



# Orengo School Times



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A Message from our Principal, Mr. Bishop

December 2010

## Dear Students and Parents:

We continue to be pleased with the student's enthusiasm towards their work and the results they are achieving. There is a lot of pride at Orengo for the effort being put forth. This is also reflected in the number of "Gotchas" given out for being safe, respectful and responsible. The total through December 7th is 10, 080—great job kids!

Our themes this month include the character trait of Compassion and We have just finished our Toys for Tots and canned food drives. We appreciate your willingness to share with others.

Our best to you and your family this holiday season and in the coming new year.

Tim Bishop and the Orengo Team



A favorite poem with a great message.



## What Shall We Give The Children

What shall we give the children the holidays are here?

Toys and games, and play things, as we do every year?

Yes, for the magic of toy land is part of the holiday lore.

To gladden the heart of childhood, but I shall give something more.

I shall give them more patience, a more sympathetic ear.

A little more time for laughter, or tenderly dry a tear.

I shall take time to teach them the joy of doing some task.

And try to find time to answer all the questions they seem to ask.

We'll read some books together, and take long walks in the sun;

Take time for a bedtime story after the day is done.

I shall give these things to my children, which will weave a closer tie,

Knitting our lives together with the gifts that money can't buy.



## UP-and-COMING

Mark your calendar for these events:

December 16th  
Spirit Day/College Sports

December 17th  
Christmas Sing-a-Long 8:30 a.m.

December 20 -  
December 31  
Christmas Vacation

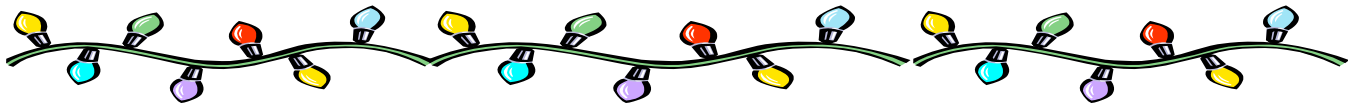


January 3rd  
School Resumes

January 11th  
Next Newsletter Out  
Booster Club, 2:30

January 17  
MLK—No School

January 20  
McTeacher Night at  
Cornell McDonalds



**School Closures:**

The district may close school or open late due to snow, freezing rain, or other conditions which could adversely affect the safety of children. When a delay or closure is needed, the decision is announced over local radio stations:

- KLX-AM 750
- KUIK-AM 1360
- KUPL-FM 98.5
- KINK-FM 101.9
- KWBY-AM 940/1230 (Spanish)
- KEX-AM 1190
- KKSN-FM 97.1
- KWJJ-FM 99.5
- KKCW-FM 103.3



**District Budget Matters:**

The Hillsboro School District, along with all other districts in the state, will be facing sizeable reductions to its General Fund budget in 2011-12 due to a variety of factors, including: continued economic slowdown and resultant drop in tax collections at the state level; increasing PERS costs; and a loss of federal stimulus money. Though the District has known for quite some time that those funding reductions were coming, it has been difficult to predict what their exact impact might be to our District. Over the past few months, however, the picture has become clearer with two more state revenue forecasts announced (one in August and one in November), and the PERS Board’s release of Employer Rate increases for the 2011-13 biennium.

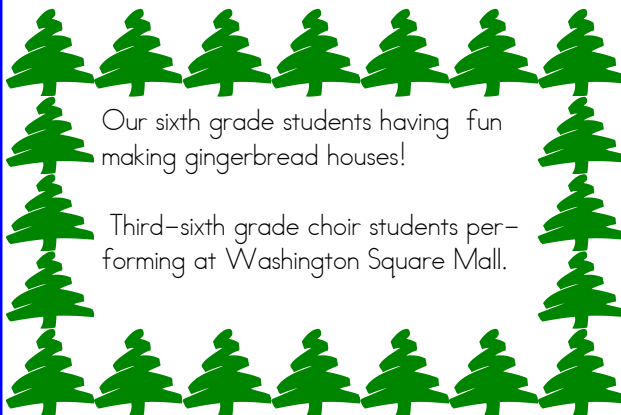
A budget webpage has been developed for parents, staff and the public to access all pertinent budget related information in one spot for ease of reference—and to provide feedback to the District.

**The webpage is located on the District website under: *District/Budget Matters*.**

**To connect directly, visit: <http://www.hsd.k12.or.us/District/BudgetMatters/tabid/1112/Default.aspx>**

**Sign Up for HP&R Winter After-School Session:**

The Hillsboro Parks & Recreation winter after school session is January 10– March 11 from 2:20-4:00 p.m. The sport is offered for 3rd – 6th graders. The after school sports program is an introduction to sports with an emphasis on teamwork, sportsmanship and recreation. The cost is \$35. Transportation is provided to students’ regular bus stop. Registration forms will be available at our bulletin board at each school and on our website at [www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/ParksRec/](http://www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/ParksRec/). Call Hillsboro Parks & Recreation at 615-3482 for more information.



Our sixth grade students having fun making gingerbread houses!

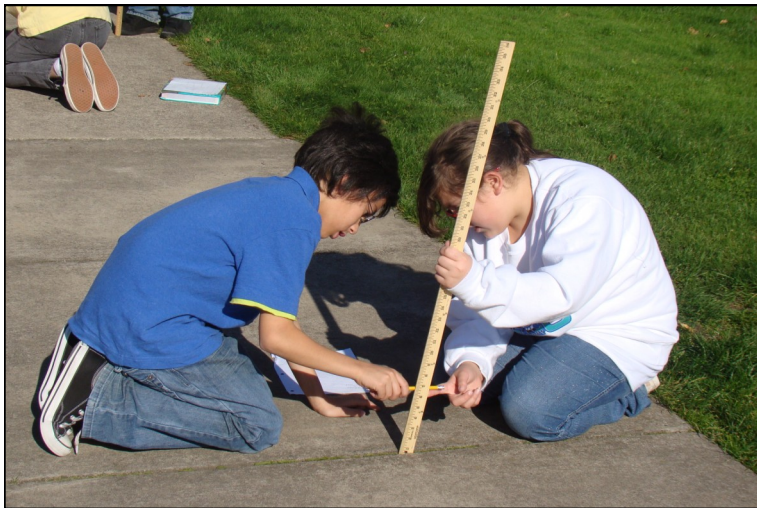
Third–sixth grade choir students performing at Washington Square Mall.



## Focus on Orenco's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Orenco's 5<sup>th</sup> graders are  
a delightful group of kids!*

The first trimester of learning has been a full and busy one for students in Mrs. Miller and Mr. Bunker's 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes. In math, students have taken on District standards of place value, algebra, decimals and fractions. Learning and knowing basic math facts continues to be important in facilitating everyday math. Reading and writing have taken off with strategies and practice to improve fluency and comprehension. In social studies, students have completed an early explorer unit. Science will also be focusing on the study of the solar system, body systems and physics of light.



Fifth grade is an important State Benchmark year. In January State benchmark assessments will include math, reading and science. Students will be assessed in reading, math and science in the state OAKS computer format. More specific information is available at the State Website: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/>

5<sup>th</sup> Grade's Fabulous Friday Team Time includes reader's theater and awards. Students experience numerous opportunities throughout the year to present fiction and nonfiction scripts to their peers. Readers practice articulation, animation, and creating simple sets. It has been fun to watch the readers improve their presentation skills.

Some future fun learning experiences will include students heading to Hagg Lake to release some 500 trout fry in the culmination of the "Fish Eggs to Fry" program sponsored by Oregon's Department of Fish and Wildlife. The trout eggs are due for delivery in February when students will observe, record, and predict hatching and development for over 500 rainbow trout eggs in our refrigerated tank. Science-O-Rama and Invention Convention will be future challenges in scientific and creative thinking.

A big thank you to parents who are making sure that their child is reading at least 20 minutes every night, discussing assignment records, signing them weekly, and making sure homework is complete.

