



# FORT VANNOY TRIBE-UNE



We are a responsible and caring community of learners.

Kirk Baumann, Principal

February 2016

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



2<sup>nd</sup>- Groundhog Day 

5<sup>th</sup>- Clerical Day-No School for Students

12<sup>th</sup>- Classroom Valentine Parties

14<sup>th</sup>- Valentine's Day 

Oregon's 157<sup>th</sup> Birthday 

15<sup>th</sup>- Presidents' Day- No School for all- 

17<sup>th</sup>- Vision Screening- 

- Immunization Exclusion Day-see article below 



### EXCLUSION

### IMMUNIZATION NOTIFICATION

If you received an immunization notice by mail stating that your child is lacking certain shots, please remember that all updates must be on file in the office before February 17, 2016. If not, your child will be excluded from school until all shots are updated.



### THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Want to read what's happening in your school district? Check out the NEW monthly Three Rivers Tidings at: [threerivers.k12.or.us](http://threerivers.k12.or.us) Find it under "Quick Links" the "District News"



From the Desk of ...

Ms. Cindy Watson ... Third grade teacher

In a recent lesson on Martin Luther King, Jr. and his "I have a dream..." speech inspired a group of third grade students to express what their dreams for a better world would be. The following are some of the responses received from Ms. Watson's third grade students...

### My Dream for the World...

- that people would stop being cruel to animals.
- is that children would never have to suffer from disease.
- is that people would take better care of our world.
- that all things that are harmful to our health would no longer exist.
- is that healthy food and fresh water would be plentiful for everyone!
- is that people would stop killing innocent animals for sport.
- is that there would be no bullying or school shootings. Schools need to be safe.
- all school buses should have seat belts.
- is that no one should ever be homeless, starving, cold, sick, and scared.
- that all forms of abuse would no longer exist.
- that there would no longer be wars and everyone can live in peace.
- is that all people should treat others with kindness and everyone would be happy.

These are some of the concerns and dreams of our younger generation. One student added that all adults should set a better example for kids. Let their voices be heard.



## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Fort Vannoy encourages all parents, grandparents and community members to volunteer at our school.

Please go to the district website:

[www.threerivers.k12.or.us](http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us)

Go to the District drop down tab and select Volunteer Information and complete the form. After you are approved to be a volunteer, which could take up to two weeks, please come to the office and sign in on the laptop computer located on Mrs. Verser's counter.

The process is very user friendly.

Thank you so much for volunteering at Fort Vannoy!  
We look forward to seeing you.

## BREAKFAST/LUNCH PROGRAM

Just a reminder—BREAKFAST and LUNCH are no charge to all students. Milk however, is still 50 cents if you wish your child to purchase one with their cold lunch.



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## S.M.A.R.T. NEWS

The Fort Vannoy S.M.A.R.T. reading program  
(START MAKING A READING TODAY)

currently has 33 active volunteers serving 56 children in first through third grades. We are a volunteer group who help foster a love for reading in our students by encouraging them to read and discuss the books they have chosen. We work on reading fluency, comprehension and critical thinking as well.

Each child is given two free books per month in order to provide books that can be shared at home with an adult or a sibling. To date we have given away 255.

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Carol Strode  
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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY OREGON FEBRUARY 14, 1859



## FACTS ABOUT OREGON

**"She Flies With Her Own Wings" - State Motto**

**Electoral Votes for President: 7**

**Admission to Statehood:**  
February 14, 1859

**State Nickname:**  
The Beaver State



### State Flag

The Oregon State Flag is the only state flag displaying different images on each side.



### State Song: *Oregon, My Oregon*

Lyrics by J.A. Buchanan  
Music by Henry B. Murtagh



The **Chinook salmon**, (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) the largest of the Pacific salmon, was declared the state fish in 1961.



*Pseudotsuga menziesii*, the **Douglas Fir**, was declared the state tree in 1939, and is the source of most of Oregon's softwood lumber production.



The **Western Meadowlark** (*Sturnella neglecta*) was chosen as Oregon's state bird by Oregon's school children in a poll sponsored by the Audubon Society in 1927. The Western Meadowlark is known for its beautiful song.



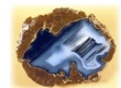
In 1899, **Oregon Grape** (*Berberis aquifolium*) was declared the Oregon state flower by the Legislature. The plant, with its holly like foliage and yellow flowers can be found mainly on the Pacific Coast.



*Castor canadensis*, the **American Beaver**, was named the Oregon state animal in 1969. Oregon is also known as "The Beaver State".



The native **Oregon Swallowtail** (*Papilio oregonius*) was designated the state insect in 1979. The Oregon Swallowtail lives mainly in the lower sagebrush canyons of the Columbia River and its tributaries



The **Thunderegg** is the official state rock. These geodes contain minerals of many different colors and/or crystals, and are popular items to cut and polish to reveal the beautiful designs inside.



The **Oregon sunstone** is the official state gemstone. The large, brightly colored stone in the feldspar family is found in southeastern Oregon counties.



**Milk** was selected in 1997 as the state beverage. The legislature recognized that milk production and the manufacture of dairy products are major contributors to the economic well-being of Oregon agriculture.



•**Official State Dance: Square Dance**

The pioneer origins of the dance and the characteristic dress are deemed to reflect Oregon's heritage; the lively spirit of the dance exemplifies the friendly, free nature and enthusiasm that are a part of the Oregon Character.



•The **hazelnut** (*Corylus avellana*) was named state nut by the 1989 Legislature. Oregon grows 99 percent of the entire U.S. commercial crop. The Oregon hazelnut, unlike wild varieties, grows on single-trunked trees up to 30 or 40 feet tall.



In 1848, a conchologist (shell expert) named Redfield named the **Fusitriton oregonensis** after the Oregon Territory. Commonly called the Oregon hairy triton, the shell is one of the largest found in the state, reaching lengths up to five inches.



The official state mushroom of Oregon is the **Pacific golden chanterelle**



Oregon's **deepest gorge** is the Hells Canyon - 7,900 feet. It's located between Oregon and Idaho on the Snake River.



The 1957 Legislature bestowed upon **Dr. John McLoughlin** the honorary title of "**Father of Oregon**" in recognition of his great contributions to the early development of the Oregon Country. Dr. McLoughlin originally came to the Northwest region in 1824.



Honored by the 1987 Legislature as **Mother of Oregon, Tabitha Moffatt Brown** "represents the distinctive pioneer heritage and the charitable and compassionate nature of Oregon's people." At 66 years of age, she financed her own wagon for the trip from Missouri to Oregon.

# About the State Song

John Andrew Buchanan (1863-1935) was from Astoria, Oregon and Henry B. Murtagh was from Portland, Oregon. Together, in 1920, they wrote the song "Oregon, My Oregon". Mr. Buchanan wrote the words and Mr. Murtagh wrote the music. The song was published in 1920 by the Oregon Eilers Music House in Portland. The copyright owner was Henry B. Murtagh.

Buchanan and Murtagh won a statewide competition, sponsored by the Society of Oregon Composers, with their song "Oregon, My Oregon" and in 1927, the song was adopted as the official state song of Oregon.



## Oregon, My Oregon

Land of the Empire Builders,  
Land of the Golden West;  
Conquered and held by free men,  
Fairest and the best.  
Onward and upward ever,  
Forward and on, and on;  
Hail to thee, Land of Heroes,  
My Oregon.

Land of the rose and sunshine,  
Land of the summer's breeze;  
Laden with health and vigor,  
Fresh from the Western seas.  
Blest by the blood of martyrs,  
Land of the setting sun;  
Hail to thee, Land of Promise,  
My Oregon.

## VALENTINE'S DAY HISTORY

### When did it all start?

There are various theories on the origin of Valentine's Day, but the most popular dates back to the time of the Roman Empire during the reign of Claudius II, 270 A.D. Claudius didn't want men to marry during wartime because he believed single men made better soldiers. Bishop Valentine went against his wishes and performed secret wedding ceremonies. For this, Valentine was jailed and then executed by order of the Emperor on Feb. 14. While in jail, he wrote a love note to the jailor's daughter, signing it, "From your Valentine." Sound familiar?

### More Valentine's Day-related history

- The ancient Romans celebrated the Feast of Lupercalia on Feb. 14 in honor of Juno, the queen of the Roman gods and goddesses.

Juno was also the goddess of women and marriage.

- Many believe the X symbol became synonymous with the kiss in medieval times. People who couldn't write their names signed in front of a witness with an X. The X was then kissed to show their sincerity.
- Girls of medieval times ate bizarre foods on St. Valentine's Day to make them dream of their future spouse.
- In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who would be their Valentine. They would wear this name pinned onto their sleeves for one week for everyone to see. This was the origin of the expression "to wear your heart on your sleeve."
- In 1537, England's King Henry VII officially declared Feb. 14 the holiday of St. Valentine's Day.

### Chocolate

- Physicians of the 1800s commonly advised their patients to eat chocolate to calm their pining for lost love.
- Richard Cadbury produced the first box of chocolates for Valentine's Day in the late 1800s.
- More than 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate will be sold for Valentine's Day.
- Over \$1 billion worth of chocolate is purchased for Valentine's Day in the U.S.

### Flowers

- 73 percent of people who buy flowers for Valentine's Day are men, while only 27 percent are women.
- 15 percent of U.S. women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day.

### Roses

- The red rose was the favorite flower of Venus, the Roman goddess of love.
- Red roses are considered the flower of love because the color red stands for strong romantic feelings.
- 189 million stems of roses are sold in the U.S. on Valentine's Day.
- California produces 60 percent of American roses, but the greater number sold on Valentine's Day in the U.S. are imported, mostly from South America.
- Approximately 110 million roses, mostly red, will be sold and delivered within the three-day Valentine's Day time period.

### Greeting Cards

- Approximately 145 million valentines are sent in the U.S. each year according to estimates by the U.S. Greeting Card Association. That's second only to Christmas with 1.6 billion units, and is followed by Mother's Day with 133 million units.
- Women purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines.
- Over 50 percent of all Valentine's Day cards are purchased in the six days prior to the holiday, making Valentine's Day a procrastinator's delight.
- Teachers will receive the most Valentine's Day cards, followed by children, mothers, wives, sweethearts and pets.



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- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Fort Vannoy Elementary School earn a donation!
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.
- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.
- For more information, please visit [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards).