

FORT VANNOY TRIBE-UNE



We are a responsible and caring community of learners.

Kathie Hill, Principal

May 2013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2013

- 1st- Willy Wonka-Dress Rehearsal 12:30 pm- Gym
Evening Performance- 7:00- Gym 
- 2nd- Furlough Day-NO School for Students
- 3rd- Furlough Day- NO School for Students
- 4th- Parents Night Out-DI Fundraiser- See Attached Flyer
- 5th- Cinco de Mayo 
- 6th- Teacher Appreciation Week 
- 7th- Last day for Tuesday SMART
4th gr Field Trip to Oregon Caves 
- 8th- 2nd gr Field Trip to Wildlife Images
- 9th- Last day for Thursday SMART
- 10th- PTA Family Bingo/Auction Night 5:00-7:00 pm 
- 11th- Destination Imagination Garage Sale-8 am to 4 pm Fort Vannoy
- 12th- Mother's Day-Treat her like a "Queen" 
- 14th- PTA Meeting -Library-2:15 pm
- 20th-Site Council-Library-2:15
TRSB Meeting @ District Office 7:00 pm 
- 21st Kindergarten ROUND-UP-8:00 to 10:30 am-Room 8 
- 22nd-Mrs. O'Brien's 3rd gr Field Trip to Dunbar Farms--8:30- to 1:45 pm
Mr. Kriz's 3rd gr Field Trip to White Oak Farms--8:00 to 1:45 pm
- 23rd- 5th Grade to visit Fleming Middle School
- 24th- Kid Zone- @ "The Club" 5:30-7:30 pm
- 25th-27th- Memorial Day Week-end 
Boatnik Celebration
Fort Vannoy Readers walking in the Boatnik Parade

YEAR BOOKS

Year Books are on sale now!

Stop by the Fort Vannoy office and purchase your Fort Vannoy 2012/13 yearbook for the low price of \$13.00. Books will be sold on a first come basis. Please make checks payable to Fort Vannoy PTA.

Any questions, please call,
Nadyah Field at 541-479-8193



IT'S ROUND- UP TIME

May 21, 2013

8:00 am to 10:30 am

Fort Vannoy -Room 8

This is your opportunity to register your child to attend kindergarten in the fall. Stop by Room 8 between 8:00 and 10:30 am to visit with Principal, Mrs. Hill and Kindergarten teacher, Mr. Holden. Your child must be five years old by September 1, 2013 to start kindergarten.

REQUIRED FOR ENROLLMENT

BRING THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU:

Birth Certificate

Up-to-date Immunization Records

Kindergarten Schedule 7:40 am to 1:55 pm

Schedule #1-Monday/Wednesday/Every other Friday

Schedule #2- Tuesday/Thursday/Every other Friday



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Book Fairs and Student Reading

The Scholastic Book Fair provides for key factors to inspire more students to read. As with any acquired skill, when kids practice reading, they become better readers. And the better they get, the more fun they'll have doing it! We had the privilege of once again being able to hold a Scholastic Book Fair here at Fort Vannoy, with Nadyah Field heading it up. Along with Nadyah, many volunteers put forth their tireless energy to make the Book Fair a success. Fort Vannoy students purchased 1,032 books! That worked out to an average of 3 books per student!

When kids are enthusiastic about what they read, they get more practice and become better readers and learners

From the Desk of Mr. Kriz 3^d grade teacher



Fort Vannoy Elementary advances to Destination Imagination's Global Finals, the largest creativity celebration in the world!

After winning honors for creativity, teamwork and problem solving in regional and state tournaments, Fort Vannoy has earned the right to travel to Destination Imagination's Global Finals, the largest creative thinking and problem solving competition in the world, to be held May 22-26 in Knoxville, TN. Team members include Drew Hogan, Chris DeLonge, Caleb Nugent, Owen Pickering, Caden Brierty and Brett Elzy.

They will compete with other teams in *Change in Realitee*, one of seven, open-ended challenges that require young people to apply science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), in addition to improvisation, theater arts, writing, project management, communication, innovation, team work and community service.

"These boys have had a great time learning improvisation and cooperation skills. They have truly earned the honor of participating at Global Finals," said Team Manager Jim Kriz.

[Destination Imagination](#) has had a positive impact on more than 1.5 million young people and adults who have benefitted from taking part in its acclaimed Challenge Program. This year, another 100,000 young people have competed in tournaments throughout the U.S. and in 30 countries to earn a spot at the Global Finals competition in May.

Fort Vannoy's team is among more than 8,000 students representing more than 1,250 teams that will advance to Global Finals, which will be held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville May 22-26.

"The Destination Imagination Program allows students K-College to learn and experience the creative process. Quantitative reasoning, problem solving, risk taking, collaboration,

presentations and thinking on your feet are some of the important skills learned in the program," said Chuck Cadle, CEO.

This year, National Geographic's world renowned author and photographer, Joel Sartore, will be addressing the participants at the Global Finals Opening Ceremony. This year's Global Finals Innovation Expo will house engaging exhibits from NASA, Michigan Tech's Mindtrekkers, 3M and many other innovative companies. In addition, participants will have a chance to explore the depths of our planet's oceans and learn about environmental conservation through the 3M-sponsored, interactive "Explore the Uncharted" exhibit.

"The DI competition requires students to work through some very demanding critical thinking and problem solving assignments that strengthen our educational systems by enhancing the learning processes taking place in the classroom," declared Cadle. "We've seen the development of superior aptitudes in analytical thinking, leadership, project management, teamwork, communication, research and innovation in hundreds of thousands of youth since our organization's inception almost three decades ago, and we believe Destination Imagination has the potential to bridge the gap between what is taught in our schools and the thinking skills our youth will need to succeed in the world of the future.



Fort Vannoy Elementary Destination Imagination Team (left to right): Caden Brierty, Owen Pickering, Chris DeLonge, Drew Hogan, Caleb Nugent, Brett Elzy,
Jim Kriz (Team Manager)

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In order to attend this competition our students need to raise money for air fare, room, and board in a very short amount of time. Our goal is to raise \$15,000. In order to reach this goal, we have organized several fundraisers. These include:

- May 3rd, for First Friday Art Night downtown in front of the Kitchen Company, selling baked goods.
- May 4th, 6-10pm, hosting a Parent's Night Out at the Fort Vannoy Elementary at 5250 Upper River Road. All kids ages 5 and up are welcome. Cost of \$2 per hr, per child. Fun indoor and outdoor activities and a Beyblade Tournament with prizes (Beyblade tournament \$3 entrance fee).
- May 10th at the Fort Vannoy Elementary Bingo / Auction Night 5-7pm hosting a 50/50 raffle and silent auction items. Bingo / Auction Night is located in the Fort Vannoy Elementary gym, 5250 Upper River Road in Grants Pass
- May 11th, 8am-3pm- Garage Sale @ Fort Vannoy School
- \$300.00, per student, funded by Three Rivers School Board

The team has started their own Facebook page entitled "Fort Vannoy DI Global Finals". This page contains information and pictures of the team, details of their fundraising efforts, and additional ways to donate to the team online. Checks may be made out to **Fort Vannoy PTA** with a notation in the memo line for Destination Imagination. Your gifts are tax deductible.

A Special note from Destination Imagination

We would like to thank everyone who donated items and came by our yard sale. We really appreciate the Fort Vannoy School family and all the support that they offer this team. Thank you from all of us!

Dear Parents and Students,

Soon the Fort Vannoy staff will work as a team to carefully consider the combinations of students who are placed in each classroom for the 2013-14 school year. The needs of each individual student are the primary focus for placement. In making class groups, we balance classes to provide the optimum classroom climate for all students.

When we make classroom placements for the next year, the teacher and I will put students in the best placement possible. Our goal is to make next school year another productive one for your child.

The enrollment forecast for 2013-14 at Fort Vannoy is about 280 students. The Three Rivers School District will staff elementary schools at a ratio of 30 students to one teacher. Next year we will have class sizes which average 28 students per teacher. The increase in class size is necessary due to the budget reductions passed down from the State for education.

If your child works best with a specific teaching style, you may give us that information, in writing, to help us make the placements. A form is available in the office for you to give us information about your child(ren's) learning style and preferred teaching style.

The teaching style information form must be returned to the Fort Vannoy office by Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 3:00 pm to be included in the placement decisions. Decisions on information which comes to us after this date may be delayed until August 2013. We are requesting that parents trust us to make the most appropriate placement for each child. This year's teacher understands the academic and emotional needs of the children in his/her classroom, as well as the teaching style of the teachers in the next grade level. We will work cooperatively with the rest of the staff to make placement decisions.

A process is in place for individual parents to meet with the principal, Mr. Baumann, before school starts to review placement decisions. If you have compelling reasons to change the placement, he will meet with you in August 2013. In the past, only a few parents have felt the need to request a change. In most cases they grow to realize that the placement made by the Team is indeed the best one for the child.

Remember the "best teacher" for one child is not necessarily the "best teacher" for another child, even in the same family. Each child is an individual with an individual learning style.

Thank you for your continued support of our staff.

Sincerely, Kathie Hill, Principal



"READING IS A RIOT!"
SUMMER READING PROGRAM
Mrs. Beirsto, our fantastic
librarian, is well on her way for
the planning of our
Summer Reading Program
"Reading is a Riot!"

For every student that visits
the library, they will receive a
ticket to place in a gift basket.
At the end of the program a
name will be drawn and that
student will receive the gift
basket. Carol Pock, our art
specialist, will be doing a
variety of craft projects from
10:00 am to 11:30 am.

"Reading is a Riot"

The dates are:

Every Tuesday

June 18th through August 13th

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Be sure to mark your calendar for these
amazing reading/craft days!

THE BUZZ AROUND SCHOOL IS

WE HAVE AWESOME SPELLERS!



The "Bee" was held April 4th in the cafeteria
under the guidance of Mrs. Hill and Mrs.
Solomon. The Primary Division (1st -3rd)
spellers were: Thorn O'Neill, Sarah Shriver,
Elizabeth McGarrah, Aidon Gasperson, Jace
Elzy, Brynna DeLonge, Zoe Montgomery,
Adrianna Creveling, Elena Kelly, Sophie
Lenahan, Annelize Rosado, Jaylen Jenkins,
Abe Selvas, Miles Anderson, Chloe Larsen,
Bethany Spangler, Caden Brierty, Brett Elzy
and Eva Lagorio. The contestants were asked
to write 25 spelling words, such as; received,
behavior, gnaw, vegetable and length. Abe
Selvas, 3rd grader, spelled 19 out of 25 words
correctly to be the runner up. Coming up with
21 out of 25 words correct was 3rd grader
Eva Lagorio for 1st place. In the Division I
(4th -5th) group representatives were: Caleb
Nugent, Chris DeLonge, Cyrus Moore, Faith
Nugent, Christian Todor, Lexi Gasperson,
Owen Pickering, Kaelyn Tally, Annalise Kelly,
Megan Taormino, Mersades Vastbinder and
Alijah Plunkett. These students also had to
spell 25 words, the likes of; practical,
tenacious, substantial, ancestor, enthusiasm,
and commitment. Coming up with 13 out of 25
words correct was 4th grader Caleb Nugent
qualifying him to be the runner up. Cyrus
Moore, 5th grader, spelled 21 out of 25 words
correctly to take the 1st place position. The
District Spelling Bee was held April 10th at
the District Office. Cyrus Moore was unable
to attend, so runner up Caleb Nugent was the
rep for Divison I. Congratulations to Eva
Lagorio who went on to claim 2nd place in the
Primary Divison. Both she and Caleb
represented Fort Vannoy proudly.

Food For Thought



FREE BREAKFAST FOR ALL

REMEMBER, the most important meal of the day is FREE to ALL FORT VANNOY STUDENTS. Student can get right off the bus and start their day with a healthy, satisfying breakfast. Even if they have had breakfast at home, they can still select something for their snack later in the day. Mrs. Briggs has a healthy variety of breakfast selections to choose from. Breakfast begins at 7:15 in the cafeteria.



MILK Charges: All students are charged 50 cents for their milk if it is purchased to go along with their cold lunch whether they are on the free or reduced lunch program or not. Everyone must pay 50 cents for their milk.



LUNCH Charges: Our lunch computer program only allows students to charge two (2) lunches. After that if the charges are not paid the student will be provided with a cold lunch.



Sights, sounds and scents of spring are filling the air. Buds are busting through the soil, birds are singing at dawn and it's time to put away your bulky winter coats, hats and scarves and open the windows and doors to let the outside in! Before heading out to the great outdoors, with your family, drink plenty of water to keep yourself hydrated. Because you'll be using different muscles than you do in the winter—start out slowly. Hiking is a great family activity. Visit your local park—enjoy the walking and bike trails. When you get home make use of all the fresh vegetables that are now in the market and create a huge green salad, family style, to share with all!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PTA

Thank you to our volunteers who make sure our PTA Family Movie Night happens. And a special "Thank You" to all Fort Vannoy families that attend and make this a great family night! However, there will not be a PTA Family Movie Night this month.

Fort Vannoy Kidzone Night is May 24th from 5:30pm-7:30pm. The cost is \$5.00 per child. Please remember that socks are required! Thank you Mr. Tom Davis for chaperoning!

Congratulations to your New PTA Board Members for the 2013-2014 school year that were voted in at our last meeting:

Vice-President- Mary Edwards
Secretary- Dawn Elzy
Treasurer- Travis Knoll

We are still in need to fill the President position for next school year. If you are interested and for more information please contact Andria Lenahan @ 541-476-0876.

Our last PTA meeting for the year will be May 14th @ 2:15pm in the Library.
Daycare is provided



BOX TOP UPDATE

May 5th will be the last day for classrooms to qualify for the huge end of the year ice cream sundae party. Get those box tops in so your class will be counted and in the running for the party!

The class totals are:

April 19, 2013:

Mr. Holden \$131.34

Mrs. Guthrie \$59.74

Mr. Standley \$237.24

Mrs. Solomon \$63.04

Mrs. Devore \$137.04

Mr. Kriz \$79.64

Mrs. O'Brien \$78.94

Mrs. Mohr \$87.54

Mr. Biencourt \$84.24

Mr. Woodruff \$147.54

School Total of \$1,106.30

KEEP THOSE BOXTOPS

COMING IN!

THE MAY 5TH DEADLINE IS

COMING SOON!

FORT VANNOY'S 4th ANNUAL FAMILY BINGO & AUCTION NIGHT

Fort Vannoy Elementary School's PTA will be hosting a Bingo and Auction night on Friday, May 10th from 5-7 pm (doors open at 4:30pm) in the school Gym. All proceeds raised from this non-profit event will go towards PTA funded children's art, music, and science programs.

This is a public event, adults and children of all ages are welcome to come and enjoy a night of fun, food and family. Bingo game prizes will be awarded, as well as the opportunity to bid on several live auction items. Raffle tickets can be purchased to win one of more than 30 baskets full of goodies.

Admission is \$2 (or 4 non-perishable items of food), which will include 4 Bingo cards. Raffle tickets will be sold at the event for \$1 a ticket or six tickets for \$5 and food will be available for a nominal fee. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

