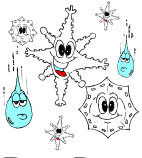


Buzzin' Around Madrona



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.

Fire Victims Donation

Our students wanted to collect money to help two families from the Manzanita Elementary School area that recently had fires that destroyed their homes. Students brought in money from their own piggy banks and cheerfully gave what they had to help the Families. We proudly made a donation to Home Valley Bank in the amount of \$136.95 for the Myers family, and \$104.00 went to the Burns & Jacobson family. We have a wonderful, caring, and giving group of students!

January 2011



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. Make sure you have contacted us within 48 hours or your child's absence becomes unexcused regardless of the reason.

Our new Synrevoice communication system calls every parent each day that a child is not in school if the absence has not been excused. **Please make sure that you say "Hello" to activate the message. Also, please keep the office up to date when phone numbers change, etc.**

Madrona's overall attendance increased over 3% from last year! Our attendance for September was 97.18%, and for October it was 95.57%. We are really proud of our students for striving to be at school every day. Thanks parents for helping your child get to school regularly and on time. School begins promptly at 7:40am.

VERY IMPORTANT WEATHER INFORMATION

Winter is upon us, and it's time to advise our parents what to do in case of adverse weather conditions. **It is important that you follow the steps below in the event of a delayed start or school closure. Please start with step one. It is the fastest, most effective way for us to reach every parent.**

1. Make sure your phone numbers and email addresses are up to date with the school. We will use our new "Synrevoice" communication system to notify all parents via phone and/or email of delayed starts or school closures. Synrevoice will start calling at about 5:30am. **You must say "Hello" in order to activate the message.** If you do not receive a phone call or email, you might want to consider checking with the office to verify your phone numbers and email addresses are correct. If you followed all of these steps, and you did not receive a phone call or email, proceed to step 2.
2. Access our website at www.threerivers.k12.or.us as early as 5:30am to find out if there is a delayed start or school closure. If you don't have internet service, proceed to step 3.
3. All of our local radio and television stations start making announcements as soon as the school district notifies them of a delayed start or school closure. The local radio stations are as follows:

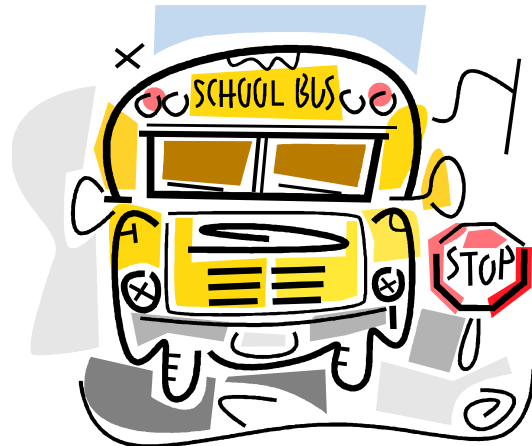
KAJO	1270 AM	476-6608
		476-5256
KLDR	98.3 FM	474-7292
KRWQ	99 FM	474-3026
KRRM	94.7 FM	479-6497
KBOY	95.7 FM	779-2070

Our local T.V. stations are:

KOBI	Channel 5
KDRV	Channel 12
KTVL	Channel 10

4. **Contact the school only as a last resort.** First of all, there may not be anyone at the school office in the event of a school closure. Secondly, if there is any staff at school, no one arrives until 7:00am. You can find out earlier what the status is by using one of the previous steps. Finally, it may be difficult to get through to the school as the lines may be busy handling other calls. There are only two phone lines available.

Sometimes we are able to continue school on time when the weather is bad, but it is not safe for the buses to travel some routes. In that event, attached is a list of straight line routes that buses will use to pick up students. Please post it somewhere handy.



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, back packs, etc. with a name! If items are marked, they are promptly returned to their owner, but if they aren't, they are placed our lost and found in the cafeteria. There are so many nice things that have not been claimed. Please come and take a peak when you have a chance.

P.T.O. News

Thanks for supporting the many fundraisers the PTO does. Upcoming fundraisers for spring include a coin drive, and a spring 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!

We still collect Box Tops for Education, and Campbell's Soup labels. 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!

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 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.

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 classroom. 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. 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. 7th - 25th. We hope to be hearing lots of "KA-CHING" sounds in those cans! Start saving those coins now!

FEARSOME 15 FACT PROGRAM

January & February Fearsome Facts are:

Week 10 Jan 3-7	Week 11 Jan 10-14	Week 12 Jan 18-21	Week 13 Jan 24-28
9+5 3*8	8+6 4*9	9+6 7*9	8+7 3*9

Week 14 Jan 31- Feb 4	Week 15 Feb 7-11	Week 16 Feb 14-18	Week 17 Feb 22-25
9+7 3*4	6+5 6*8	7+7 3*6	5+6 7*7

(Remember that * means multiplication)

Student of the Year



Each year our school, along with all of the schools in both Three Rivers School District and District 7, 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: August Gannett, Ethan Hill, Dalia Linares, and Erika Simpson. Although each of the students was well qualified, the staff chose Erika to represent our school this year. A big congratulations goes out to each of these fine, fifth grade students and their parents!

PBIS Update

Our next PBIS special earned event will be attendance and/or participation in a school talent show. There will be more information to follow. Look for a flyer with details...

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.

January Events

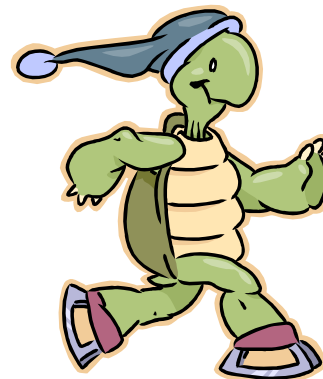


- Jan. 3** – School resumes from Winter Break
- Jan. 3** – Perfect Attendance recess 1:30pm
- Jan. 5** – Hoop Shoot for girls at lunch times
- Jan. 5** – Hoop Shoot for boys at lunch times
- Jan. 6**– PTO meeting at 2:20pm in the library
- Jan. 10-28** – STAR testing for Grades
- Jan. 17** – Martin Luther King Day – No School
- Jan. 19**- Progress Reports go home
- Jan. 20** – Site Council meeting at 2:10pm in the library
- Jan. 24** – WOW Dental Prevention Program
- Jan. 27** – **We DO have school** – **Conferences are for Middle & High School only**
- Jan. 28** – Late Start Friday-School and buses pick up 2 hours later
- Jan. 28** – Pride Day Assembly 10:00am in the gym. .
- Jan. 31** – WOW Dental Treatment Program
- Jan. 31-Mar. 11** – OAKS State Assessment testing for grades 3-5
- Jan. 31** – Perfect Attendance recess 1:30pm

February Events



- Feb. 1** – Science Fair projects are due
- Feb. 2** – Science Fair Judging 8:00-11:00am
- Feb. 2** - Science Fair Open House 6:00-7:00pm in the gym
- Feb. 3** – PTO meeting 2:20pm in the library
- Feb. 7-25** – Coin Drive fundraiser
- Feb. 1-26** – Writing Assessments for 4th Grade
- Feb. 14** – Valentine’s Day parties in classrooms at 1:00pm
- Feb. 14** – Happy Valentine’s Day!
- Feb. 17** – Site Council meeting **everyone is welcome** 2:10pm in the library
- Feb. 18**– District Science Fair Open House 1:00-7:00pm at the District Office
- Feb. 21** – President’s Day -No School
- Feb. 24** – Last day for the coin drive
- Feb. 25** – Late Start Friday-School and buses pick up 2 hours later
- Feb. 25** – Pride Day Assembly 1:00pm in the gym
- Feb. 28** – Perfect Attendance recess 1:30pm



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 Jan. 31st 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 from Mrs. Kramer's and Mrs. Fisher's class will practice from 11:30-11:55, and the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders from Mrs. Simpson's, Ms. Goodin's, Mrs. Buscher's, and Mrs. Law's class will meet from 12-12:25. 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.

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. Practices for the test and competition will begin the week of Jan. 31st 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 that will be given on April 4th for level 1, and on April 6th 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 three books by the time practices begin the week of Jan. 31st. 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. Stone Fox
by John Reynolds Gardiner
2. Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
by Judy Blume
3. The Indian in the Cupboard
by Lynne Reid Banks
4. The Sign of the Beaver
by Elizabeth George Speare
5. Gentle Ben
by Walt Morey
6. Shiloh
by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
7. The Whipping Boy
by Sid Fleischman
8. Charlotte’s Web
by E. B. White
9. Bunnica
by Deborah and James Howe
10. The Cabin Faced West
by Jean Fritz

Group #2 4th/5th grades

1. James and the Giant Peach
by Roald Dahl
2. Tuck Everlasting
by Natalie Babbitt
3. Island of the Blue Dolphins
by Scott O’Dell
4. Number the Stars
by Lois Lowry
5. The Door in the Wall
by Marguerite DeAngeli
6. My Side of the Mountain
by Jean Craighead George
7. Ralph S. Mouse
by Beverly Cleary
8. Summer of Monkeys
by Wilson Rawls
9. Trouble River
by Betsy Byars
10. Kildee House*
by Rutherford Montgomery

*Not an AR Book at this time

*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 10th:

_____ 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, Jan. 31st and ten books by the test on Friday, April 1st.

Student

Student’s Teacher

November Citizens of the Month

Strickler – Kindergarten

Joel Lankford
Annie Nelson
Drake Chalker
Sierra Fimbres

Witcher – 1st Grade

Lily Emmons
Hank Dumas

Kramer – 1st & 2nd Grade

Vivian Rowley
Austin Verner

Fisher – 2nd & 3rd Grade

Christian Hornby
Vance Milburn

Simpson – 3rd & 4th Grade

Erin Stewart

Goodin – 4th Grade

Hope Gettys
Brianna Stark

Law – 5th Grade

Khylee Hornby
Devin Pine

Buscher – 5th Grade

Kylee Silver
Daneille Smock

December Citizens of the Month

Strickler – Kindergarten

Tiara Hauser
Gavin Nielsen
Kaylina Febus
Aiden Fimbres

Witcher – 1st Grade

Marissa Beck
Dimas Linares

Kramer – 1st & 2nd Grade

McKendrie Ebben
Isaac Hill

Fisher – 2nd & 3rd Grade

Erin Ahlstrom
Tyler Childers

Simpson – 3rd & 4th Grade

Duane Spicer

Goodin – 4th Grade

McKenzie Orton
Cody Jensen

Law – 5th Grade

Devin Pine
Isaac Simonian

Buscher – 5th Grade

Kaleb Phillips
Laissi Traughber

Accelerated Reader Achievements November 2010

Independent Reader

Rosa Duenas
Bailey Lankford
Kayla Miller
Hailey Pickering

Super Reader

Luke Boranda
Connor Harper
McKenna Lawson
Cambrie Quicke
Katie Sholes
Erin Stewart
Madison Young

Super Reader II

Billy Barnes
Kenny Bigham
Jonny Burgess
Michael Graeber
Maliah Obien
Ashley Zuanich

Super Reader III

Taylor Ivy

Advanced Reader

Aubrielle Garcia
Jo Jo Hippler
Jada Hurley
Brayanna Norberg
Danielle Smock

Advanced Reader II

Melba Ordaz
McKenzie Orton

Advanced Reader III

Eva Bernard
Brooklyn Hurd

Star Reader

Joey Manson
Alex Silver

Star Reader II

Alexandra May

Classic

Elijah Hayes



Accelerated Reader Achievements December 2010

Independent Reader

Breanna Boyle
Triston Marchington

Super Reader

Breanna Barandi
Bailey Lankford
Charlee Lilla-Bare

Super Reader II

Brianna Casperson
Lindsey Eells
McKenna Lawson
Cambrie Quicke
Erin Stewart

Super Reader III

Calen Clem
Michael Graeber

Advanced Reader

Kelsey Kieling
Michelle Larson

Advanced Reader II

Jada Hurley

Advanced Reader III

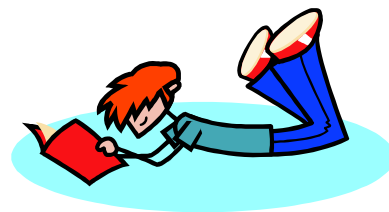
Neill Dove

Star Reader

Christina Davies
Allie Griggs
Jazzmin Morton

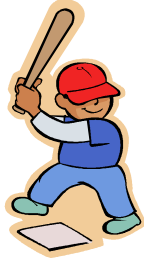
Star Reader II

Jenelle Hurley



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 8, 2011 9:00am-3:00pm
January 20, 2011 5:00pm-8:00pm
January 29, 2011 9:00am-3:00pm
February 5, 2011 9:00am-3:00pm

Registration dates are for both American
and National Leagues. For more
information call American League
Hotline at 541-787-5037
Or
National League Corey Giesler
541-441-8256

Grants Pass Youth Soccer Club



Spring Season Registration is upon us!
January 10th – February 8th

Registration Fees:
U06/Kinder \$45
U07 – U10 \$70
U12 – U14 \$85

*Third child discount of \$35 each for U7-
U14 within same household

All players must register online at
www.gpsoccer.org

Kids Arts And Crafts Carnival



On January 8th, the Boys and Girls Club of
Rogue Valley is sponsoring a kids arts and
crafts carnival from 12:00-3:00pm.
Family activities include arts and crafts, face
painting, balloon animals, a puppet show,
and bounce house. There will also be
drawings for free prizes and gifts!