



# MANZANITA ELEMENTARY

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To: Three Rivers School District Board of Directors

From: Jessica Durrant, Principal

Re: Trimester 1 Board Briefing

Date: December 2, 2008

As the first trimester draws to a close, I am amazed and in awe at the wonderful opportunities Manzanita students and staff have experienced thus far this school year. I am so proud of the accomplishments and energy that this list represents.

## **September –**

- Book Fair sponsored by Manzanita PTO
- Field Trips to Crater Lake, Wildlife Images, Oregon Caves
- Parent Lunch
- Open House with BBQ Dinner and Strawberry Shortcake for all families
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Band starts at Fleming Middle School from 2:00-3:00 daily

## **October –**

- Jog-a-thon fundraiser where students collected over \$7,000 to help with classroom technology
- Field Trips to Jacksonville, White's Country Farm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade experience the Rogue Valley Symphony
- Ukulele club and Choir club start for 3-5 grades
- Manzanita Halloween Parade with classroom parties
- Staff attend a PBS conference
- Perfect Attendance incentives begin (extra recess) and public recognition
- Students who raised over \$100 rode in a limousine with Mrs. Durrant to Burger King for lunch – we also brought lunch to Mr. Tiffany's class (who raised over \$945)!
- K and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade watch *Sleeping Beauty* at Grants Pass Performing Arts Center
- Parent Lunch
- First Round of State-Wide Assessment is completed for 3-5 grades in Reading, Math, Science.

## **November –**

- Licensed staff development time spent exploring cooperative learning groups
- Field Trips to Crater Rock Museum
- Parent Lunch with Holiday Entrees
- Rotary donated 64 Dictionaries for students to take home and keep forever! Thank you!
- Nicholson Fundraiser sponsored by PTO
- Classified staff development time spent on active supervision, strategies to help students complete writing activities, computer skills
- Science Works Museum spent 6 days at Manzanita working with students to complete a Science Inquiry Task
- SPIRIT WEEK ~ Each day of the week staff and students dressed in a different color. We also spotlighted a different character trait each day (Respect, Trust, Courage, Integrity, Friendship)
- Changes implemented to parking lot and student drop-off and pick-off procedure

I know 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester will bring additional activities and happenings at Manzanita. You are always welcome to any of Manzanita's events and I look forward to seeing you soon!