



Upcoming Events

- **Food Drive**—
11/7 thru 11/22
Let's help out our neighbors in need!
 - **No School**—
Friday, 11/11
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Thursday & Friday,
11/24 & 11/25
 - **Winter Graduation & Performance**—
Thursday, 12/15
2:00 p.m.
 - **Winter Break**—
12/19 thru 12/30
Be sure to check out the activities sign-up sheet!
- **Slidding**
 - **Baking**
 - **Crafts**
 - **Games**



Late Breaking News!

Congratulations to Mike, Hanna, John and Milly for having essays selected for publication in an anthology of young writers. For more information, go to www.poeticpower.com. Well done guys!

We Are Thankful

I love my dog, Tucker. He is a Jack Russell Terrier. When I get home from school I open the kennel door and he runs outside and he does a lap around the whole yard. Then he comes inside and jumps beside me and lays his head on my lap and I rub his head and he falls asleep.



— Bailey P.



My mom is the most important thing in my life. She has given me life, food and a home. If it wasn't for her I wouldn't be here. I want my mom to know that I love her so much. I hope that she will see my children and their children. Forever I will love her.



— Hanna H.

Hello, my name is John.



I am writing about my sister named Kayla. Kayla is beautiful with her smiles and laughs. I enjoy it when we play. I am unhappy when she has to leave and sleep. Before she was born I was lonely a lot. And I am very happy that she was born.

— John N.



Soccer is my favorite sport ever. Our team name is the Hokey Pokeys. The joy of being with my teammates is the best part of it all; all of them have something in them that makes them special. It doesn't matter if we win or lose, we just have fun.



The commitment for my mom to take me to soccer and help with the team means a lot to me. My coaches are the best coaches ever.

I play really hard and I have been doing soccer for two years now. Soccer has taught me teamwork and discipline.

It has kept me distracted because my dad passed away, it takes my mind off of it. I've met all the parents and they love to tease me. Soccer is the best.

— Milly S.



Birthdays

- Sydney W.
11/14 — 5 years
 - Andrew A.
11/29 — 7 years
 - Tommy Y.
12/3 — 9 years
 - Zach G.
12/7 — 11 years
 - Chris W.
12/17 — 13 years
 - David Y.
12/19 — 11 years
 - Emma M.
12/19 — 5 years
 - Alicia G.
12/22 — 9 years
 - Asher W.
1/9 — 5 years
- Happy Birthday Everyone!**

Pajama Day



Halloween!

HOT FUNDRAISER You can support your school and avoid packing lunches twice a week. We prepare wholesome meals including a fruit or veggie (often fresh and organic) for only \$4. This month we're making ice cream milkshakes! The kids really get excited on hot lunch days, and the proceeds are a huge help. So far we have purchased bookshelves for the 2nd-3rd grade classroom, new games for rainy days, and a cordless phone system. Best of all... not a single magazine subscription or candy bar had to be sold!



A Fish Story

Hi, my name is Zach and I'm going to tell you how I discovered the baby fish. I was doing my checksheet to go into the fifth grade. I went up to my teacher to ask her a question. As I was standing I looked in the corner of the fish tank and saw the sand moving by a shellie's shell, but then I looked closer and saw a baby fish that looked like the sand! I told my teacher and she got excited. I told Michele, she takes care of the fish, and she got very excited too. I thought it was cool because I had never seen a baby shellie before.



Group Highlights



Pre-K - 1st Grade

We have some *power readers* in our class. Emma H. is racing along with over 200 books read! Well done, Emma.



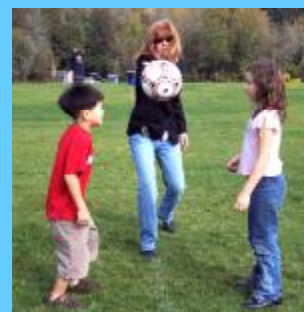
Andrew A. is steaming ahead at 150 books. The class is so excited about the reading program that they help each other with their reading and word cards. Sharing stories with each other is a highlight of the hour.

Anyone for pie? For November our students will spend a day making pumpkin pie. Then it's off to Alpenrose Dairy!

2nd - 3rd Grade

We are having a great time on "The Oregon Trail" unit. Students have learned many fascinating facts of how tough it was for the pioneers to make it to Oregon. They laughed and cringed at some of the children's chores, such as collecting buffalo chips for fuel and cleaning out the oxen's nostrils when they became filled with trail dust! As the holiday season approaches, the students are learning songs for our annual Christmas performance and gearing up for

plenty of fun projects and treats.



Our soccer unit was a big hit. We've got some talented athletes here!

4th - 7th Grade

For November, our class will be continuing with the Lewis & Clark unit with a visit to the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. We'll also be spending some time on the history of Thanksgiving, as well as the meaning of the holiday. We'll be celebrating by making some of the traditional foods and having a mini-feast. For December, we will be learning how countries around the world celebrate Christmas, and participating in activities and projects that are representative of the holidays for those places (i.e. making Reischbri (rice pudding) for Germany; Advent wreaths for Austria; mailaenderli (butter cookies) for Switzerland).

In keeping with the spirit for both of the holidays, our class will be participating in a Food Drive for families in need, and collecting toys for local children.



At Philip Foster Farm, students learned how pioneers constructed log cabins.