



# PIRATE'S PRESS



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Thank you for helping us get off to an excellent start for the year! It has been a challenge for everyone as we adjusted to having one fewer teacher this year. This has resulted in four of our classrooms having blended grades. The teachers are working diligently to make this a successful year and your patience and help is greatly appreciated.

Our Back-to-School night was well attended and the feedback from everyone was very positive. We served over 600 dinners thanks to help from El Patron restaurant and our PTO. We had over 85% of our families visit classrooms and meet with teachers. The book fair was also a big success that evening.

I want to invite all parents to help us achieve our goals this year as we focus on reading, reading, math, writing, student engagement, school climate, and parent involvement. Each newsletter will feature information about one of these goal areas.

This month I want to focus on parent involvement. First, we want to strengthen our communication with parents so that you can stay informed. We communicate primarily through classroom newsletters (weekly or bi-weekly), a school newsletter (monthly) and our website @ [www.threerivers.k12.or.us](http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us). You can also find all classroom and school newsletters posted there. In addition we partner with the PTO who provides the JP Network News which can send you information to your email.

We encourage you to attend parent-teacher conferences, PTO and site council meetings, and the various events we sponsor during the year. We love parent volunteers in the classroom! If you are interested, please complete a volunteer packet

available in the office. We believe that a strong parent-school partnership is crucial to student success.

Thank you for helping make Jerome Prairie such a great place for kids to learn and grow.

## OCTOBER EVENTS

- 5 Kenney's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to Oregon Caves  
Good News Starts
- 6 Site Council Mtg. - 2:10 PM
- 6 Kgtn. Jog-A-Thon - 8:30-9:30 AM  
PTO Mtg – 2:15 PM
- 7 Jog-A-Thon – All School  
K-3 (Kenney) – 8:30 – 9:30 AM  
4/5 (Richardson) – 9:45 – 10:45 AM
- 8 **Statewide Inservice – No School**
- 12 Richardson's class to Oregon Caves
- 22 Jog-A-Thon Money Due
- 27 Picture Retakes
- 29 **2 hour Delayed Start**  
Harvest Day Parties



## JOG-A-THON

On October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> we will hold our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Jog-A-Thon. The monies raised from this event goes for projects to enhance programs at our school, such as updating our technology. A stipend is also given to each teacher to be used for their classroom.

The Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten class will be having their Jog-A-Thon on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 9:30 AM. The following day Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, the whole school will be participating.

K-3 (Kenney) 8:30 – 9:30 AM  
4/5 (Richardson) 9:45 – 10:45 AM

Your support and encouragement is important to the children, come and cheer your student on. Please don't hesitate to offer your help. Teachers may need parents to count laps. Check with your student's teacher. It's fun and really rewarding.

## **FIELD TRIPS**

Field Trips are being planned for students at Jerome Prairie School. Please remember to return your child's signed permission slip to their teacher in order for them to go. It is important that we received the signed permission slip as **phone calls will not be accepted** and we certainly don't want to disappoint the children by not allowing them to attend.

## **GOOD NEWS CLUB**

The Child Evangelism Fellowship, in cooperation with various churches in the area, is sponsoring Release-time Christian Education classes. These classes are called "Good New Club". They offer a program of non-denominational stories and songs to the children in our public school.

Only children who have written parental/guardian permission may attend. Permission forms are available in the school office. Children will leave school at 12:45 PM and return at 1:45 PM on Tuesdays. Good News Club meets across the street at Jerome Prairie Church starting October 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **OPEN HOUSE**

Open House was a great success with a tremendous turn out. We appreciate all of you who attended and joined us in this special event. Thank you for the show of support.



## **CHANGES**

As many of you may know we have made changes in our staff. Mr. Clogston, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Miss Vaughn, ERC teacher, Mrs. Steinert, Speech Therapist, Mrs. Marietta, Library Manager, and Mrs. Rush, Head Cook, have all retired over the summer. We will also be losing Mrs. Riggs, Ed. Asst., as she leaves Jerome Prairie staff to take on a fulltime position elsewhere.

The combinations of all these wonderful people take with them 139 years of leadership, role model, and friendship. We will truly miss them, but wish them the very best.

We welcome our new staff members: Mrs. Wostenberg, ERC teacher, Mrs. Saparto, Speech Therapist, Mrs. Sanders, Library Manager, Mrs. Polka, Head Cook and Diane Chirnside, Ed. Asst. Please take the time to get to know our new family members and make them feel welcome.

## **TITLE I**

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 the following information, the district will provide you with information in a timely manner. You have the right to request the following information:

1. If the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instruction
2. If the teacher is teaching under an emergency status for which state licensing requirements have been waived.
3. The type of college degree and major of the teacher and the field of discipline for any graduate degrees and certificates.
4. If your child is receiving Title One services from paraprofessionals and, if so his/her qualifications.

If you would like this information, please contact the school.

## **JEROME PRAIRIE'S SITE COUNCIL**

Jerome Prairie's Site Council meets once a month, the meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. They are scheduled to meet the second Wednesday of each month in the school library at 2:10 PM.

The minutes for the meetings are available in the office foyer on our brochure wall. Feel free to pick up a copy and find out what is being discussed at your child's school.

### **Site Council Members are:**

David Fuller - Principal  
Pam Katz- Teacher  
Georgia Brucher - Teacher  
Nikki Strangis - Teacher  
Julie Rauch - Classified  
Claire Olsen - Classified  
Megan Beck - Parent  
Kim Flow – Parent  
Alicia Beachy – Parent

## **HARVEST PARTIES**

The Harvest Day Parties will be held on Friday, October 29. Your child's teacher will be sending out more information as the time "to party" draws near.



## **PICTURE RETAKES**

Just a reminder that Picture Retakes will be on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

