



The Lion's Roarrrrr

A monthly newsletter from Mabel Rush Elementary

February, 2016 Issue 6

Dear Mabel Rush Families,

What a busy month we've had! We have seen some great student growth on our K-2 winter assessments and teachers have been using the data to make instructional changes to further challenge students. Grades 3-5 students now start their winter assessments.

We have a tremendously talented, caring, and hard-working teaching staff!

Report cards will go home on Tuesday, February 9th. We have a tremendously talented and caring teaching staff and their dedication to all our students is truly visible each and every day!

We welcome Greg Leijon (pronounced "Lee-yon"). Greg is filling in for Juli Cone who is out on leave. He has been working closely with our K-1 team to ensure a smooth transition for our kindergarten students.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day everyone!

Lisa Callahan,
Principal

February Calendar of Events

3	Spanish Club—3:15 PM
5	Family Fitness Night—grades 3 to 5 from 6:30-7:45 PM
8	Parent Coffee with Lisa— 9:00 AM
9	Parent Group Meeting—7:00 PM
10	Spanish Club— 3:15 PM
11	Field Trip— 2nd grade to Oregon Children's Theater
12	Battle of the Books—grades 3-5
15	NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day
17	Spanish Club— 3:15 PM
16-18	Dental Sealants, grades 1-2 @MR
19	Battle of the Books—grades 3-5
24	Spanish Club—3:15 PM

From our PIE Group

We are gearing up for a great Carnival event on March 12th. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Sue Wong or Christina Mark.

Our playground committee is working hard on getting information about new play structures. We look forward in the coming months to hear more about what will be available to us.

Mabel Rush Elementary School students are showing artworks this spring inspired by the art of Pablo Picasso, Marc Chagall and Frida Kahlo from January 19th to February 2nd at The Chehalem Cultural

Center in Newberg. This show marks the beginning of a series of shows for participating Mabel Rush student artists. The show dates are:

- **Pablo Picasso inspired Pastel Animal Show: Jan. 19th – Feb. 2nd.**
- **Marc Chagall inspired Dreamscape Show: Feb. 9th – Feb. 23rd**
- **Frida Kahlo inspired Self-Portrait Show: March 2nd – March 15th**

Students enjoyed learning about and creating art inspired by these amazing surrealist artists. Please feel free to contact Carla Cox, Art Lit, Mabel Rush PIE Group: carla@queeniecox.com

NO SCHOOL
There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, February 15th due to the Presidents' Day holiday.



News in Brief

Dental Sealants

The 2012 Oregon Smile Survey found that more than half of all 1st - 2nd graders have had a cavity and one in five children have untreated decay. **Capitol Dental Care School Sealant Program** will screen all first and second graders who have a signed permission form from their parents. Trained screeners identify students with dental infections (pain or abscesses).

They also provide free protective dental sealants which prevents 50% of cavities. A sealant is a white protective coating painted on the chewing surfaces of the permanent first molars. Placement of dental sealants does not require the use of a dental drill nor an anesthetic. In addition they will provide basic oral hygiene instruction to all screened students.

When: February 16-18, 2016

Who: 1st & 2nd grade students

Where: Mabel Rush Elementary

Scrip Notes

Remember to purchase your Scrip Gift Cards in our office this month! Scrip gift cards for many local businesses including Safeway and Fred Meyer are available. The Scrip program could very easily replace most of our school fundraisers if more families participated. The best part is that our school would earn money without parents needing to make donations. A \$100 gift card costs you \$100. We then get our donations through Scrip **without families paying anything extra!**

Valentine's Day Events



Remember that all food must be store-bought in the original unopened container. We also have numerous children with food allergies so please respect the communication from the classroom teacher to protect these children. Please contact your child's classroom teacher for additional information.



Family Fitness Night

We had a great turnout for our K-2 Family Fitness Night and now it's time for our grades 3-5 Family Fitness Night! **Join us this Friday, Feb. 5th from 6:30 PM-7:45 PM for the fun!** Students must come with parents or with the parent of another student in order to participate. Younger siblings may come with their grades 3-5 siblings!

Medication At School

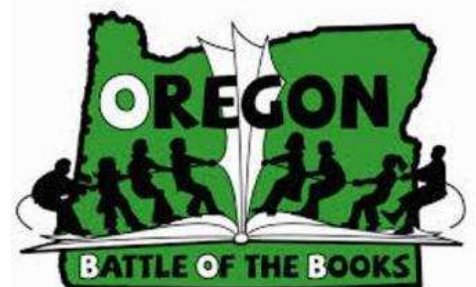
School District medication policy must be strictly followed step-by-step. If it is absolutely necessary for a child to take medication at school (including non-prescription drugs such as aspirin, cough syrup), it must be:

- Sent in its original container
- Clearly labeled with student's name, drug, and dosage
- Locked in the office and administered by trained staff
- Brought to school and picked up by the parent
- Accompanied by a completed and signed medical permission form.

Battle of the Books

Wow! This year there are 17 teams in our Mabel Rush Battle of the Books! That's incredible! These students have really risen to the challenge too! They've been doing LOTS OF READING and are ready to tackle the tough questions in this competition!

The battles begin on Friday, February 12th and continue on Friday, February 19th. Good luck teams!



Health Alert

We are seeing an increase in children diagnosed with Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) in our schools and throughout the county. HFMD is a common viral illness that usually affects infants and young children. The first symptoms of HFMD are usually fever, sore throat, loss of appetite and feeling sick. Several days after the fever begins, small red spots develop in the mouth that may turn into blisters or ulcers. A skin rash can also develop on the hands, feet, and buttocks, and sometimes on the arms and legs. Not everyone with HFMD has all these symptoms.

HFMD is a communicable disease spread by contact with an infected person's stool, nasal discharge, saliva or blister fluid. A person is most contagious during the first week of the illness but may remain contagious for several weeks in the infected person's stool. Symptoms of HFMD usually appear 3-7 days after initial exposure and infection.

If you suspect your child has HFMD please contact your child's health provider for diagnosis and other suggestion on how to treat the disease.

If your student is diagnosed with HFMD, your child will be allowed to return to school only with licensed health care provider permission or when the blisters are gone.

More information can be found at www.cdc.gov/hand-foot-mouth

Congratulations!

to **Camden Neiss** for winning the 2016 Mabel Rush School Geography Bee! Taking 2nd and 3rd places respectively, were **Mason Bell** and **Joshua Kim** and all 10 finalists did a great job!



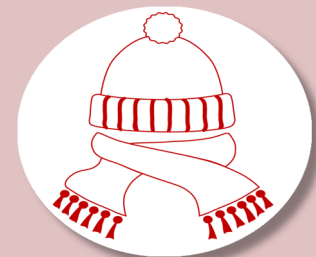
Congratulations!

to **Carter Milroy** who was selected from our school to receive the Kiwanis Terrific Kid Award! Carter earned this award by showing his teachers he is *Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive* and *Capable!*

**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY!**



**Please Call Daily
When Your Child Will Be
Absent
503-554-4496**



Winter Gear

Please be sure your children leave for school with the winter gear they need for outdoor recess.

A Corner of Appreciation for...

- *Nathaniel Martin for the generous copy paper donation to MR*
- *Thank you to Shawn Cooke, Mitch Sturdevant, and the Olea family who hosted a fantastic K-2 Family Fitness Night!*