

# Buzzin' Around Madrona



April/May/June 2011



## Safety Concerns

Dear Parents,

I just want to thank each of you who are following our drop off and pick up routine at Madrona. We are noticing that many of you are thinking about not only your child's safety, but the safety of other drivers and their children as well! We appreciate that everyone is working hard to make sure the lines move forward, and that each car has children ready to exit safely out of the car when it is their turn.

It is important that we all follow the driving laws as well as the school rules in order to make our parking lot a safe place to park in, drive through, and to pick up and drop off children. Please always make sure you have parked safely in the lot before leaving your car. Your cooperation is appreciated.

*Extra, Extra! Read all about it!*

Title One funds are critical federal funds that help our school in many ways. Our Title One funding also pays for more than half of our teaching assistant positions and helps provide extra supplies, library books, after school programs, and other resources for our classrooms. Please make sure you have filled out the form for free or reduced meals if you are eligible. Even if you don't intend to use that service, by filling out the form and qualifying, you help determine the level of Title One funding received at Madrona.

## 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.

## 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](http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us)

## 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.

# PTO Needs You!



**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We are desperate for willing parents who can help with our activities. **We will simply not be able to do the things that we have planned without some willing parents to partner with us.** We have a spring carnival coming in May. This particular activity takes many hands to make it a success. A lot of the time involved is in the afternoon or evening, and may even be as simple as making phone calls. We also need help putting up/taking down carnival booths, distributing candy, etc. We need folks who can assemble the games, put up wire for the booth sheeting, carry and set up tables. We also need some help running booths, and tearing everything down afterwards. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Chrystal Hyde at 541-761-5746.

Other fundraisers may need folks to put orders together for distribution, or count/keep track of money. Please help our PTO by supporting the fundraisers, and/or by donating your time to help with activities. Remember that every single penny raised by PTO goes directly into making the Madrona learning experience for your child better and more exciting! So get behind these efforts and help us raise the funds to provide important things for our students.

# Important!

We need to elect PTO officers for next year. We need dedicated and willing people to help with our fundraising activities. We will need a PTO president, as well as either a vice-president or treasurer. Chrystal Hyde, who is currently our president, is willing to help and train anyone interested in taking the president position, and she is willing to take either the vice president or treasurer position and be a source of information and help to that person. If you are interested, please contact Chrystal at 541-761-5746.

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](http://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](http://www.escrip.com) or call 1-800-400-7878 to register.

We still collect Box Tops for Education, and Campbell's Soup labels. So please don't throw those labels away. We also still collect used printer cartridges, and cell phones. All of these tremendously help our school, and we thank you for your support!

# April Events



- April 1** - PBIS Talent Show 12:30pm in the gym
- April 6** - District Spelling Bee 6:30pm at the District Office
- April 6** - Spring Pictures for K-3
- April 7** - Spring Pictures for K, 4, 5
- April 7** - Battle of the Books for test level 1 & Battle of the Books for test level 2
- April 11-14** - Book Fair in the library all week from 8:00-2:30pm
- April 18** - Progress Reports go home for grades 3-5
- April 21** - Site Council meeting 2:10pm in the library
- April 22** - Pride Assembly 1:00pm in the gym-March & April Awards to be presented
- April 25-28** - OAKS state assessment testing for grades 3, 4, 5
- April 29** - No School - District Cut Day

## A Look at May



- May 2-19** - OAKS state assessment testing for Grades 3, 4, 5
- May 2-6** - Teacher Appreciation week
- May 2** - Smokey the Bear here for 1<sup>st</sup> grade at 10:30am
- May 3-4** - Overnight field trip for Mrs. Buscher's 5<sup>th</sup> grade to Siskiyou Field Institute

- May 5** - Cinco de Mayo
- May 5** - PTO Meeting 2:20pm in the library
- May 12** - Kindergarten Round-up 12:00-2:00pm
- May 9-20** - Dibels testing for all students
- May 9-20** - Artist in Residence here for grades K-3
- May 16-27** - STAR testing for grades 2-5
- May 16** - Volunteer Tea 1:00pm in the library
- May 18** - Mrs. Law's 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Siskiyou Field Institute in Selma
- May 19** - Site Council meeting 2:10pm in the library
- May 19** - Spring Carnival 5:00-8:00pm in the gym
- May 20** - Late Start Friday-School and buses pick up 2 hours later
- May 27** - No School - District Cut Day
- May 30** - Memorial Day - No School
- May 31** - No School - District Cut Day

## Planned June Events

- June 2** - PTO meeting 2:20 in the library or outside-election of new officers and board planning
- June 3** - PBIS Rodeo day
- June 6** - All School Awards Assembly 10:00am in the gym
- June 7** - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Field Trip 8:30am - 5:15pm - Parents will need to provide transportation home
- June 9** - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade "Moving On" ceremony 10:00-11:00am in the gym - last day of school

## Kindergarten Roundup



If you have a child that will be five years old by September 1, 2011, please plan on coming to the Madrona Kindergarten Roundup on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

## 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, and fresh fruit. Please plan to take advantage of this. How could you pass it up?

## School Attendance

Thanks to all you parents who are faithful in getting your kids to school every day. It is an important message that children learn early in their lives that coming to school every day, on time, is critical to success. It will lead to success in their adult lives as well when they become part of the working world.

As always, I do support you in your decision to keep your child home when they are vomiting, have a severe headache, fever, sore throat, etc. I know that illnesses do hit, but encourage you to get your child back into school as soon as it is healthy for your child to do so. Thanks again for being prompt with notes or phone calls explaining the reason for your child's absence. That is a crucial step in helping us to keep kids in school and knowing why they are gone. Although some of you are excellent at notifying the teacher, it is also helpful if you would notify the office if your child has been absent. That way we don't spend your precious time calling you to find out that information. The teachers do not always have the time to talk to our office staff about absences. Thanks so much for your support of learning at Madrona!

## Coin Drive

Many thanks to all who donated their hard earned money to our coin drive. We collected over \$850.00! This fundraiser goes specifically to our computer lab for new software, headphones, or whatever else is needed to keep our technology up to date. Madrona Hornets rock!

# Spelling Bee

Our school will be involved in a spelling competition 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 30<sup>th</sup> for 1-3<sup>rd</sup> grades and March 31<sup>st</sup> for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Two top spellers will go on to represent our school in a district Spelling Bee on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the district office.

The two top spellers from each class that were selected to compete in the Madrona Spelling Bee were:

**Ms. McKee:** Khloe Rich , Jordan Meyer  
**Mrs. Kramer:** Charlee Lilla-Bare, Troy Johnson  
**Fisher:** Jada Hurley, Calen Clem, Allen Verner, Sierra Combe  
**Simpson:** Megan Mathiasen, Joseph Gerson, JoJo Hippler, Aubrielle Garcia  
**Goodin:** Brianna Stark, Chrissy Davies  
**Law:** Isaac Davies, Aubrey Richner  
**Buscher:** Alex Canas, Elijah Hayes

The two selected to represent Madrona in the District Spelling Bee are:

Isaac Davies and Joseph Gerson

Way to go super Madrona spellers!

## Artist in Residence



For the past few years, we have enjoyed Laura Rich as our Artist in Residence. This year, she is returning on May 9-20 to work with grades K-3. She teaches students how to play beautifully hand crafted African drums as they learn about African culture through story telling. Laura is very creative, and the students love this program. We have purchased a set of drums for our school thanks to money from Josephine County's Cultural Coalition Oregon Cultural Grant.

## Fearsome 15 Fact Program

Week 21 Apr 4-8	Week 22 Apr 11-15	Week 23 Apr 18-22	Week 24 Apr 25-29
3+9 6*3	5+7 7*4	4+8 9*6	4+9 7*3

Week 25 May 2-6	Week 26 May 9-13	Week 27 May 16-20	Week 28 May 23-27
6+7 8*4	5+8 8*7	5+9 8*3	6+8 9*4

Week 29 May 31-June 3
6+9 9*7

(Remember that \* means multiplication)



# Madrona Science Fair Winners!

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** - Erika Simpson

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** - Taylor Decker, Joseph Manson,  
Jesse Oachs, Erika Simpson,  
Nich Spangle

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** - Mary Backes, Cody Milburn,  
Kaleb Phillips, Kylee Silver

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** - Dane Backes, Kenneth Bigham,  
Elijah Hayes, Lilly Melvin,  
Kayla Miller

**Honorable Mention** - Brittany Haberman

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** - Jenelle Hurley

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** - Glenn Rossi

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** - Arthur Corbett, Hope Gettys,  
Anthony Quintero, Glenn Rossi

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** - Jonny Burgess, Tenley Williams

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** - Jada Hurley

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** - Madeline Terpening

## Kindergarten

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** - Noah Horban, Annabelle Nelson

These are the results of the school judging of all projects that were submitted by students. These projects went on to the district level. Those results are posted on the following page.



# District Science Fair Winners!

The results are in for the District Science Fair Winners! All students who entered a project were given a participation ribbon. Two different judges judged each project and then the two scores were tallied and averaged to determine the ribbon students received. The points for ribbons were as follows:

Gold=71-90; Silver=66-70; Bronze=56-65; Participation=55 and below. Additionally, a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Honorable Mention award were given within each science category in which students entered their projects.

Congratulations to all our winners. Thank you for all your hard work, creativity, and for representing our school in a way that makes us proud. Yeah, Madrona Hornets!

## Individual Projects:

**Erika Simpson - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

"Bright Ideas"

Gold Award

Place: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**Brittany Haberman - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

"Amp-vs-Monster"

Bronze Award

**Jenelle Hurley - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

"Fingerprints"

Gold Award

Place: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Kelsey Kieling - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

"Best Rock To Use On Your Driveway"

Bronze Award

**Glenn Rossi - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

"How Far Do Paper Airplanes Fly?"

Bronze Award

**Jada Hurley - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

"Iron in Cereal"

Gold Award

Place: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Madeline Terpening - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

"The Grease Test"

Bronze Award

## Joint, Group & Class Projects:

**Dane Backes, Kenneth Bigham, Elijah Hayes, Lilly Melvin, Kayla Miller - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

"Balloon Rocket"

Silver Award

Place: Honorable Mention

**Mary Backes, Cody Milburn, Kaleb Phillips, Kylee Silver - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

"Balloon Rocket"

Bronze Award

**Taylor Decker, Jesse Oachs, Joseph Manson, Erika Simpson, Nicholas Spangle - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

"Balloon Rocket"

Bronze Award

**Arthur Corbett, Hope Gettys, Anthony Quintero, Glenn Rossi - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

"Insulating Warm Water"

Bronze Award

**Jonny Burgess, Tenley Williams - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class Project**

"Bubble Busters"

Participation Award

**Noah Horban, Annabelle Nelson - Kindergarten Class Project**

"Which Soap Cleans Hands Best?"

Bronze Award

**Good job Madrona Hornets! You always make us proud!**



## *Citizen's of the Month for February*

### **Strickler:**

Kai Obien  
Riley Terpening  
Megan LaCombe  
Vallen Mortensen

### **Kramer:**

Zoe Ahlstrom  
Shelby Jensen

### **McKee:**

Hannah Bennett  
Logan Rigel

### **Fisher:**

Riley Ortiz  
Lily Stinson

### **Goodin:**

Max Davis  
Grace Satterfield

### **Simpson:**

Hailey Pickering  
Billy Barnes

### **Buscher:**

Kayla Miller  
Jesse Oachs

### **Law:**

Tanner Bingham  
Devin Pine

## *Citizen's of the Month for March*

### **Strickler:**

Joseph Carpenter  
Collin Creach  
Sierra Fimbres  
Ethan Graeber

### **Kramer:**

Madeline Terpening  
Allie Therson

### **McKee:**

Connor Daily  
Katelyn Shaw

### **Fisher:**

Riley Arnold  
Sean Marrs

### **Goodin:**

Eva Bernard  
Glenn Rossi

### **Simpson:**

Hailey Pickering  
Billy Barnes

### **Buscher:**

Kenny Bigham  
Cody Milburn

### **Law:**

Michelle Scott  
Isaac Simonian

# Accelerated Reader Achievements for February 2011

## **Independent Reader**

Natasha Combe  
McKendrie Ebben  
Cody Jensen  
Lily Stinson  
Heather Thompson

## **Super Reader**

Maxwell Davis  
Hunter LaBat  
Madeline Terpening

## **Super Reader II**

Eric Hookland  
Payden Tavelli

## **Super Reader III**

Eric Hookland

## **Advanced Reader**

Breanna Barandi  
Charles Fraser-Lindsey

## **Advanced Reader III**

August Curran  
Jada Hurley

## **Star Reader**

Eva Bernard  
Julianna Bradley  
Brittany Haberman

## **Star Reader II**

Allie Griggs

## **Classic Reader**

Devin Pine

## **Classic Reader II**

August Gannett

## **Honors Reader**

Aubrey Richner  
Elijah Hayes

# Community Corner

## *City Clean-up Day*      *Madrona Book Fair*

It's time to do some spring cleaning to get ready for the upcoming tourist season. Volunteers of all ages and abilities are needed to help collect litter in the downtown area.

This event is being held on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-noon. All volunteers will gather at the Downtown Welcome Center at 198 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Gloves, trash bags and snacks will be provided.

We are having our annual book fair in the Madrona library on April 11-14 from 8:00am-2:30pm. Preview days for students are April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, and shopping days are April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Parents may come in any day from 8:00-11:00am and 11:30am-2:30pm. There are great learning tools as well as many wonderful books to buy. We hope to see you here!