

Manzanita Messenger

Renee Hults, Principal

January 2016

Upcoming Events

January 5- PTA Meeting
2:00 PM & 5:30

January 6- Kid Smile

January 11- DIBELS

January 18- No School –
Martin Luther King Day

January 20- Site Council

January 29- 5th grade Math
Fact Sleepover

February 2- PTA Meeting 2
PM



Thoughts from the Principal,

Dear Manzanita Families-

Welcome back to school. I hope the winter break brought you some amazing family time. 2016 is here and we look forward to the rest of the school year. A new year always gives us the opportunity to reflect upon what we have done well and what we can do better. Have you been trying to figure out a new year's resolution? If the answer to the question is yes, I have a great suggestion for you. How about setting plans to help your children experience greater school success in 2016? Here are some ideas to be sure your child is successful at Manzanita

1. Make focusing on the positive and leading by example a foundation for everything you and your child do. Each individual has the power to make any situation a positive or negative learning opportunity. It is our personal approach that creates the outcome, mood or climate. Model and teach the skills to our students to handle challenges and face adversity with a positive, calm, and confident approach. With a positive can do attitude there is no limit to what they can accomplish.

2. Monitor your students' school work. One way to do this is to have them check in with you after school and share how their day went. A good opening question to help them communicate about this is to ask, "What did you learn in school today?" If you get a vague answer, follow-up by asking them about specific subjects such as: math, reading, or science. Another important way to monitor their work is to have them share any corrected school papers they brought home and discuss them together. You can further monitor by checking on their homework. While parents should never do homework for their young people, it is sound practice to help them if they are struggling, check it over for them once they are finished.

3. Make sure your children get to school. The more students are in school, the higher their achievement. Children cannot learn if they are not in school. In addition, poor attendance causes students to get behind in their learning and catching up can be very difficult when they return. In fact, poor attendance is often the first step to students being unsuccessful at school.

4. Reward their efforts. Rewarding students for high grades is not as effective as rewarding them for their effort. Students are always trying and want to make you proud. Therefore, the best way to motivate further effort is to notice it, to praise it, and to reward it.

5. Talk up the idea of going to college. I know your students are only in elementary school, but this should start at a very young age. As a staff we are always talking about where we went to school and how we benefitted from college. For students to be successful it takes more than a high school diploma. In the 21st century, almost all students need a college degree to ensure a successful life. Having students set higher education as a target early in their lives will help them set ambitious goals for their academic progress as they proceed through school.

6. Finally, be involved! How important is parent involvement in their children's education? Study after study shows that it may be the top factor leading to student success. We offer many opportunities to be involved in your student's education. Please join us whenever you can.

I you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Wishing you and yours all the best in 2016!

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Lost and Found

The weather is getting colder and the Lost and Found is overflowing. If your child is missing a jacket or sweatshirt, please stop by the office or check the lost and found table in front of the cafeteria.



Illness

Winter is upon us and so are the cold and flus. Attendance is important but so is student's health. If your child is sick and will not be able to function in class, please keep them home. Please make sure phone numbers and emergency contacts are up to date, in case your student falls ill at school.

Family Advocate

I hope everyone had a relaxing Winter Break. We had a great Christmas Food Drive and we were able to supply some students with extra food for the long break. Thank you!

The clothes closet is in need of size 8 boys pants. If you have pajamas that are in good shape for boys or girls they would be greatly appreciated. Let me know if your child is in need of clothes and the size. We might have something for them. I'm in the Advocate Room between 1 -2 pm Monday through Thursday.

Our next food drive will be Thursday, March 10, 2016. In the meantime, we appreciate donated food to keep the pantry filled. I send food home weekly with some students. Drop your donations off at office and mark your calendar for March 10 for MZ food Drive.

Thank you,
Janet Hudson/ Family Advocate.

BREAKFAST

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It helps get your body ready for the day. Here at Manzanita breakfast is free to all of our students. Please feel free to get a "grab and go" or sit down and have a breakfast. Students that are late can still get breakfast if it is needed, just make sure to tell the office when you check in that you need to eat.

Make Parenting a Pleasure

The Boy's and Girls Club will be holding a Parenting class starting Jan. 13-March 9. These classes will be held on Wednesday from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. There will be activities for children 4 and up. Dinner will be provided. If you would like to register for this class please contact Bo 541-474-3101 ext 232 or David 541-237-5011. This is an opportunity to get some useful tip and network with other parents.

Adverse Weather Conditions

The icy cold weather is here! The school district will use the "Synrevoice" communication system to notify all parents via phone and/or email of delayed starts or school closures. Synrevoice will start calling at about 5:30am. You must say "Hello" in order to activate the message. If you have not received an automated phone call or email this school year, please check with the office to verify your phone numbers and email addresses are correct. In the event of adverse weather conditions parents are advised to tune in to Radio Stations KRWQ, KAJQ, KLDR, KBOY and TV Stations KOB1 (5), KDRV (12), KTVL (10) or the 3 Rivers School District Web Page.

MANZANITA WEBSITE

Check out Manzanita's website. If you go to www.threerivers.k12.or.us, select schools, select Manzanita. You can view school News, newsletters, and upcoming events. The classroom pages have information and email links to the teachers.

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