

The Pirates' Press

"There's no better place to learn"

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What's Happening:

- 8-PTO mtgn.-Library (2:10)
- 10-Read-A-Thon money **DUE!**
- 12-Easter
- 14-All School Spring Portraits
- 14-Site Council mtgn.-2:10
- 15-Kgtn. Spring Portraits
- 15-4th gr. to Grants Pass Art Center
- 16-5th gr. to PDX-Zoo Snooze **7 AM.**
- 17-5th gr. returns from PDX-5:30 pm
- 20-4th gr. Table Rock presentation- 9am
- 22-Earth Day
- 23-color contest deadline
- 24-Read-A-Thon Assembly-TBA

Spotlight: A Message from the Principal...

Dear Parents,

As I talked with parents and teachers during conferences, it remains true that JP parents are very supportive of our school. This support is reflected in strong academic achievement and a school environment where students feel safe. Our relationship with you is a critical factor in the success of our school program. The teachers work hard to communicate regularly with you and keep everyone up-to-date on what is happening in the classroom.

Our primary initiatives this year are centered on three areas and will be continued next year. We are working to expand our **Positive Behavior Support System**. This is a school-wide system that teaches positive behavior in all areas of the school. **Academically**, we are working to improve writing fluency and beginning a process of aligning instruction in math with newly adopted math standards. Teachers are learning new techniques for increasing active participation and incorporating them in the class-room. It is a privilege for me to work with a group of teachers and assistants dedicated to continuous school improvement. (continued below)

The **March coloring contest** was won by...

K- Camden B, Daniel, Ellie G

gr.1-Matthew R, Jesus B, Kristina T

gr.2-Randi B, Madison O, Christian P

gr.3-Lorynn S, Cobey G, Coy M

gr.4--Cody M, Anna K, Reilly F

gr.5-Juleah A, Taylor S, Devon N

Grand Prize: Cristion T, Kayley O, Ashley S

Thanks to the PTO for the special "green" prizes

The deadline for the April contest is April 23.

Some tips for coloring...try things other than markers like crayons or colored pencils. Try to color in one direction, and stay in those pesky lines. Make sure you fill as much white space as you can, and cover up pencil marks.

(Principal's message...continued)

Finally, we are excited to begin using our **new field** after spring vacation. This project will provide an excellent resource for PE classes, recess, and community programs. All the hard work of the PTO and the many parent and community volunteers is about to pay great dividends for our students.

Once again, thank you for all your support!

Dave Fuller

Don't miss the 16th Annual
Easter Egg Hunt at Riverside Park
April 11, at 10 am sharp!

toddlers to age 10



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What's Happening In Your Child's Class

Teacher Feature

About 30 kids, Mr. Clogston, Ms. Kenney, and chaperones had a glorious day tubing and snow play at the tube hill at Diamond Lake. This trip was their reward for **perfect attendance** during the 2nd trimester. The next trip is in June and will be to Emmigrant Lake near Ashland for fun at the waterslides. If your child has "0" absences, "0" early dismissals, and "0" tardies they will be eligible to attend. These trips are all day events and the kids and chaperones are bussed to the destinations and back. So, keep the kids healthy, to school on time, and experience the fun!

This month we feature teachers **Jessica Coppes**-1st grade and **Georgia Brucher**-2nd grade.

Jessica was born and raised in GP. Her family is actually related to the "Jerome" family. She began her teaching career in 2002, at Brighton Academy and then moved to Florida and taught there for 2 years. The **huge** bugs, **humidity** and **hurricanes** brought her home. She has been teaching at JP for 3 years and will complete her Master's in Education in May. Jessica loves spending time with her family, snuggling with her cat Peanut, cooking, and working out.

Georgia has been teaching at JP for six years. She had previously taught at Evergreen and for District 7. She moved to GP 19 years ago, from CA, with her family. She has a grown son and daughter who both attended 3 Rivers schools. Georgia loves spending time with her husband, gardening, traveling in their 5th wheel, playing cards, fishing, reading, and playing with her two adorable mini-dachshunds, Kacie and Buddy.

Kindergarten...Ms. Strangis' kids are in need of plastic eggs filled with candy for their Easter egg hunt. They will spend this month learning about eggs and Easter.

Grade 1...Mrs. Lovell's kids will learn about the various animal life cycles and writing animal research papers. They will also study about the earth in preparation for Earth Day.

Grade 1... Ms. Coppes' kids are studying inventions and simple machines like levers and pulleys. They are also working on an animal research report which will include partner research, a 5-sentence paragraph, an illustration, and a class presentation. This month they will also begin a unit on money.

Grade 2...Mrs. Brucher's kids will be learning about the water cycle, plants, and the rain forest. The *Reading Warriors* and the *Seahawks* reading groups have already finished the 2nd grade series so will be starting some fun, different, but challenging activities. Many of the kids have made it into the Pirates' Den for success in both addition and subtraction math facts. Go Second Graders!!!

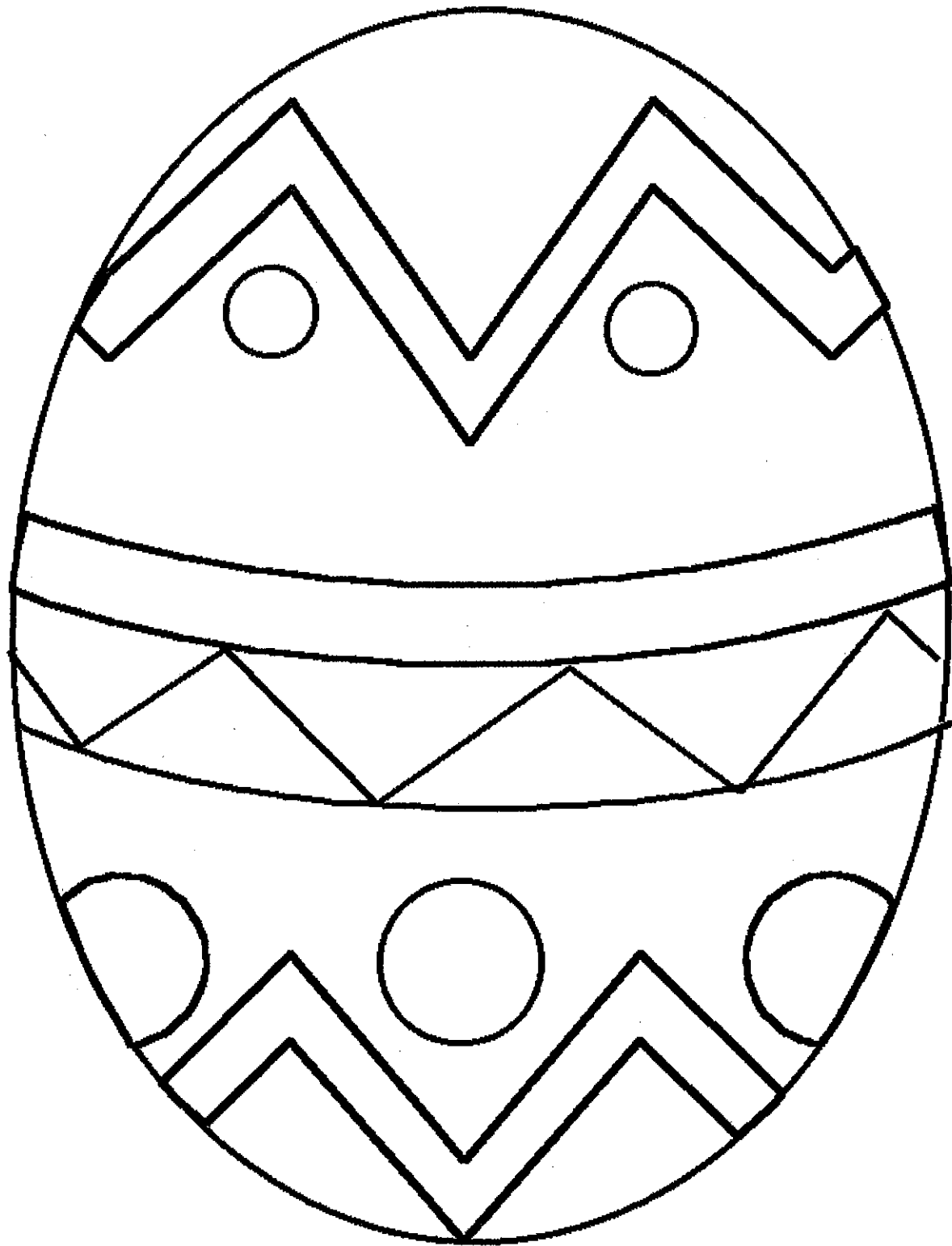
Grade 2/3...Mrs. Richardson's kids are studying Native American cultures, the seven continents, a literature study of *Annie and the Old Ones* and place value to one million with borrowing across zeros!

Grade 4/5...Mr. Harrington's kids are so excited that this month the 5th grade will tour Autzen stadium, the state capitol, and the Portland Zoo where they will tour the zoo at night (ZooSnooze) The 4th graders will participate in the "Get America Singing".....

.....performance at GPHS. Also, the 4th and 5th graders will be learning about, and making models of Colonial American life.

Grade 4... Mr. Clogston's kids wound up their travels to the Oregon Country in their simulation, *The Hacker Trail*. Two wagon trains ended up wintering over in Paradise and we'll never know if they made the rest of the journey or decided to stay in Paradise? The Ropers and Wild Coyotes met their fate just beyond Snow Pass when they made the decision to go for it and were caught in a snowstorm which trapped them for the winter. A few travelers managed to walk out and reach safety, but the rest died of starvation and exposure. So ends the saga of *The Hacker Trail*.

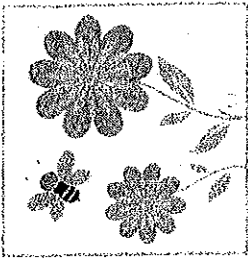
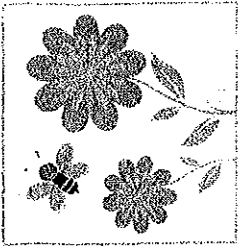
Grade 3...Ms. Kenney's kids will begin their study of the 50 states in geography.






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grade & teacher

APRIL 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5  PALM SUNDAY	6	7	8 PTO Meeting in Lib. 2:10	9	10 Read A Thon Money Due	11
12 EASTER 	13 ALL School Spring Portraits Site Council Mtg. 2:10	14 Kgm. Spring Portraits 4th Gr. @ Grants Pass Art Ctr.	15 5th Gr. Field Trip to Zoo Snooze 7:00AM	16 5th Gr. Returns- 5:30 PM	17 Read A Thon Award Assembly	18
19	20	21	22  Earth Day	23	24 Read A Thon Award Assembly	25
26	27	28	29	30 