

Board Report
Wolf Creek Elementary School

April 8, 2009

Number of students: 57
K- 11, 1st- 10, 2nd- 10, 3rd- 6, 4th- 10, 5th- 10

Since the board's decision to close Wolf Creek Elementary School, Jessica Durant and I with support from Debbie Breckner have been working on transition plans for Wolf Creek's students. It is our intent to make this school change as easy on the children and families as possible. Undoubtedly, the biggest fear that some families have is that their children will fall through the cracks and not receive the same nurturing "family" environment that is Wolf Creek Elementary. I commend Jessica for her efforts to make the Wolf Creek / Sunny Valley families feel welcome and comfortable. Our plans include a visit to Manzanita for most of a school day and an opportunity for Wolf Creek parents to meet some of her staff and ask questions the evening of our spring concert and art show at Wolf Creek. Jessica is sending a letter to all of our families with information including Manzanita's kindergarten round-up.

I also appreciate that Debbie has talked with my Wolf Creek classified and certified staff members about the upcoming transitions they will face. Although she is unable to give them any specific information at this time because of the budget unknowns, she has been helpful in reducing their stress simply by letting them know she is working on finding them places in the district.

The entire staff remains committed to doing their best for our kids. We have completed the second round of state testing, and it appears that our students are performing very well again this year. Our attendance is remaining high, school behavior is remaining positive and once again we have a very competitive Battle of the Books team. Our Friday Family Movie Night has been very popular and we have two more planned for the year. Students began saving money this year through the WAMU School Savings Plan. Everyone is staying focused on our academic goals, but several educational and fun field trips or events are planned for the end of the year as the PTO spends down its money. A final field day is planned for the last day of school with Big Air jump houses on site.

It has been a privilege of mine to serve as principal at Wolf Creek for four of the last five years. I found the community to be very appreciative of the education we provide their children. I have enjoyed working with a diverse and talented staff committed to the common cause of giving each child the opportunity to learn to his/her potential. I think everyone understands the fiscal realities of the school district; nevertheless, it is with a heavy heart that we close this unique and wonderful school.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Fuller