

THE MADRONA BUZZ

We are so thankful you are part of the Madrona Family!

We are so happy to have the opportunity to serve you and your child. Please let us know how we can help. Call us at 541-476-6624 from 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

If you have a bus issue, you may call First Student at 541-476-7733.

Character Trait of the Month: *Sharing and Caring*

DECEMBER

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
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| 11/27 | 11/28 | 11/29 | 11/30 | 1 Late start (8:40 am) Nov PBIS Award— Winter Arts and |
| 4 Candy Cane Shoppe | 5 Candy Cane Shoppe | 6 Candy Cane Shoppe | 7 Candy Cane Shoppe | 8 Late start (8:40 am) *Office closed until 8:15 for all staff training Candy Cane Shoppe Pride Assembly |
| 11 | 12 | 13 PTSG Meeting in library at 2:10 Choir Concert at 6pm | 14 Family Holiday Lunch Winter Concert (K-2) at 6pm | 15 Late start (8:40 am) |
| 19 Winter Break | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 School resumes 1/2/18 |

WINTER CONCERTS



Come and celebrate the season with festive music sung by our Madrona Choir on Wednesday, 12/13 @ 6pm and our Kindergarten through second grade students on Thursday, 12/14 @ 6pm.

Doors open at 5:30.

We have had a huge turn out for this event, so arrive early for a good seat.



Write your name
in your jackets!

The Hornet Way...



Be Safe



Be Respectful



Be Responsible



Be Kind

Are you planning a family trip for the holidays? As you think about your arrangements, we want to stress the importance of sending your child to school every day possible. Every year, absences spike in the weeks before and after the winter holiday as families squeeze in a few more vacation days. It's time to break that cycle. We know that just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and put your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school.

We recognize that holidays are an important time for reconnecting with families far away. The costs of plane tickets often influence when you want to travel. But keep in mind the costs to your children's education if they miss too much school— and the message you will be sending about the importance of attendance. Even if you've got a homework packet from the teacher, it doesn't make up for the interaction and learning that happens in the classroom. **Our teachers will be teaching, and our students will be learning, right up until vacation starts and the first day back.** This holiday season, give your children the gift of an education and the habit of attendance.

Are you a family in transition in need of some assistance, especially during this holiday season? We would love to help!

Eligible Living Situations:

- **Shelter** or Transitional Housing (not Section 8 or Group Homes)
- **Unsheltered:** vehicle, substandard housing, camping
- **Doubled-Up:** sharing housing of relatives, friends due to hardship
- **Hotel/Motel:** for lack of alternatives (voucher stays are "Sheltered")

We can help you get set up with community supports for you and your family. Contact our Family Advocate, Krystal Graham for more info.

Sign up to be a volunteer! Whether you plan on chaperoning field trips, helping in the classroom, or volunteering for special events, all volunteers need to apply online at www.threerivers.k12.or.us. Click on the "District" drop down menu and select "Volunteer Information." Scroll down and the link to apply is at the bottom. The application is good for two years.

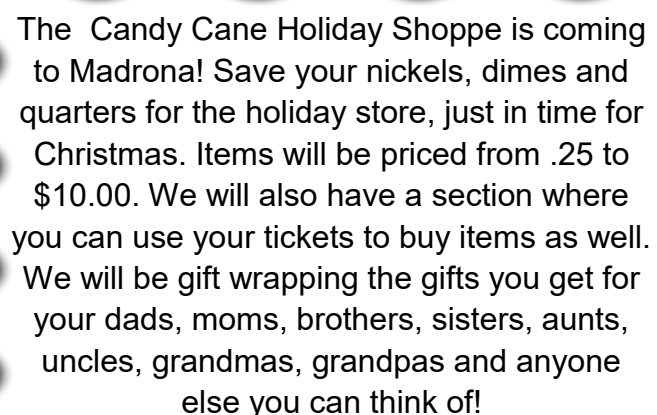
If you are viewing this newsletter electronically, [click here](#).

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- **Candy Cane Shoppe—12/4-12/8—Contact the office to schedule a time to volunteer**
- **Decorate the gym for Winter Concert—12/13 after PTSG meeting**

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME TO OUR FALL FESTIVAL! WE HAD SUCH AMAZING COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND RAISED *\$5,000.*

PTSG IS RAISING MONEY FOR A NEW PLAYGROUND! WE NOW HAVE \$25,000 OF THE \$40,000 NEEDED TO GET THIS PROJECT STARTED!



The Candy Cane Holiday Shoppe is coming to Madrona! Save your nickels, dimes and quarters for the holiday store, just in time for Christmas. Items will be priced from .25 to \$10.00. We will also have a section where you can use your tickets to buy items as well. We will be gift wrapping the gifts you get for your dads, moms, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandmas, grandpas and anyone else you can think of!