



Orengo School Times



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A Message from our Principal, Mr. Bishop

Dear Parents and Students:

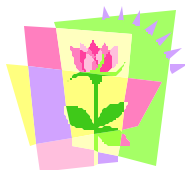
As we enter the last part of the school year, continue to recognize the growth and success your child accomplishes, reinforcing continued hard work and effort in school and homework.

April's school-wide themes were centered on the Character Trait of Honesty and the Lifeskill Sense of Humor.

As we move toward the last month, our emphasis will remain on ending the year with a positive academic focus, as well as including some extra motivating activities to participate in. May's school-wide themes include Courage, Problem Solving, and Curiosity.

Be sure to call your child's teacher if you have any questions. We continue to appreciate your support. Thank you.

Tim Bishop and the Orengo Team



Parent Input on Student Placement:

Your thoughts and insights of your child's needs are important to us in creating classrooms for next year. The form to use in providing us this input will be sent home today. We need this returned to the school by May 9th. Additional forms are available in the office.



Kindergarten Orientation:

Orientation will be May 3rd from 2:45-3:15 p.m. in the library. Parents will need to bring updated immunization records and a birth certificate. Your child is invited to attend also.

Volunteer Recognition Week:

The staff is setting aside the week of May 21st to say thank you to the many volunteers who assist us. A separate invitation will soon be sent to you. When you are here during the recognition week, we plan to have a variety of food items and a gift of "Thanks" that we hope will help you remember our appreciation is there throughout the year. Thank you for over 3,700 hours of volunteer time. You make a difference!

State Testing:

Schools across the country are required to take state assessments in reading and math under the No Child Left Behind Act. Students in Oregon take the Oregon State Assessment Tests online through the Technology Enhanced Student Assessment System (TESA). During the past few weeks, school districts across the state of Oregon have experienced serious disruptions in administering the required state assessments due to technical and contractual issues with a private vendor hired to provide this on-line testing service.

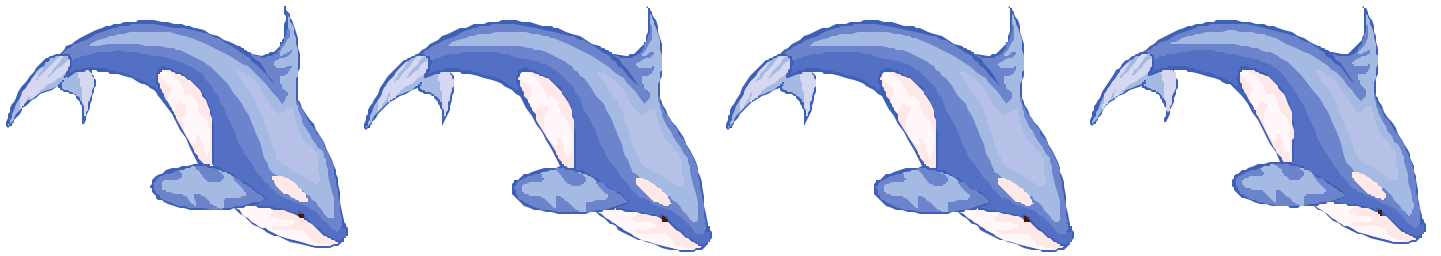
The Oregon Department of Education announced, as of March 12, that all state assessments on TESA have been suspended. All schools will be required to use paper-and-pencil assessments in math and reading for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year for the students that have not passed the state tests. Please know that the Hillsboro School District will work collaboratively with the Oregon Department of Education to provide the best possible testing environment for all students in our schools.

UP- and- COMING

Mark your calendar for these events:

- April 21st**-Egg Dash and Breakfast 8:30
- April 27th**-Spirit/Limbo Day
- May 3rd**-Kinder Orientation 2:45 in Library
- May 8th**-Booster Club 2:30
- May 9th**-Parent Input on Student Placement Due
- May 14th**-Book Fair Begins
- May 17th**-No School Staff Development/Conference Prep
- May 18th**-No School Parent Conferences
- May 21st**-Volunteer Appreciation Week
- May 25th**-Spirit/Beach Day
- June 9th** - "Splash Cash"
- June 12th**-Variety Show 1:10
- Last Day T/TH Kinders
- June 13th**-Field Day
- Last Day W/F Kinders
- June 14th**-Sixth Grade BBQ Move Up Day 1:10
- June 15th**-Sixth Grade Celebration, 9:30 a.m.
- Last Day of School
- Early Dismissal 11:20
- June 18th**-Last Day for Teachers





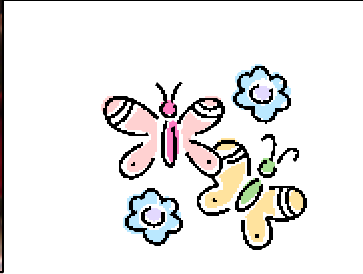
THIRD GRADE NEWSLETTER

What an AWESOME Assembly our 3rd graders put on for us! Hope you learned a lot about recycling, reusing and reducing to help make our planet a better place to live. Some of the projects we shared at the assembly included rainsticks, animal masks, and terrariums.

We will be distributing banks for you to collect loose change that will help to save acres in the world's rainforest. Each acre costs \$35 and we hope to save a wide expanse of Rainforest.

State Reading and Math tests are coming up again in May for some students. One big change on these tests is that they will be paper and pencil rather than computer tests. That is a change for this year only. We hope to see continuing growth on these tests.

For the Spring all 3rd grade classrooms are focusing once again on the 3 school rules – be safe, be respectful and be responsible. This is part of a school-wide program called "Positive Behavior System," PBS. Thank you for encouraging your child to make positive choices at school and at home as well.



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