



Mountain View Elementary School

Newsletter

A joint publication of Mt. View School and Mt. View PTA

NOVEMBER 2009

November Calendar

- Oct. 28-30 No school – grading / conferences
- Nov. 11 No school – Veterans' Day
- Nov. 12, 13 Wetland Discovery Days
- Nov. 16, 17 Jog-a-Thon
- Nov. 17 PTA meeting, 6 pm
- Nov. 19 SCIENCE FAIR!!!
- Nov. 26, 27 No school – Thanksgiving



Science Fair: November 19

Exhibits! Activities! More info inside.

Attendance Line: 766-4761
Please Call Before 8:00 AM

HARVEST CARNIVAL: TONIGHT 5:30-8:00! Food, Games, Fun!

Letter from the Principal

Dear Mountain View Families,

I want to thank those of you who have signed up on our school listserv. We are hoping eventually to go paperless and send most of our communications to you via computer. To do this, we will need you to be on our listserv. So please sign up today at listserv.csd509j.net.

Thanks to our PTA for their generous and thoughtful contributions! PTA funds the food for Curriculum Night, the upcoming OMSI assembly, our school newsletter, our On the Move rewards program for students, and much more! And every year PTA contributes funds directly to each classroom for materials for students. Mountain View's PTA ROCKS!

Mountain View is On the Move with our new wellness program of walking or running every day weather permits. We REALLY need volunteers to help us punch lap cards at lunch time. If you are interested in being out on the track, call the office TODAY. We are on the move with many other school programs as well [**please see p.2 for details**].

Finally, thanks in advance for attending your parent-teacher conference(s) next week. If you miss it, you can call your teacher to reschedule.

Sincerely,
Rosemary O'Neil, Principal

PTA President's Corner

I want to take the time to thank all who have gotten involved in the Mountain View Community. All help with activities is essential and the activities wouldn't be the same without you.

There are many great things continuing to be done at Mountain View. This fall we still have **Jog-A-Thon** to look forward to (a healthy fundraising activity). We are beginning our **Artist in Residence** program soon and hope to bring out the artist in each of the students. In addition we have the **Science Fair** coming up in November. This is a great way for children of all ages to get involved in science.

If you are looking for ways to get involved but are not sure how, come out to a PTA meeting. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. You don't have to be a PTA member to get involved.

-- Dawn Young, PTA President



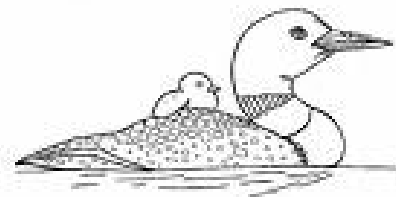
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Mountain View's Cool School Programs (cont. from page 1)

We are on the move with many other school programs as well:

- **Technology** is one of Mountain View's school improvement priorities. Classrooms need updated document cameras and SMART boards. If you are interested in contributing, you can do so through the Corvallis Public School Foundation (www.cpsfoundation.org). You can indicate your donation is for Mountain View Technology, so our children will be ready to efficiently and professionally use technology.
- We are in the third year of our **reading initiative** at Mountain View. Congratulations, our hard work is paying off. 94% of our Kindergartners last year were on level or above level in their reading scores as they moved into 1st grade. Our work continues to see that EVERY student is reading at or above proficiency by the end of 3rd grade.
- **Family Involvement** is vital to the success of our students. We are seeking ways to communicate and connect with you. If you have any suggestions for how our school can better connect with you and your family's needs, please email me or call our office.
- We have new **walk-in student pick-up** procedures starting Monday (see below). Try it for a few weeks, then give me your input.



Common Loon parent carrying chick

Thanks! -- Rosemary O'Neil, Principal

Walk-in Pick-up Plan: New and Improved!

If you park your car and walk in to pick up your child in the afternoon... READ THIS!
As of Monday, October 26, please pick up your child from the LIBRARY.

We are very excited to offer you this much safer plan:

- No parents or children walking through car pickup area
- Fewer children and adults in unsupervised hallways after school
 - Quicker pick-up time for parents and students

Tell other parents!!! Spread the good news!!!

The office, and your teacher and child, still need to know your plan by noon that day.



SMART Volunteers Needed

The SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) program, for students in full-day kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade, enables children to improve their reading ability and to interact with positive adult role models. Students attend a 30-minute session both Tuesday and Thursday, meeting in Room 14. Students are recommended by their teacher and must have written permission from a parent or guardian to participate. Our goal is to serve at least 75 students! To do that, we need adult volunteers willing to commit at least one hour a week to work with the students. Please volunteer your time, if possible, on Tuesday and/or Thursday at 8:30 AM, 12:30 PM and/or 1:30 PM. To apply, go to www.getsmartoregon.org or contact Bob Bernhard at 745-5816 for more information. Thank you!



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Tasting Tables Takes Off

The first Tasting Tables event of the year was held during lunch on Wednesday, October 7. All the children who attended lunch that day were able to sample the delicious grapes provided to us by Reynolds Farm, a locally owned and operated farm. The grapes, both red and purple, received rave reviews from the children, many coming back for seconds and even thirds.

Tasting Tables is a collaboration between the Corvallis Environmental Center’s Farm to School Program and the District Wellness Council. One day each month a different locally grown fruit or vegetable will be featured during lunch. Teachers will be provided with information about the local farm where the produce is grown, a fact sheet, and possible classroom activities.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Mountain View students to sample different foods and learn about the abundance of fruits and vegetables produced in our local community. The Local Pick of the Month for November will be pumpkins. If you have questions or would like to help with Tasting Tables one day a month for 1-2 hours, please contact Dodie Wilson at 745-7928 or dodieandjohn@hotmail.com.



Science Fair is a Blast!

We welcome and encourage all families to attend the Science Fair on Thursday, November 19 from 6:30 to 8 pm. Whether or not your child enters a project this year, they will have fun and be inspired, exploring the exhibits, seeing friends, and checking out the community groups’ displays and activities. This is always a fun night for parents too!



Please remember that project entry forms are due November 2nd. Forms and information are available at the front office and online on the Mountain View PTA website.

T-shirts

There’s no time like the present to order a Mountain View t-shirt! Many sizes are already in stock. Please call Dawn at 207-5460 or pick up an order form from school.

Wetland Discovery Days: Volunteers needed:

RESTORE needs parent volunteers for each classroom for the upcoming Wetland Discovery Days November 12th and 13th. You will help your student’s class move to and from the classroom and between activities. Check below for your child’s class time. Questions? Please contact Sarah Uebel at 745-5030 or suebel@peak.org. Look for the volunteer sign-up sheet in your child’s Friday Folder. And please remember to dress you child to be outside, in the wetland. Thanks!

Nov. 12, from 12:45 to 1:30	Baumgartner , Reynolds, Roush, and Tubbs
Nov. 12, from 1:45 to 2:30	Chrisler, Jaspersen, and Stiverson
Nov. 13, from 12:30 to 1:15	Clausing-Lee, Finney, and Stroup
Nov. 13, from 1:30 to 2:15	DeMeo, Fischer, and Macbeth

Donations requested:

Rubber boots your child has outgrown;
Garden trowels or small shovels;
Small baby food jars.
Deliver to Mrs. Roush or office. Thanks!



Buy SCRIP: Free \$\$\$ For Your School

We don't have anyone to run the paper scrip program this year, so currently we are only selling in-stock gift cards. If someone wants to take charge, we could expand this lucrative fund-raising program... (hint, hint). Meanwhile, if you are interested in purchasing any of our inventory, please contact Dawn Young at 207-5460.

eSCRIP

This is by far the easiest way to make money for our school. If you haven't already done so, sign up now. Contact Dawn Young at 207-5460 with any questions.

This is how it works:

1. Go to www.escrip.com
2. Our school number is 8564974
3. Register your Safeway card or any other cards of your choosing.
4. Mountain View PTA gets a percentage of what you spend at certain merchants.
5. We use that money to fund activities for your children.

Jog-a-Thon is Coming to Town

The 2009 annual Jog-a-Thon will be held **Monday, November 16 and Tuesday, November 17** during PE. There are approximately 280 families that attend Mountain View Elementary. If each family were to raise \$20, we could earn \$5,600! Last year we made about \$5,000 and we were able to fund many PTA-sponsored events and activities, such as the Artist-in-Residence. For more information, please look for the Jog-a-Thon packet that will be coming home next Friday. Questions? Contact Karmen Braaten at 745-5255 or karmen.m.braaten@gmail.com

Box Tops

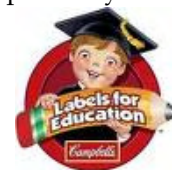
This is another way to earn money for your school without extra purchases. Many items you already purchase (diapers, Kleenex, cereal, and more) have the little box top picture on top. Simply cut it out (making sure that the date is legible) and send them to school with your child. All box tops collected will go towards purchasing an intercom system for the cafeteria.



the difference
1 can make.

Soup Labels

This is an easy and unique fundraising opportunity. When you buy items in the store that have one of these symbols on the label, simply clip the entire UPC/point value and send it to school with your student. Points turn into cool equipment and supplies for the Mountain View teachers and staff to use.



School attendance areas/transfers—On-line application process

Applications for in-district transfers at grades 1-12 for the 2010-2011 school year will be accepted by the Corvallis School District electronically between November 2, 2009, and January 15, 2010.

The on-line application will be available November 2, 2009 through the Corvallis School District website at www.csd509j.net. If you do not have access at home, free internet access is available at the District Office, 1555 SW 35th Street, or at the Corvallis Public Library.

Spanish language applications will be available via hard copy at individual school locations and the District Office.

Any transfers submitted after the January deadline will be added to a waiting list as they arrive and held until late August, when principals will have a chance to review and determine space availability. Families should enroll at their home area school until a determination is made.

For more information or assistance, please call the District Receptionist at 757-5811

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