



# Pelican Press

A Family and Student-Centered School

February, 2017

## February Reminders

Boys' basketball practice begins on Monday, February 6.

The assembly for second quarter awards will be on Thursday, February 9, at 2:00 for grades 3-5 and 2:30 for K-2.

We exceeded our fundraising goal for the raffle ticket sales in January. Mr. Swan will be kissing a pig in the near future.

Valentine mailboxes may come in on February 13 and 14.

Students will not attend school on February 16, 17, and 20. The 16th and 17th are inservice days for staff. The 20th is Presidents' Day.

## Principal's Message

Greetings from the Pelican Pirate Ship! We all survived the January snow storms, school disruptions, sub-freezing temperatures, and of course, the fabulous school carnival. Whew!

Thanks to the tremendous support from raffle and carnival ticket sales, we raised over \$8000 for Pelican school programs, and I will definitely be kissing a pig in an upcoming school assembly. Oink! Oink! Once expenses are paid, proceeds will be divided among classroom accounts for field trips, supplies, student activities, and school assemblies. Thank you for making that possible.

February brings more focused learning time as we typically see good growth and progress toward student academic goals in reading and math. As always, great attendance and daily reading at home (at least 10-20 minutes, depending on age) make a HUGE difference in a child's exposure to words and the English language. Please keep this up!

Enjoy making the Valentine boxes at home with your students. The ideas are always outrageously creative. Students may proudly display them in the hallways beginning February 13.

Ahoy!  
Captain Swan

*Please call Pelican  
if your child is  
absent!  
541-883-4765*

**Awards Assembly**

Second quarter attendance and character awards will be presented to students during the assembly on Thursday, February 9. Grades 3-5 will receive their awards at 2:00 PM with grades K-2 getting theirs at 2:30 PM. Please come help us celebrate these successes.

**Report Cards**

Report cards for the second quarter will be sent home with students on Friday, February 3.

**Carnival Report**

Our carnival and raffle were quite a success! We brought in \$6156 on advance raffle ticket sales and \$2039 on game and raffle tickets the night of the carnival. The money raised will go into classroom accounts to help provide enrichment activities for students. We appreciate everyone's efforts in supporting the carnival.

Mrs. Grande's class brought in \$1264 to gain the top sales spot, and will celebrate with a trip to the ice arena.

Mrs. Dahm's, Mrs. Donarski's, Ms. Meyer's, Mrs. Susee's, and Mrs. Kappas's classes were the next best sellers and will have classroom treats.

The top ten individual sellers were Hope Moore, Marcus Woods, Lauren Mest, Danica Guthrie, Demitra Guthrie, Bryson Hayes, Hudson Mancebo, Evie Blodgett, Kaylub Coe, Carter Dahm, Phoebe Hewitt and Kelsie Anderson. Congratulations to all our hard workers and thank you for a job well done.

**Cake Decorating Contest**

The following students are the winners of the cake decorating contest held in conjunction with the carnival. Their amazing creations then became prizes in the cake walk.

Aden Reid	Natteley Maynard
Austyn Perkins	Danica Guthrie
Linda Lee	Jacob Culp
Lilla Perkins	Gavin Skinner
Stephen King	Olivia Ross
Mason Stover	Joseph Hidalgo
Richard Morrell-Yates	Jaylee Smith
Brooklyn Bailey	Marcus Woods
Emily Daniels	Carter Dahm
Ryder Jackson	Demitra Guthrie
Ela King	Abi Silcox
Madison Derra	Pablo Galindo
Connor Jackson	Izzy Collins
Mhaya Skinner	Gabby Johnson

Mrs. Dahm, Mrs. Susee and Mrs Kappas were the top decorators among the staff.

**Boys' Basketball**

Practice for boys' basketball begins Monday, February 6. Interested players need to get their sign-up sheets turned in immediately. Practices will be Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:10 to 5:10 PM. A game schedule will be available soon.

**Hawaiian Day**

In the midst of our cold and snowy winter we are going to look ahead to summer by dressing for the tropics on Tuesday, February 7. Students and staff are welcome to wear island clothing.

**Valentine Mailboxes**

Students are invited to create a decorated Valentine box to be displayed in the halls. We welcome boxes of all shapes and descriptions. Examples include guitars, globes, shoes, rockets and crayon boxes. Families are encouraged to use their imaginations and any materials they wish to build the boxes. One class will be awarded a healthy treat for the best overall creativity. Students may bring their boxes on February 13 and 14.

**February Days Off**

There are three non-school days in February. Thursday, February 16, and Friday, February 17 are professional development days for staff. Monday, February 20, is Presidents' Day.

**Flags for First Graders**

The Lion's Club will make their annual visit to Pelican on Friday, February 24 to present U.S. flags to all first graders. Students will hear a bit of history about our flag and learn the ways we show respect for it.

**Read Across America**

Pelican School will join the rest of the country to celebrate reading with activities centered on Dr. Seuss stories the week of February 27. Here is a list of the theme for each day:

- ~Mon. Feb. 27, Mustache Monday (The Lorax)
- ~Tues. Feb. 28, Hat Day (Cat in the Hat)
- ~Wed. March 1, Backwards Clothes Day (Wacky Wednesday)
- ~Thurs. March 2, Crazy Socks Day (Fox in Sox)
- ~Fri. March 3, Favorite Thing Day: Students may dress as twins, a specific Dr. Seuss character, bring wockets, etc. (Dr Seuss books of your choosing!)

We will host an AVID Dr. Seuss night for families on Thursday, March 2, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. The AVID WICOR skills will be demonstrated using Dr. Seuss books and materials. Healthy snacks and other fun prizes will be provided. Please plan to attend!

**Closures and Emergency Information**

It is important to be aware of the two school districts in Klamath Falls. Klamath Falls City Schools include Pelican, Mills, Conger and Roosevelt Elementary Schools, Ponderosa Middle and Klamath Union High. Klamath County School District covers the suburban and outlying areas in the county. The two districts often differ in their closure and delayed start decisions.

Closure information is posted on the Klamath Falls City Schools website ([www.kfalls.k12.or.us](http://www.kfalls.k12.or.us)) as soon as decisions are made.

The district sends phone and email messages to parents using phone numbers and email addresses on file. To receive text messages from the district text YES to 68453 to begin the opt-in process. To receive text messages from Mr. Swan, text @pelparents to 503-406-6627.

Please keep us updated with phone number and email changes to ensure you receive the messages. And opt in with your new number for the text messages.

**Starbase**

Mrs. Zemke's class will attend Starbase at Kingsley Field beginning February 10. They will go for five full-day sessions in February and into March to learn about science, physics and flight. Besides being interesting, this exposure can open minds to exciting career options.

**Farm Expo**

Ms. McCalister and Mrs. Dahm will take their classes to Farm Expo at the Klamath County Fairgrounds on Wednesday, February 22. This annual event gives students information on agriculture and natural resources in the Klamath Basin.

**Advantage Dental**

Advantage Dental representatives will return to Pelican at the end of February to put sealants on the teeth of students whose parents signed up for this service in the fall. These students were screened several months ago and it is now time for the follow-up treatment.

There will be another opportunity for dental services for students in the spring. The Oregon Education Association Tooth Taxi will be spending a week at Pelican. Information, paperwork, and permission slips will be sent home as the time approaches.

**Youth StARTS**

We are pleased to continue until the end of March this movement, drama and music program provided to our students by the Ross Ragland Theater. Students enjoy these twice-weekly enrichment classes that teach a bit about the wide world of performing arts.

**Happy Birthday, Oregon!**

In addition to February 14 being Valentine's Day, it is also Oregon's birthday. Oregon became a state on February 14, 1859. So along with celebrating those we love, we can remember our state on this day.

**Spring Break**

Because we all need to plan ahead, please note that Spring Break is the last week in March this year. School is closed the week of March 27, with classes resuming on April 3.