

PIRATE'S PRESS



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APRIL EVENTS

- 1 Board Workshop – Jerome Prairie at 7:00 PM
- 2 JP Closure Committee Meeting 6:30 PM
- 4 Nutrition Classes (every Thursday)
- 9 Family Math Night at Jerome Prairie
- 10 District Spelling Bee
- 10 “Get America Singing”
- 10 PTA Meeting @ 2:10 Library
- 17 Site Council Meeting @ 2:10
- 16 Rogue Valley Symphony
- 19 Carnival starts at 5:00 PM
- 20 Battle of the Books
- 22 Kindergarten Field Trip – Fire Station
- 23 Last day of Bible Release
- 24 4th/5th Grade Crater Lake Field Trip
- 26 PBIS Assembly @ 8:00 AM Gym

Attachment:

“Nutrition Lady” letter

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY:

- 1 1st & 2nd Field Trip – Rumpelstiltskin
- 2 & 3 - No School
- 6 – 10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 6 Smokey the Bear – 1st & Kindergarten
- 13 Site Council Meeting @ 2:10
- 14 Harrington & Meyer – Table Rock FT
- 17 Kindergarten Round Up Noon – 2:00 PM
- 23 5th Grade Field Trip – Hellgate/Bowling
- 24 Volunteer Tea
- 30 Kenney – Field Trip to White Oaks
- 31 PBIS Big Event – Master Gardener

Moving On – June 7th at 8:15 AM
Last Day for Students is June 7th

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

I know that many of you continue to worry about our future at Jerome Prairie. I want to remind you all that no decision has been made. It is up to the Board to make a decision.

If you want to voice your ideas, concerns or questions, please attend the Board workshop to be held April 1st at Jerome Prairie at 7:00 PM in the library. There will also be a time for public comment. You can also learn what the committee has learned and hear what the Board hears.

The committee will also have one more meeting to prepare for their presentation to the Board on April 2nd at Jerome Prairie at 6:30 PM in the library. You are welcome to attend that open meeting as well.

There is a lot of information available for you to read on the District website. The decision by the Board will be made at the April 15th Board meeting to be held at 7:00 PM at Lorna Byrne Middle School in Cave Junction.

I know that you all want what is best for your child. Your attendance is welcome and encouraged? Be an active participant in our future.

Ever yours for our kids,
 Lise Van Brunt



PBIS AWARDS FOR MARCH

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

Lovell/Pratt	Levi Musillo
Tocher	Junior Ruiz
Kenney	Brandon Young
Meyer	Delaney Skinner
Harrington	Kristina Leshner
Katz	Josalyn Nichols

CHARACTER: SELF DISCIPLINE

Lovell/Pratt	Jordan Pixley
Tocher	Sasha Gutierrez
Kenney	Kathleen Magley
Meyer	Rocky Fitzsimmons
Harrington	Curtis Humphrey
Katz	Dylan Neill

CRATER LAKE FIELD TRIP

On Wednesday, April 24th, the 5th graders in Mr. Harrington and Ms. Katz's class will be taking a field trip to Crater Lake National Park. The students will be leaving Jerome Prairie School around 7:00 AM and will return to JP at approximately 4:30 PM. The students will be exploring Crater Lake on snowshoes and will be learning about the history, geology and plant and animal life found in the Crater Lake area.

More information will be given to the students following Spring Break.

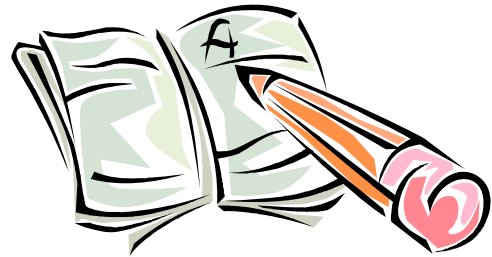
CHAPERONE REQUIREMENTS

If you intend to volunteer at school or as a chaperone for a day field trip, a "Volunteer" form must be completed and a character reference check will be done prior to volunteering and/or participating in the field trip. For those that plan on being a chaperone on an overnight field trip you must, **at least seven days prior to the trip** (if you have not done so) complete volunteer forms and turn it into the office together with a copy of driver's license and social security number. A background check is completed by our District Office and chaperones must be cleared prior to the overnigher. There is no cost to chaperones for the background check. Thank you for volunteering at our school.



REMINDERS

- **UPDATING YOUR INFORMATION** - If your telephone number or email address has changed since completing the Enrollment Form, please provide the office with the new information. Synrevoice will call or email to the contact information in our system to inform parents/guardians of late starts, snow days, emergency information, etc. There have been instances when a child is sick and the office has been unable to make telephone contact with a parent.



- **AFTERSCHOOL PLANS** – It is appreciated that many parents have been providing written notes to the office regarding any change in after school plans for their students. This is just a friendly reminder, for the safety of your student, if there is a change in the normal afterschool routine, please send a signed note to school with your student. Sometimes there are emergency situations that arise and a phone call as early in the day as possible is best.
- If a student has not been picked up in a timely manner, he/she will be at the office. Please come to the office to pick up your student. Students must be accompanied by an adult when crossing the street to the parking area.

REMINDERS continued:

As our weather warms up, please remind your child about appropriate school dress:

- No spaghetti straps or tank tops with low cut necks or under arms.
- No backless or bare midriff tops. Belly buttons should not show. Pants also need to be cut high enough for modesty both in the front and back.
- No flip flops or other strapless shoes. Shoes need to have a strap around the back of the foot as well as across the top in order to protect feet. Closed toes are best for playground safety.
- Students who have inappropriate shoes may not be allowed to participate in outside recesses or other P.E. type activities for their safety.
- Shorts should be fingertip length or longer.
- No see through fabrics or those with multiple holes unless another shirt is underneath for modesty.
- No clothes with large or gaping holes that expose skin.

Student behavior:

Remember that student behavior tends to change in ways that aren't always positive as the weather warms and the end of the year nears. It is important that you follow up on any concerns voiced by the teacher, the bus driver, or the office. We want each child to make safe and appropriate choices while at school or on the bus right up to the end!

We appreciate your efforts to help us with that issue. **Some students who have repeated or serious referrals will not be allowed to attend field trips or participate in other fun events.**

- **APPROPRIATE SCHOOL ATTIRE** – Parents, please check your child's footwear before they leave for school. Shoes with little high heels and flip flops are not safe footwear for playground and blacktop areas (uneven and cracked surfaces).
- Tardy – please walk with your student to the office to get a tardy slip. Remember that school starts at 7:40 AM.

- Please identify your child's jacket/outer wear with their names on the inside. Lost and found is overflowing with jackets and hoodies. Check lost and found for items you may be missing.



- **Library** - This year, the Library has experienced the highest number of overdue and lost books. Students with lost/overdue books are not allowed to check out any other books until their lost/overdue books are returned or paid for. Please assist your child by putting their library books in their backpacks after they are done reading or to the same location each time. Damage to books sometimes occurs when younger siblings play with them. Lost and damaged books impact negatively on our ability to provide books to our students. We appreciate your help in ensuring that library books are returned in the same condition as when they were borrowed.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

- Paula Young, Educational Assistant (Mrs. Meyer and Ms. Kenney)
- Shari Noble, Educational Assistant (Mrs. Lovell and Mrs. Tocher)
- Betsy Gasparri, Education Assistant (Mrs. Lovell)

Welcome to our Jerome Prairie Family!



PTA NEWS

Meetings: Just a reminder that the next PTA meeting will be on April 10th at 2:10 PM in the Jerome Prairie Library. This will be our last meeting before our Spring Carnival.

Food Drive: Thank you to all of our families that participated in our Jerome Prairie Food Drive. We had 541 food items to donate to the Josephine County Food Bank. **Congratulations to Team 3 – Ms. Kenney and Mrs. Meyer’s classes.** This team collected the most food and will be receiving 30 minutes of extra recess. The PTA would also like to thank **Team 4 – Mr. Harrington and Mrs. Katz’s classes** winners of the barrel decorating contest. They will receive a popcorn party for their classrooms.



Family Bingo Night: Thank you to all our families who joined us for our community Bingo Night; what great fun. Special “thank you” to our principal, Lise Van Brunt, for her outstanding skills as our Bingo caller. We would also like to extend our appreciation to Cary Polka for baking pizzas for our special evening activity. The PTA appreciates the staff and family members who helped clean up after this event. We hope to be able to sponsor more community nights in the future.



Read-a-Thon: This event has started so READ, READ, READ! Read-a-Thon will run from Monday, March 18th to Sunday, March 31st, 2013. Children must log minutes they read and ask for pledges and donations during this time. There will be fun prizes awarded for money earned and minutes read. Please encourage your child to participate. It is a fun way to earn money for our school and foster a love of reading. Reading log sheets are due on April 3rd and money pledges are due on April 10th, 2013.

Carnival: Carnival will be held the evening of April 19, 2013, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. This is a huge undertaking and is not possible without the support of our Jerome Prairie families. We plan on doing another cake walk this year and will be in need of baked goods to give away as prizes. Be on the lookout for information coming home with your child regarding meeting times and ways you can help make Carnival successful. Below is a list of silent auction baskets and carnival games for each class. Teachers and room parents will need help filling the basket and staffing the carnival booths.

Class:	Basket:	Game
McKee	Italian	Bowling
Lovell/Pratt	Picnic in the Park	Bean Bag Toss
Tocher	Game Night	Golf
Kenney	Golf/Tea/Sweet Treats	Spin and Win
Meyer	Movie Night	Hoop Shoot
Harrington	Gardening	Ping Pong
		Throw
Katz	Mexican	Café

Donation of items and/or money will help immensely and would be greatly appreciated.

