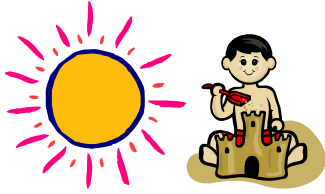


Buzzin' Around Madrona



May/June 2010



Dear Parents,

As our year begins to draw to a close, I want to thank each of you for taking the time to read this message. Your child's education is so important and sometimes this is our only means of communicating a variety of important information to each of you!

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.

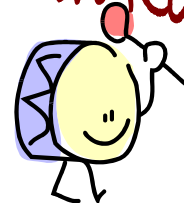
No see through fabrics or those with multiple holes unless another shirt is underneath for modesty.

No Clothes with large or gaping holes that expose skin.

Student Behavior

Don't forget 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. This includes our PBS Field Day on June 4th.

Artist in Residence



Our Artist in Residence is Laura Rich. She is returning this year on May 17-28 to work with grades 3-5. Next year she will work with grades K-3. We have purchased a set of drums for our school thanks to money from Josephine County's Cultural Coalition Oregon Cultural Grant. Laura is also going to be training some staff on the drums as well. We will have an assembly for kids to show their skills on May 28th at 12:30pm just before the Pride Assembly. Stay Tuned!

Classroom Placements

We are getting ready to consider placements for next year. **The Projected start date for students is August 30th.** We are still interested in your input concerning your child's placement. As always, if you have specific information you would like to share with me concerning your child's placement for next year, we have a form you can fill out in the office. The forms may be picked up beginning May 10th. The forms should be carefully filled out and returned to the school office no later than May 24th for consideration. When we build classes we consider many factors so we end up with well balanced classes. We try to form classes based on balancing academic needs, social needs and emotional needs. We attempt to balance classes for the numbers of boys and girls and even duplicate names when we can. Much thought goes into this process. This year, the teaching teams will get together and make tentative placements based on several different staffing scenarios. Once we know which scenario will actually take place, final adjustments will be made. The date those class lists will be posted is August 23rd. Remember, those parents with serious concerns should fill out the forms. Requests for certain teachers are not generally considered. It is impossible to form well balanced classes and honor all parent requests. We do our very best to consider the specific information you provide. Please note: It is very unlikely that any changes to a child's placement will be made once class placements have been determined if an information form was not turned in by the parent by the due date of May 24th.

Kindergarten Round-up



If you have a child that will be five years old by September 1, 2010, please plan on coming to the Madrona Kindergarten Roundup on Thursday, May 13th 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!

PBS Field Day Coming on June 4th!

We had a fabulous time at our PBS "Trashion Show" in early April! The costumes were creative and just plain wonderful! Kids learned to show and share their creativity and talents. Many monthly PBS ticket holders helped run this special event! Students who had earned the assembly through good behavior choices were invited to attend. Almost our entire school was able to attend with only 12 students missing the event. Our hope is to have even more students earn their next PBS event which is a school wide field day on June 4th.

Again, the standard is set that from April 5th until June 3rd good student behavior will count towards earning the opportunity to join in our field day events. The standard is no referrals, bus citations and 9 or less visits to the Ed lab for behavior during the time period. Students who get one referral or bus citation can earn back the opportunity to attend if behavior improves and stays solid prior to the event. Thanks for helping your child to make good choices each day at home and at school. Less poor behavior choices at school translates into more time spent on learning. Thanks for your positive support for our kids. Go Madrona Hornets!

The Field Day is being designed by our PBS team. Staff has had input and the team will finalize the plans for the day soon. Events will be fun, some will be challenging and many will just plain be silly, but the idea is to celebrate the joy of learning and

having fun together. If it is a warm day, we plan to get a little wet, too! Parents will be needed to help with this day so let your teacher or the office know if you are willing to volunteer. We will have a parent sack lunch that day so you can stay and eat with your child picnic style! Order forms for the sack lunches will come home closer to the event. Events will be set up from 8:00am until each grade level's lunch recess time. It promises to be a wonderful day together. Encourage your child to do his/her best to earn the privilege of attending by making great behavior choices each day at school and on the bus.



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.



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.

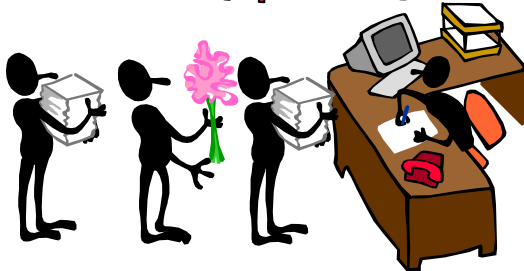
Attendance Procedures

Parents, please remember that if you pick up your child early from school, write a note, or call us to report an absence, you must indicate why they are leaving/absent. Our attendance procedures require us to use codes to indicate whether or not the absence is excused. If there is no reason listed, we have no other alternative than to mark it as unexcused. Thank you for your help.

5th Grade Visit

We are trying to improve the transition from elementary to middle school. After discussion with the administrators it has been decided that having a visit to Lincoln Savage prior to school ending really helped calm a lot of fears for kids and their parents. We have set a date for the visit for May 19th. The bus will pick up our classes and teachers right at 12:30 after lunch. They will be at LSMS for about an hour and then come back to get ready to go home. There will also be a parent meeting the evening May 20th at LSMS at 7:00pm.

Teacher Appreciation!



May 4th -8th is teacher appreciation week. It is a great time to teach your child the value of thanking others. Consider having your child create a special piece of art, bring a flower, or write a letter for their teacher. Your child will enjoy expressing his or her appreciation in a personal way and our hard working teaching staff will feel supported and cared for. Your participation is valued.

School Lunches



As of May 3rd, there will be no more charging of lunches allowed. If a student has not paid for a lunch, an emergency lunch will be provided, but they will not be able to order from the regular items menu. Thank you for keeping your student's account up to date.

Lost and Found

Please mark all of your child's sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, jackets, etc. with a name. Our lost and found is overflowing with many nice items, and we will be donating them to Goodwill at the end of the year. **The next date that we will empty our lost and found is June 4th.** Please make a point of checking for lost items before that date.

Summer Day Care

Looking for quality day care this summer? Kids Connection of Grants Pass is having Summer Day Camp at Fruitdale Elementary Monday through Friday from 7:00-5:30pm. Registration is \$30.00. The hourly rate is \$2.75, and breakfast and lunch are provided free of charge. If you are interested in this service, please call Trish Marsh at 218-1255.

Mark Your Calendar

May 1st - 14th - OAKS testing for Grades 3, 4, 5

May 3 - 7 - Teacher Appreciation week

May 3 - Smokey the Bear here for 1st grade at 9:30am

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo

May 6 - PTO Meeting 2:20pm in the library

May 10th-21st - Dibels testing for all students

May 13 - Kindergarten Round-up 12:00-2:00pm

May 13 - Vance's Friendship Club barbecue and bounce house 2:00-3:30pm meet in the cafeteria - Permission slips are required to attend.

May 13 - "Feeding Your Picky Eater" Parent class 6:00pm-7:30pm in the library, open gym for kids!

May 17-29 - Artist in Residence here

May 17th - 24th - STAR testing for grades 2-5

May 18 - Volunteer Tea 1:00pm in the library

May 19 - 5th grade trip to Lincoln Savage Middle School 12:30-1:30pm

May 20 - Site Council meeting 2:10pm in the library

May 20 - Spring Carnival 5:00-7:00pm in the gym

May 20 - 5th Grade parent meeting at LSMS 7:00pm

May 24 - Class placement information form due to office

May 28 - 2 hour late start

May 28 - Pride Assembly 1:00pm in the gym

May 31 - Memorial Day - No School

Please note that the following dates are tentative due to the possibility that days may be cut from the end of the school year. We won't have accurate information until after 5/21/10. We will keep you informed.

June 1 - 5th Grade Farewell Field Trip 8:30am - 5:15pm - Parents will need to provide transportation home

June 3 - PTO meeting 2:20 in the library or outside

June 4 - PBS Field Day 8:00 until lunch times - parent lunch day special sack lunches available by ordering no later than May 27th. Look for a sign up flyer

June 7 - All School Awards Assembly 10:00am in the gym

June 7th - 5th Grade "Moving On" ceremony 12:45-2:00pm in the gym

June 8 - Last day of school and class parties 1:00pm

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

P.T.O. News

The last meeting for this school year is on June 3rd at 2:20pm in the library. They will be discussing next year's agenda, meeting times, budget, etc. so it is vital for as many parents as possible to attend this important meeting. They are also nominating new officers, so if you are so inclined, you may wish to volunteer your time in that way. As we all know, many hands make light work. We look forward to seeing you!

Summer Food Program

Learning does not end when school is out, neither does a child's need for good nutrition. The Summer Food Service Program operated by the Three Rivers School District provides free, nutritious meals and snacks to all children within the Three Rivers and Grants Pass School District areas at many locations. This helps children in low-income areas get the nutrition they need to learn, play and grow, throughout the summer months when they are out of school.

Our program is looking for sites that are interested in assisting us in feeding these children. If you have programs such as summer reading, summer school, sporting events or even bible studies, we can provide meals at no charge to all students from age 1 through 18. No site is too small or short to discuss. All site information must be approved through ODE prior to the start of meal service so it is important that we receive your information as soon as possible to get you approved.

We need the following information to get you on the schedule:

Site Name

Site Location (address & phone number)

Site Official (person in charge)

Serving Days (Monday - Friday)

Serving Times (must be 2 hours between breakfast and lunch services)

Dates of Service

Each site official must attend a Summer Program training in order to qualify. This training will be held at:

Place: Three Rivers School District Food & Nutritional Service Office

126 Ringuette Street
Grants Pass, OR 97527

Date: TBD

Time: TBD

Please contact Michael or Donna @ 541-476-4183 for more information.

Friendship Club

Vance Milburn will be having another Friendship Club activity on May 13th from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. They will meet in the cafeteria. There will be a barbecue and bounce house scheduled for this fun event. If you are interested in coming, please look for the permission slip coming home soon to sign up.

Charmaine Milburn, Vance's mom and Madrona parent, is looking for students, parents, staff, or anyone else who may want to partner with her son, Vance, who has Autism. The idea is to have a community of people interested in helping Vance progress in the social situations that will arise through his school years.

Battle of the Books



Our students were involved in the "Battle of the Books" competition. Students were split up into two groups and read 10 books per group. Then they were asked questions that related to the stories that they read, and they must respond with the book title, and the author.

We are pleased to announce our Battle of the Books winners! The following students will represent Madrona at the district level "Battle of the Books" competition on April 24th.

Level 1:

Megan Mathiasen - Fisher
Glenn Rossi - Simpson
Joredyn Wolfe - Fisher
Ian Hayes - Fisher

Level 2:

Mary Backes - Law
Dane Backes - Law
Emily Adams - Hanni
Kali Henderson - Hanni

Our students tried really hard, but did not take a place this year. We are proud of their hard work and effort.

Congratulations, Madrona Hornets! You rock!

Madrona Summer Library Hours



We are fortunate to be able to fund library hours through our Title One dollars. Jennifer Richardson will be running the program this year. The library will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays for seven weeks. The program hours will be from 8:00-12:00. Students may each check out up to 10 books a week. New kindergarten students may also participate. The dates are as follows:

June 29, July 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29
August 3, 5, 10, 12

All students must be accompanied by an adult. The adult must stay with the student during his/her visit to the library. Students may not be dropped off. Students who have begun the AR program at school may take AR tests on books they read if they have not tested on them before at school. They may earn points towards their next AR certification. This is an excellent opportunity to keep your child's reading skills sharp and growing! Students who struggle with reading especially benefit from reading for 30 minutes or more each day. This is an easy, no cost way for parents to give their child an academic boost. Free meals will again be offered to community children during the library operating hours.

Coin Drive



Our coin drive brought in a total of \$560.87 that will go to our computer lab. Each year we try to purchase new learning software to keep up to date and give our students the tools they need to be successful. We have many wonderful math, reading, spelling, history, geography, science, and art programs in our lab thanks to our PTO and the annual coin drive. Thanks to everyone for their donations and making Madrona a great place to learn and grow.

Donations Needed

There are a few things that we could really use. We are in need of coats, preferably with hoods, for both girls and boys. Also, any size of sweat pants, and small size boys and girls pants. Your donations are greatly appreciated and paid forward. Many Madrona students benefit in many ways from your generosity. Thanks so much.

Box Tops

We collect Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education. We are receiving checks for over \$300 this month just for sending them in! There is a flyer attached that explains about the Labels for Education program and which products have the redeemable labels on them. This is such an easy fundraiser and we really appreciate your contributions.

Spelling Competition Winners

As you know, our school was involved in a spelling competition. Each teacher selected two top spellers from their room to represent their class. Those students participated in a challenging spelling test on March 30th for 1-3rd grades and March 31st for 4th and 5th grades. Mrs. Van Brunt gave the test. The top spellers for grades 1-3 were:

McKenna Lawson	1 st grade	Witcher
Charlee Lilla-Bare	1 st grade	Witcher
Michael Graeber	1 st grade	Kramer
Jada Hurley	1 st grade	Kramer
Ian Hayes	2 nd grade	Fisher
Erin Parise	2 nd grade	Fisher
Joseph Gerson	2 nd grade	Sayer
Chrissy Davies	3 rd grade	Sayer
Brianna Stark	3 rd grade	Sayer
Jenelle Hurley	3 rd grade	Simpson

The top spellers for grades 4-5 were:

Mary Backes	4 th grade	Law
Autumn McLaughlin	4 th grade	Law
Alex Canas	4 th grade	Goodin
Jasmine Pinkerton	4 th grade	Goodin
Ruben Martinez	5 th grade	Buscher
Ashley Pearson	5 th grade	Buscher
Pasquelina Godfrey	5 th grade	Hanni
Kali Henderson	5 th grade	Hanni

The top speller in each group went on to represent our school in a district Spelling Bee on April 14th. Our representatives were:

Grade 1-3: Chrissy Davies

Grade 4/5: Jasmine Pinkerton

Chrissy Davies took 2nd Place in the District Competition! Way to go, Chrissy!

We are proud of their spelling expertise!

Lifeskill Winners for April "Common Sense"

Kindergarten:

Connor Daily
Kylee Kelsey
Taya Mendoza
Spencer Tatom
Hank Dumas
Lily Emmons
Isaac Hill
Cristal Madris-Delgado
Bryn Dymock

1st Grade:

Calen Clem
Natasha Combe
Jada Hurley
Maliah Obien
Charlee Lilla-Bare
McKenna Lawson
Mason McCue
Ricci Mendes

2nd Grade:

Jonny Burgess
Tanner Noble
Erin Parise
Wyatt Smith
Savanna Ablott
Luke Boronda
Lilly Brelinski
Joseph Gerson

3rd Grade:

Neill Dove
Garrett Eells
Melba Ordaz
McKenzie Orton
Destiny Espinoza
Sean Marrs
Andrew Martin
Alex Kleiman
Ashley Zuanich

4th Grade:

August Gannett
Kayla Miller
Kylee Silver
Isaac Simonian
Ian Collins
Ethan Hill
Aubrey Richner
Mattia Sakraida

5th Grade:

Victoria Hauser
Ruby Madden
Jamie Strong
Lizzy Therson
K. J. Frankel
Dylan Hulsey
Angelica Quevedo

Math Masters for April

1st Grade:

Maliah Obien
Connor Hyde
Michael Graeber
Jada Hurley

3rd Grade:

Neill Dove

4th Grade:

Kaleb Phillips
Alex Silver

Accelerated Reader Achievements for April

Independent Reader

Savanna Ablot
Elena Burlew
Tyler Childers
Colten Davis
Joseph Manson
Tanner Noble
Raul Soto
Elizabeth Soto
Madeline Terpening
Austin Verner

Super Reader

Kenny Bigham
Calen Clem
Sierra Combe
Lindsey Eells
Michael Graeber
Ian Hayes
Dylan Hulsey
Joseph Manson
Erin Parise
Kaleb Phillips
Danielle Smock

Super Reader II

Arthur Corbett
Jada Hurley
Garrett McGinnis

Super Reader III

Riley Arnold
Michelle Larson

Advanced Reader

Joseph Manson
Jesse Oachs
Kaleb Phillips
Cody Traughber

Advanced Reader II

Julianna Bradley
Cole Lawson
Robert Pettijohn
Dylan Stenberg
Robert Swanson
Laissi Traughber

Advanced Reader III

Carly Cubic
Robert Swanson

Star Reader II

Bailey McGinnis
Erika Simpson

Classic

Aubrey Richner

Community Corner

Boatnik Festival



The annual Boatnik Festival is coming to Riverside Park May 27-31. There will be carnival rides, boat races, games, a parade and food booths. Check your local newspaper for more information and times

Boys & Girls Club Youth Football

Sign ups for both tackle and flag football through the Boys and Girls Club is starting!

Thursday, April 29th 6:30-8:30pm
Wednesday, June 2nd 6:30-8:30pm

All sign-ups are at the Boys and Girls Club
203 SE 9th Street
Grants Pass, OR 97527
541-479-5258

Season runs mid August ~ mid November

Tackle League 4/5/6 grades \$110
Flag League 2/3/4 grades \$60

For more information, visit their website
www.begreat4kids.com

Or pick up a flyer in the school office.

Pop Warner Football



The 2010 fall season registration will start in May for grades 1-5. Registration is being held at

Competitive Athletics
545 B NE "E" Street
Grants Pass, OR 97526

May 5th from 6:00-8:00pm
May 20th from 6:00-8:00pm
June 7th from 6:00-8:00pm
Registration fee is \$150

Practices begin August 9, 2010

You can find more information on their website at
www.eteamz.com/grantspasspopwarnerfootball

Or pick up a flyer in the school office.

Classes for Ages 6-18

Summer is coming and SOU will be offering over 60 different programs and camps! Their summer programs are now posted on their website www.sou.edu/youth/summer and registration is open! Their Summer 2010 brochure will be available in early May. Check out these wonderful opportunities for kids to learn while having a blast this summer!

