

Buzzin' Around Madrona

April 2009



Dear Parents,

We are making good progress here at Madrona. I am proud to see the number of students who are making steady gains in their academics. Many students have passed their Oregon Statewide assessments, and those who have not are working hard to do so later in the year.

Spring has sprung and students are beginning to act out in ways that sometimes interfere with their learning. We are nearing the end of the second trimester. We still have another trimester of the school year left to complete.

In order for these last weeks to have strong educational impact, we need your help. Please remind your child that you have high expectations for their continued success in school. This is a good time to review the school and bus rules in the student handbook you received at the beginning of the year. Let your child(ren) know you expect him/her to follow the rules each day and do the very best he/she can at school and on the bus. Safety and the ability for all to have the opportunity to learn without disruption are the main reasons for our rules.

Many fun activities also happen during the last few weeks. We truly want every student to have the opportunity to enjoy those activities. Please understand that we expect students to be accountable for the choices they make each day. Students who make poor choices at school will not be

allowed to attend special activities with other students. If a child receives a referral to the office or a bus citation that requires disciplinary action by Mrs. Van Brunt, it is possible that student may not be able to attend special activities. This could prevent a child from participating in field trips, parties, special recesses, movies, assemblies, and other school activities. Mrs. Van Brunt will note on the referral or send a letter to indicate if a child has lost a special privilege. Hopefully this will not happen very often, if at all. Mrs. Van Brunt would only choose to do this if a student has issues that make them unsafe to go to different places or if the incident involves very serious issues that require more stringent discipline.

It is our desire to end the school year pleasantly and productively for each student at Madrona Elementary. Please reinforce these expectations with your child at home. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Van Brunt at 476-6624.



Kindergarten Roundup



If you have a child that will be five years old by September 1, 2009, please plan on coming to the Madrona Kindergarten Roundup on Thursday, May 7th from 12:00 - 2:00pm. You will need to bring original Birth Certificates, immunization records, and your new Kindergarten student when you come. We will meet in the office to fill out enrollment forms, make copies of Birth Certificates and immunization records. Then you will visit the Kindergarten classroom and meet Mrs. Strickler our Kindergarten teacher to get an idea what Kindergarten is all about. We look forward to seeing you and our new Kindergarteners here!

Lost and Found



Please mark all of your child's sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, jackets, etc. with a name! If items are marked, they are promptly returned to their owner, but if they aren't they are placed in a small closet in the back of the cafeteria. There are so many nice things that have not been claimed. Please come and take a peak when you have a chance.

Free Meals!



You mean there really is such a thing as a free meal? At Madrona there is! Breakfast is **FREE every day for EVERY STUDENT!** We offer a selection of nutritious, healthy, hot meals, including milk, fresh fruit or juice. Please plan to take advantage of this. How could you pass it up?

5th Grade Fundraiser

Fifth grade will begin their annual candy and pepperoni stick sales on March 30th through the end of April. Those funds are used to help pay for the Moving on Ceremony, class T shirts and funds for the annual fifth grade trip. We look forward to having a successful fund raising campaign for fifth grade as well. Thanks so much for your support!

Breakfast With The Principal

The following students were the March winners to eat breakfast with the Principal.

1. Becky Harmon
2. Riley Arnold
3. Kim Kuykendal
4. Reed Sandys
5. Isaac Simonian
6. Jonny Lacombe
7. Lindsey Eells
8. Dorian Clem
9. Christine Nutting
10. Mia Guthrie
11. Alicia Hannah
12. Sierra Dykeman

Artist in Residence



We will have a wonderful artist performing with us in May. This artist will focus on rhythms and beat using drumming techniques. The Artist's name is Laura Rich. The dates she will be here are May 11-21st. I'd also like to remind you that our PTO funds the artist in residence program for our school. So please help support their wonderful work for kids by participating in our PTO fundraisers. Without that support, we cannot provide these rich experiences for our kids.

Other helpful Ways...

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 Please see the attached flyer for more information on how to sign up. 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.

We still collect Box Tops for Education, and Campbell's Soup labels. Attached is a flyer with more information about both programs. In fact we have enough now to get a video camera for our school! So please don't throw

those labels away. Check out the easy to save pages in the newsletter. We also still collect used printer cartridges, and cell phones. All of these tremendously help our school, and we thank you for your support!

Notes required!



We cannot accept phone calls to change plans for your child. If something has changed and you need your child's regular routine to be altered, you must send a note with your child, fax one to our office at 471-2452, or bring one in personally. The only exception will be in the event of an emergency. Please understand that this is solely for the safety of your children, and not intended to be an inconvenience to you. Please also be aware that the bus drivers require a bus pass issued by the Madrona office anytime your child is going to ride the bus anywhere other than home or other pre-arranged place. **The only way that a bus pass can be issued for a child to ride the bus home with another student is by BOTH children having a note from their parents.** At no time is a child allowed to get off at an undesignated stop, or to ride a different bus without a pass issued by the office. Thank you for making those plans ahead of time and ensuring that your child has a note.

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.



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.

Mark Your Calendar

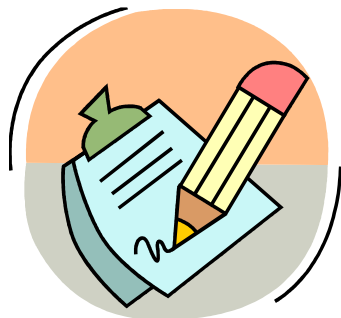


- April 1st-3rd**- OAKS testing for grades 3, 4, 5
- April 3rd** - Perfect Attendance Recess 1:20pm on the Playground
- April 6th** - School Pictures K-3
- April 7th** - School Pictures K, 4-5
- April 8th** - Breakfast with the Principal 7:00am in the cafeteria
- April 9th** - PTO Meeting 2:10pm in the library
- April 15th** - Keep America Singing 4th grade to GPHS Performing Arts Center
- April 15th** - District Spelling Bee 6:30pm at the district office
- April 15th-17th** - "Caterpillar" here for special hands on science for students
- April 16th** - Site Council Meeting 2:10pm in the library
- April 22nd** - 4th Grade Field trip to Tinseltown Theater to see "Earth" in Medford 9:00am-1:30pm
- April 23rd** - 3rd grade program at 6:30pm in the gym
- April 24th** - Pride Assembly 1:00pm in the gym

Plan Ahead...



- May 1st - 22nd** - OAKS testing for Grades 3, 4, 5
- May 1st** - Perfect Attendance Recess at 1:20pm on the playground
- May 4th** - Smokey the Bear here for 1st grade at 10:00am
- May 5th** - Cinco de Mayo Parent Lunch with students at appropriate lunch times
- May 4-8th** - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 7th** - Kindergarten Round-up 12:00-2:00pm
- May 11th** - Dibels testing for all students
- May 11th-21st** - Artist in Residence here
- May 14th** - PTO meeting 2:10pm in the library
- May 14th** - 4th Grade Program 6:30pm in the gym
- May 18th - 29th** - STAR testing for grades 1-5
- May 21st** - Site Council meeting 2:10pm in the library
- May 21st** - Spring Carnival 5:00-7:00pm in the gym
- May 25th** - Memorial Day - No School
- May 29th** - Perfect Attendance Recess 1:20pm on the playground
- May 29th** - Pride Assembly 1:00pm in the gym



Public Web Site

You can visit us on-line to get up to date information anytime you wish. Please visit us at www.threerivers.k12.or.us

Spelling Competition

Our school will be involved in a spelling competition early in April. Each teacher will select two top spellers from their room to represent their class. Those students will participate in a challenging spelling test on March 30th for 1-3rd grades and March 31st for 4th and 5th grades. Mrs. Van Brunt will give the test. Students who were selected by the teacher may be given some practice materials to help them prepare ahead of time. The top speller in each group will go on to represent our school in a district Spelling Bee on April 15th at 6:30pm at the district office. The following are the top spellers selected for each classroom:

Kramer	Tenley Williams Mia Guthrie
Witcher	Joseph Gerson Erin Parise Eva Bernard Grace Satterfield
Fisher	Jared Anderson Brianna Stark
Phelps	Isaac Davies Anthony Brelinski
Simpson	Mary Backes Erika Simpson
Law	Ruben Martinez Kali Henderson
Goodin	Ashley Pearson Kevin Willaman
Buscher	Nicholas Stark Michael Staykow
LaCombe	Chase Allen Cameron Macdonald

Good luck Madrona Spellers!

Book Character Day

On February 27th, we celebrated reading with many fun activities. Students were allowed to dress up like their favorite book characters and enjoy an assembly in the gym to show them off. Each class voted for their favorite costume, and the winners are listed below.

KRAMER	Sean Marrs Joredyn Wolfe
WITCHER	Hope Gettys Brooklyn Hurd
FISHER	Arthur Corbett Peyton Hyde
PHELPS	Kenny Willaman Cole Lawson
SIMPSON	Kasey Copeland Laissi Traugher
GOODIN	Arin Lowry Ruby Madden Jordan Riccatone
LAW	Aleah Torres Reed Sandys K.J. Frankel
BUSCHER	Mara Oachs Michael Staykow
LACOMBE	Emily Schiavone Shayla Lawson

Madrona Staff members also dressed up. The winners were: Sandra Brown, our library manager, as "Pirates Don't Change Diapers", Brenda Haberman as "The Cat in the Hat", and Lori Garcia as "Junie B. Jones". We all had a great time!

Clothing Reminders



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.

If your child comes to school with inappropriate dress, a reminder letter will come home to help parents be aware of expectations. Please help your child make good, safe choices every day.

P.T.O. Information

We will be having our Spring PTO Carnival May 21st 5:00-7:30. The PTO board has been busy planning new games and activities for this special family event. It is one of our major fund raising activities as well so hope all of our families will plan on attending. Each grade level is providing a themed basket which will be sold in a silent auction that night. Baskets can sales often bring in as much as \$1,000 for our school. We will also have a raffle with many exciting prizes to give away. We have a beautiful new bed frame from Gates, free golf packages from the Applegate Golf Club, Haircuts, weaves and style, and many other fun and interesting prizes. So plan on helping out by allowing your child to sell tickets. There will be many fun games for kids to play and food for sale as well. So plan ahead, we hope many of you will be helping man a booth, or help set up or clean up. This is a big school community evening and we needs lots of help and lots of folks attending to make it a success for our kids. Thanks parents for your support!

We are also in the midst of our annual spring bulb sale. Students have their sales packets. We hope to raise funds towards replacing some of our fencing around the playground and school that is not safe. This is a critical need and all sales will benefit this important project. The PTO will match student profits from the bulb sale to help get that fence project moving soon! There will be prizes for the top sellers in each class and for the top three students who sell the most in the school. Every student who sells \$30.00 or more will enjoy a special movie and popcorn treat at school with Mrs. Van Brunt. Go Hornets!

Lifeskill Winners for March "Problem Solving"

Kindergarten:

Kyle Curtis
Mathew Peckham
Skylar Swanson
Logan Dove
Brayden Hooker
Marco Ordaz

1st Grade:

Billy Barnes
Brandon Beck
Mary Davidson
Mckaihlei Miner
Carlos Garcia

2nd Grade:

Arthur Corbett
Joanna Hippler
Cameron Hooker
Camille Martin
Chrissy Davies
Izik Hertel
Brooklyn Hurd

3rd Grade:

Conner Johnson
Nicholas Spangle
Eric Torres
Tanner Bingham
Isaac Davies
Blake Imel
Cole Lawson

4th Grade:

Lexi Guzman
Ryan Kuykendall
Ruby Madden
Emily Silva
Tori Casperson
Kali Hnderson
Ruben Martinez
Jesse Ramirez

5th Grade:

Mara Oachs
Marcus Peckham
Michael Staykow
Adrienne Still
Chase Allen
Tonnie Hanks
Jared Scherrer
Emily Schiavone

Math Masters for March

3rd Grade:

August Gannett

5th Grade:

Myles Davis

Reading Poster Art Winners

Buscher

LaCombe

Law

Goodin

Phelps

Simpson

Fisher

Witcher

Kramer

Gabe Young

Brandon Green

David Pitts

Emily Silva

Blake Imel

Laissi Traughber

Katie Sholes

Garrett McGinnis

Wyatt Smith

Accelerated Reader Achievements

Independent

Riley Arnold
Tenley Williams
Joredyn Wolfe

Super Reader

Joanna Hippler
Cameron Hooker
Ryan Kuykendall
Dylan Stemberg

Super Reader 2

Devin Pine
Eric Torres

Super Reader 3

Alex Canas

Advanced Reader

Kasey Copeland
Carly Cubic
Sam Waterhouse

Advanced Reader 2

Kenneth Frankel
August Gannett
Arin Lowry

Advanced Reader 3

Glenn Rossi

Star Reader

Callie Hippler

Star Reader 4

Ashley Pearson

Community Corner

Cooking With Kids



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Oregon Health Management Services
Is offering **free** cooking classes for all
community members! Many of the
classes offered are for kids, too. All that
they ask in return is to bring a donation
of a non-perishable food item for the
community food bank.

All cooking classes are hands on,
include recipe packets, as well as
samples of each dish. Groceries are
donated by Grocery Outlet.

You may also visit our website at
www.ohmsoregon.com for more
information.

Space is limited, please call and reserve
your seat at (541) 471-4208.

Healthy Kids Day Carnival



On April 4th, the YMCA of Grants Pass
is sponsoring a "Healthy Kids Day
Carnival". There will be lots of fun
things to see and do including classes,
swimming, face painting, and other
activities, and it's all FREE! If you have
any questions, please call the YMCA at
474-0001.

16th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, April 11th, the
Grants Pass Association of
Realtors sponsors an Easter egg
hunt at Riverside Park for
children ages toddler to ten.
It starts at 10:00am sharp.

Recreation Guides Available

There are many other events listed in the
new spring 2009 Grants Pass Recreation
Guide. They are available in the office.
If you would like one, have your student
pick one up, or come on in and see us!