering with us to support your child’s education! Kudos!

I know many of you are worried about our future as a school. I understand that. I want you to know the committee process we are currently in is designed to give our parents, staff and community the opportunity to look at all the issues and come up with any alternative ideas that may help the district make the decision to keep our school open. We have been through this process three other times in the last six or so years and have only closed one out of the three other schools.

Parents and community members are encouraged to attend committee meetings to observe the work of the committee. If you wish you can contact any

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of the following people and offer ideas, concerns or ask questions. You can do this in person, by phone, or in a letter. The committee then submits any new or different ideas or concerns that have not yet been presented to the assistant who is preparing all materials for the committee. Those ideas or concerns are then discussed at the next meeting. You can also attend board meetings.

Those meetings allow time for folks to talk directly to the Board. Our next Board meeting is March 11th at 7:00 PM at the district office. We welcome and encourage your participation in this process.

Committee Members available to you:

Mrs. Van Brunt, Principal
 Mr. Harrington, Teacher
 Mrs. Kim Flow, PTA Parent
 Mrs. Mandy York, Site Council Parent
 Mrs. Sauro, Educational Assistant
 Ms. Cece McKee, Teacher
 Ms. Debbie Breckner, Director of Human Resources
 Mr. Dave Valenzuela, Director of K-8 Education
 Mr. Kirk Baumann, Asst. Vice Principal LSMS
 Two other members are PTA and Site Council parents from Madrona: Mrs. Laurie Guerrero and Mrs. Mandee O’bien.



Student Awards February PBIS Assembly

JEROME PRAIRIE SCHOOL CLOSURE CONSIDERATION COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Students recognized during our PBIS Assembly during February are as follows:

Practicing "Cooperation"

McKee - Savi Keith
Lovell - Tyler Whaley
Tocher - Legacy Magley
Kenney - Quade Crume
Meyer - Madison Seibert
Harrington - Soarin Clayburn
Katz - Seth Williamson

Student of the Month

McKee - Kylie Campbell
Lovell - Jasmine Kelly
Tocher - Hunter Swanson
Kenney - Haylee Bayard
Meyer - Dylan Schloesser
Harrington - Shae Sallas
Katz - McKenzie Fisher

PBIS SPECIAL EVENT

Our special PBIS event is on the way! Our second trimester is just about to wrap up. We will be celebrating student success in following our PBIS rules of being safe, respectful and responsible on March 15th.

Students who have earned this event will be able to dress up in their favorite pajamas and they will see a special movie based on a piece of children's literature. Snacks and drinks will be part of that special treat!

Each class will have a special visit from a local celebrated reader Michael Jenkins. Michael reads books to thousands of Grants Pass area students each year. He is known for his ability to make stories come alive. He uses his talents to make a voice for each character. He chooses books that are enchanting and kids of all ages look forward to his visits. This is our first year to have Mr. Jenkins for this special PBIS event. All students will get to experience Mr. Jenkins in their classrooms.

This event promises to be a lot of fun and good for all of our student readers!

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: JEROME PRAIRIE LIBRARY

DATES:

MARCH 4

MARCH 19

APRIL 2

SCIENCE FAIR

District Science Fair was held on February 21. Our students were transported to the District Office that morning to set up their exhibits and answer questions by at least two judges.

The scores from both judges were tallied and then averaged to determine the ribbon the student received. Points for ribbons were as follows:

Gold (G) – 70 to 90

Silver (S) – 65 – 69

Bronze (B) – 55 - 64

Participation (P) – 54 and below

Students received the following ribbons:

Brenna Bare	B
Hailee Campbell & Ashlee Merker	B
Soarin Clayburn and Quentin Nieves	B
Ellie Gutierrez and Katelyn Thiede	P
Emma Kimball and Kristina Lelsher	S
Richard Maher	P
McKenna Mounce	P
Noel Sandeen	B
Isaiah Chambless	B
Katelyn Rodriguez	B

In addition, the following students' exhibits placed:

Lily Sloan (G)	1 st Place
Annika Sellke (G)	2 nd Place
Daniel Beachy (S)	3 rd Place

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS!

PORTLAND OPERA

Jerome Prairie is fortunate to have the Portland Opera To Go present Mozart's timeless coming of age fairytale, *The Magic Flute* on March 18.

To quote from their flyer: "From the opening battle with a dragon to the vocal fireworks of the awesome Queen of the Night, your students will be spell-bound by Mozart's most entrancing opera".

What a wonderful way to be introduced to opera!

Pizza

If you feel like having pizza on your field trip, our café offers that treat for \$9.95. Take and bake pizza is \$10.95.

For a cost of \$1.00, place your order for delicious cinnamon rolls.

PTA CORNER

Meetings: Just a reminder that PTA meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month at 2:10 PM in the Jerome Prairie Library.

Food Drive: The PTA will be partnering with the school for our first Jerome Prairie Food Drive. The Food Drive will begin on Monday, February 25th and run through Friday, March 8, 2013. Classes will compete in teams:

Team 1 - Classified Staff and Mrs. McKee's Class

Team 2 - Mrs. Pratt's and Mrs. Tocher's classes

Team 3 - Ms. Kenney's and Mrs. Meyer's classes

Team 4 - Mr. Harrington's and Mrs. Katz's classes

The team that collects the most food will win 30 minutes of extra recess. There will also be a popcorn party for the team with the best decorated collection barrel. Collection barrels will be located in the lobby of the school office. Please help us gather food for needy families and help our students understand the importance of community service.

Family Bingo Night: Please join us for a Family Bingo Night on March 15, 2013 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. There is no charge for this event and the PTA

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will provide all the supplies for you and your child/children to play.

Hope to see you at this fun community event!

Read-a-Thon: We will once again be holding our annual Jerome Prairie PTA Read-a-Thon in March. Read-a-Thon will run from Monday, March 18th to Sunday, March 31, 2013. Children will log minutes read and ask for pledges and donations during this time. There will be fun prizes awarded for money earned and minutes read.

Please encourage your child to participate. It is a fun way to earn money for our school and encourage a love of reading.

Carnival: Carnival will be held the evening of April 19, 2013. Carnival is a huge undertaking and is not possible without the support of our Jerome Prairie families. We will be sending information home with your child regarding meeting times and ways you can help make Carnival successful.

Notes Required

Whenever possible, after school plans should be made with your student before they leave home in the morning. If there is a change in the normal after school transportation, please send a note to the office with the specific information regarding the change.

Your child's safety is our foremost concern. The front office gets busy and we want to be sure that your student gets on the right bus heading to the right place.

When a student is going home with another student, parents of both students need to provide a note to the office.

As much as possible, if plans change or if you have an emergency and you need to call to inform us of the change, please call before 1:00 PM to insure that your student will get the message.

On another note, if you move or change your phone number, please contact the office so records can be updated. We want to be sure to be able to make contact with you in the event your student is sick or needs to go home for any reason.

Thank you for your assistance.