



Orengo School Times



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A Message from our Principal, Mr. Bishop

December 2006

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 November 30th is 7,520.

Our themes this month include the character trait of Compassion and the lifeskill of Caring. We hope you will hear from your child about the many planned in-class activities centered on these traits.

The school has "adopted" a number of families to help make their Christmas merrier. We are also participating with the Elks in collecting canned food. Students can deposit their donations in the large barrels located inside the entrance of the school. Thank you for your assistance.

In closing, continue to support your child's education program and recognize their effort. If you are able, visit at any time. Our best to you and your family this holiday season and in the coming new year.

Tim Bishop and the Orengo Team



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.



Our Christmas Giving Tree

UP-and-COMING

Mark your calendar for these events:

December 7th

Report Cards Sent Home

December 12th

DARE Graduation, 1:15
Booster Club, 2:30

December 14th

Student Council's Spirit Day
Wacky Hair Day

December 15th

All-School Christmas Sing-a-Long, 8:30 in Gym

December 18th-

January 1st
Christmas Vacation

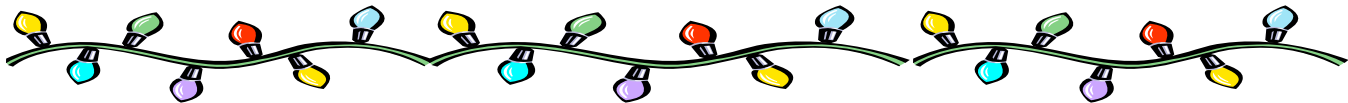
January 2nd

School Resumes

January 9th

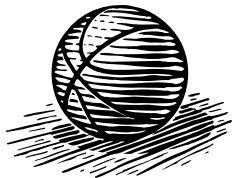
Booster Club, 2:30
Next Newsletter Sent Home





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

The Hillsboro Parks & Recreation winter after school session is January 9 – February 15. The deadline to register is January 5. The sport offered for 4th – 6th graders for the winter session is basketball. The after school sports program is an introduction to sports with an emphasis on teamwork, sportsmanship and recreation. The cost is \$15. Registration forms will be available at our bulletin board at each school and on our website at www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/ParksRec/. Call Hillsboro Parks & Recreation at 615-3482 for more information.



Operation School Bell:

This program assists families who are on free/reduced lunch by providing new clothing to elementary children, without cost or obligation to you, the parent or guardian. Clothing is provided once a year in October and November for the children in the family who are in elementary school. Please contact Ms. Nahl, Orenco child Development Specialist, if you would like to participate.

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

Sixth Grade Peer Mediators:

Last year a group of fifth graders took part in a spring training session to become school leaders and peer mediators. They are now outside during K-4th grade recesses assisting students while on the playground. These students will continue their leadership next year as they move up into middle school. A new group of fifth graders will be nominated in the spring and continue the tradition of Orenco's Peer Mediator program. Peer Mediators are: Margaret Wilder, Kylie Bowen, Kaelin Rich, Kenan Koenig, Ruqiya Abdirahman, Jose Valdivinos, Brittany McBroom, Alyssa Boyle, Emma Juth, Cody Hinchey, Jasmine Seng, Sean Croskey, Itchelle Mapanao, Carlie Bekish, Kayla Samsak, Garrett Poe, Eeje Quiroz, Ashley Alvarado, Savahnnah Tran, Nic Alexander, Khataun Thompson, Jacki Nieland and Joshua Houibre.

Cultural Passes:

Passes are available to area attractions at many libraries in Washington County. Attractions include A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, Children's Museum, Chinese Classical Garden, Forest Discovery Center, Japanese Garden, Oregon Sports Hall of Fame, Pittock Mansion, Portland Art Museum, Rice NW Museum of Rock and Minerals and Washington County Museum. Visit the Hillsboro library to register as a cultural pass user and to reserve a cultural pass for use. Passes must be returned by midnight on the day of use. Fees are charged for passes which are returned late or not picked up after a reservation is made.

Splash Cash:

2,064 dollars were turned in for Splash Cash—400 more than last year!



OUR MUSICAL SIXTH GRADERS PRACTICE HARD FOR THEIR ASSEMBLY!



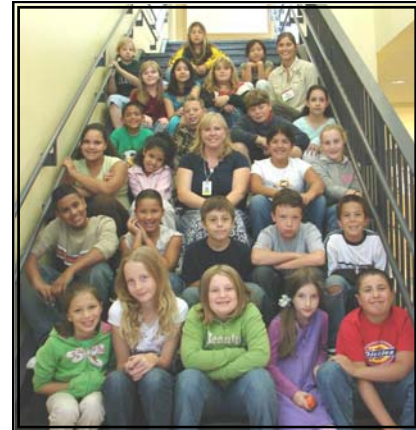
Fourth graders and their buddy class!



Focus on Orenco's 5th Grade

Orenco's 5th graders are a great group of kids!

The first trimester of learning has been a full and busy one for students in Mrs. Dale, Mrs. Williams and Mr. Bunker's 5th grade classes. In math students have taken on District standards of sums, difference, place value, comparing and ordering decimals, algebra, addition and multiplication properties, problem solving strategies and more. 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. Miss Kurtz, our student teacher, focused science teaching on our moon, stars, and solar system. Science fair preparation begins soon. In social studies, students researched explorers and the Age of Exploration. Students dressed up as their explorers and gave benchmark speeches to their peers.



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 TESA computer format. More specific information is available at the State Website:

<http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?=496>

5th 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.

DARE, Drug Abuse Resistance Education, will conclude with graduation on Tuesday, December 12, at 1:15pm. Orenco's DARE Officer Victor educated students about the dangers of drugs and ways to resist those who may influence them. Students appreciate Officer Victor's enthusiasm and caring.

Mr. Bunker's students are participating in Hillsboro District's pilot program, Adopt-a-Class. Students are paired with different District administrative personnel. Adopt-a-Class is a mentorship program to help foster student learning.

Fifth grade is looking forward to several field trips this year. In March, science class students will be heading for 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.

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.

