

Wolf Creek Elementary
School Board Report

December 3, 2008

Number of Students: 60

I am pleased at the smooth transition everyone at Wolf Creek has made this year. The new teachers and my office manager, Kimlyn Black, have done a nearly flawless job of working with the returning staff members to maintain the continuity of the school program. On the other hand, I have had a difficult time overseeing staff development and school improvement activities in such a limited capacity. The loss of the Friday late starts has exacerbated this problem. The teachers and assistants have done a great job taking the limited direction I am able to provide and working together to meet the school goals.

Since our reading scores have continued to be strong, our main academic focus has been on writing and math. In writing we are trying to focus on the trait of conventions and to increase overall fluency. We are also teaching each mode and focusing on one other writing trait each month. In math we are trying to develop both the basic computation skills and the ability to perform authentic math problem solving activities.

We have also continued our commitment to PBS this year. A teacher attended the Southern Oregon PBS conference and our classified staff participated in the PBS playground supervision training. We taught our school rules and expectations to all students for all parts of the school. We have had only one major disciplinary referral so far this year. Wolf Creek's small size enables staff to develop relationships with each student.

We continue to have a high level of community interest and participation in school events. Our conferences are being well attended. We should be near the 100% attendance rate when we are finished. Our fall harvest festival raised \$1,210.00 with parents and general community members participating. Of course, the highlight for community involvement was when we recognized several community members and parents for painting the school at the October board meeting. The community also has plans to refurbish the gym floor and paint interior classrooms.

On the other hand, there is great concern within the community regarding the potential closure of the school. I am worried about the community moving forward with plans to further improve the school this year; I feel there could be a backlash of negative sentiment from the community if they invest a large amount of time, energy and money into the school only to see it close at the end of the year. I urge the school closure committee and board to move as quickly as possible with a recommendation and decision respectively.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Fuller

