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Media Advisory

North Plains Elementary School Celebrates 100 Years

Centennial celebration taking place at the school on Thursday, May 28

May 20, 2015, Hillsboro, OR – North Plains Elementary School is commemorating its 100th year with a slate of activities on Thursday, May 28, and the community is invited to participate in the celebration.

Students will receive commemorative ribbons and a “birthday treat” at lunch, and will have the opportunity to view static displays of North Plains memorabilia, including an arrowhead collection by longtime resident Melvin VanDomelen, throughout the day.

Then, at 1:00 p.m., students will attend an assembly to which the news media is invited. The assembly will feature a proclamation by the Mayor of North Plains; a performance by the North Plains Elementary School Choir; a presentation by John Meek, former North Plains student and descendant of area settler Joe Meek; and the distribution of pom-poms to all students.

Students will be dismissed for the day by the ringing of the original 1915 school bell.

Parents and community members are then invited to attend an open house from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Drop in to view the static displays of historic memorabilia, and visit with current teachers and students about what they’re learning. Featured activities will be the grand re-opening of the school’s organic garden, hosted by students in the after-school Garden Club; a Science Lab open house, in which lab equipment and mini-experiments will be demonstrated; an Art Room open house, where guests can learn about the school’s partnership with The Right Brain Initiative and make “love rocks;” live horses, vehicle displays by our Fire and Police community partners, and more.

At 5:00 p.m. there will be a formal presentation, featuring remarks by the North Plains Mayor and Hillsboro School District Superintendent Mike Scott, an introduction of current and former principals, and band and choir performances. Refreshments will be provided by the North Plains Senior Center.

The celebration is sponsored by North Plains Elementary School, the North Plains PTO, the City of North Plains, and the North Plains Historical Society.

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About North Plains Elementary School: North Plains School was established in 1915 at what is now the site of the Jessie Mays Community Center and Park. The current structure was opened for students in 1954, and students attended classes in both sites until the original school building was torn down in the early 1960s. The original school bell was moved to the current school, where it is still rung on special occasions to celebrate student learning.

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