



Orengo School Times



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A Message from our Principal, Mr. Bishop

Dear Students and Parents:

We were pleased that so many of you joined us for conferences. I hope you learned that everyone is working hard in achieving their best in both academics and behavior. Stay in touch with the staff your child works with, and should you have any questions please give us a call.

Be sure to ask your child about Splash Cash and Mini-Classes. These will be held this month on the 9th and 22nd.

Thanks for your continued support. Please let us know what we can do to make the experience of having your child go to Orengo even better.

Tim Bishop and the Orengo Team

ELK'S FOOD COLLECTION BARRELS: We will participate with the Elk's organization in collecting non-perishable food items for local families. The food barrels will be located in the entrance. Barrels will be delivered some time during the second week of November. Sharing with those less fortunate is something we can all do. Please let your child know what your family can give, and allow them to bring the donations to school. Thanks!



UP- and- COMING

November 9th
"Splash Cash" Day

November 10th
No School-Veteran's Day

November 14th
Booster Giving Tree Begins

November 22nd
Mini Classes Activity

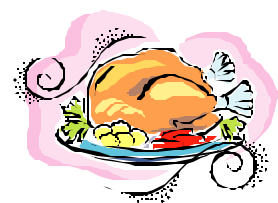
November 23rd-24th
Thanksgiving Holiday

December 1st
Early Student Release, 11:20
Teacher Preparation

December 4th
Grade Prep—No School

December 5th
Next Newsletter Out

December 7th
Report Cards Sent Home



KNOWLEDGE LEARNING CENTER:

Safe on-site Knowledge Learning Center's program means that children never have to negotiate transportation to another location. Our at-school location offers incredible convenience for parents. Add to this KLC's fun and enriching blend of learning and creations-a combination sanctioned by a host of school-age research professionals and you have an after-school program winner! For more information call 1-800-303-8738.

THANK YOU MRS. JUTH:

A huge shout out goes to Mrs. Juth who organized our longest running and most successful Scholastic Book Fair. She worked day and night to make sure the fair made over \$7500.00 dollars. This effort paid off in books for the classroom as well as completing our Orenco Almanac book set in the library. Thank you to all who browsed, bought and supported literacy!



THE FIRST GRADERS HAD A WILD RUMPUS!

Our wonderful first graders began their assembly with the Open up a Book song and then treated their audience to a dramatic reading of Where The Wild Things Are with the readers on stage and the rest of the classes on the floor. The masked dancers showed everyone how to do a Wild Rumpus! Next was the 5 Little Pumpkins, the Monster Song and finally the Orenco song. The finale was a music montage of fall in First Grade. What a talented group!

SAFETYASSESSMENT:

The Safety Assessment process is an important tool for promoting and maintaining safe schools. Whenever a student is violent or threatens others, school staff will initiate a Safety Assessment. The Safety Assessment is a multi-step process that evaluates the student for risk factors. The assessment may include interviews with the student, parents, and school staff; review of student records and behavior history; and evaluation by a mental health professional, such as a clinical social worker or clinical psychologist. The results of the Safety Assessment are used by school and district administration to determine disciplinary actions to develop behavior interventions, and to establish supervision and monitoring strategies.

These actions serve to protect students, staff and the school community. As part of our comprehensive Safe School's Plan, the District will not tolerate weapons and replicas of weapons on school property or at school activities. Please be sure that your child knows the weapons rule under Oregon law and District policy. Refer to the Elementary Parent/Student Handbook for more information to ensure safety for all students.



TERRIFIC HARVEST PARTY

The Booster Club hosted a wonderful Harvest Party featuring the Sunset Promenade Square Dancers who doosy-does their way into our hearts with their performance and teaching. At the Harvest Party, the Booster Club also treated us to photographs on the hay bales, seasonal crafts and great pumpkin pie donated by Costco. It was a fun way to kick off the season!



Savvy Sixth Graders

School Store

The 6th grade is once again in charge of operating the School Store. The store is open each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning from 7:50 - 8:00. The store sells a variety of school supplies at reasonable prices. We feel this experience is a great learning tool for the students. They are involved in the merchandise ordering, the actual selling, and balancing the books. What a REAL-LIFE math lesson!



Buddy Classes

Both sixth grade classes have been hard at work with their buddies. Mrs. Rainey's and Mrs. Schaefer's class is buddies with Mrs. Sprecher's second grade class, and Mr. Futer's class is buddies with Mrs. Dahl's second grade class. We have participated in a variety of activities, including art projects, reading, and constructing Venn diagrams. We always have a great time with our buddies!



Biome in a Bottle

We have created "Biome Books" for some of the world's major biomes, and we will soon have our "Biome in a Bottle" project. These will show students' understanding of the many science concepts we've learned.

Students will need to be creative in showing the various characteristics of their chosen biome. Good luck!



Countries Around the World

During November the sixth grade will be focusing on geography with an A-Z countries notebook. The kids will be compiling information on twenty-five countries after doing research using encyclopedias, the Internet, and almanacs. Students enjoy getting to know about different areas of the world, and they love putting together their notebooks.



Math Mania

The sixth grade kids have just finished a unit on algebra! Do you remember how to "evaluate an algebraic expression?"

Next up we will be tackling decimals, scientific notation, and problem solving. If you hear your kids talking about "TIPS check," ask them to explain this problem solving strategy to you.

Reading Class

Each student is expected to read independently at home. Every month sixth graders will be expected to read a different genre. In October they read mysteries and created "Wanted!" posters for reports. In November they will read a "How To" book; students will then give a presentation to teach the rest of the class what they learned.