



# Pelican Press

A Family and Student-Centered School

May , 2017

## May Reminders

May 1, All-City Band/Recorder concert at Pel Court, 7:00 PM

May 2, Good News Club ends

May 9, All-City Orchestra concert at Ponderosa, 7:00 PM

May 10, Walk + Bike to School Day

May 11, Kindergarten Roundup, 5:30 PM

May 12, After School Program ends

May 15, All-City Choral concert at Pel Court, 7:00 PM

May 16, Ponderosa open house for 5th grade families

## Principal's Message

Ahoy! This week several Pelican classes carried on the wonderful tradition of delivering May Day flowers to our school neighbors and friends. This year the students included handmade picture cards attached to the 4" flower pots and left them on doorsteps. We always receive a few phone calls and notes from recipients thanking us for still teaching kids manners and acts of community kindness.

May officially kicks off the seven-week wind down of the school year. We scramble to complete planned curriculum units, make sure all required students take state testing, and schedule many field trips and outings for classes to enjoy in the warmer weather. There is still a lot to do until the last day of school on June 15, so please don't "check out" of school early. Every day is important and counts!

Pelican Chronic Attendance percentage rates (students who miss more than 10%) have made huge improvement from last year thanks to everyone working together to address this problem.

**2016-17 (as of 4-6-2017)**

**Chronic Absence: 12%**

**Regular Attenders: 88%**

**2015-16**

**Chronic Absence: 23%**

**Regular Attenders: 77%**

I ask for your support of the Pelican Booster Activity-a-Thon Fundraiser that will begin mid-month. We are keeping kids healthy, active, and engaged in school with this fundraiser, as well as raising money for next school year's projects for our students. We have some great prizes that top fundraisers can win. Every student will receive a prize during the Activity-a-Thon on May 26. Thank you!

Mr. Swan

*Please call Pelican  
if your child is  
absent!*

**541-883-4765**

**Spring Concerts**

May is spring concert month! The All-City band, orchestra and choral concerts are remarkable opportunities to enjoy the progression of musical talent in our district from elementary beginners through high school award-winners. Dedicated students and their teachers, along with hours of practice make it all happen. The concerts are as follows:

- Monday, May 1**, band/recorder, 7:00 PM, Pel Court
- Tuesday, May 9**, orchestra, 7:00 PM, Ponderosa Middle School
- Monday, May 15**, choral, 7:00 PM, Pel Court

**Kindergarten Roundup**

Families with children ready to start kindergarten in September are invited to Kindergarten Roundup on Thursday, May 11, at 5:30 PM. A light dinner will be available, along with information about school life and registration papers. Please bring your child's birth certificate and shot record.

**YMCA Swim Lessons**

Mrs. Susee's class will begin a series of six of swim lessons at the YMCA on Tuesday, May 2. We must have the written permission forms returned and students need to come with a swimsuit and towel on swim days. Mrs. Ogborn's class will start in mid-May and run through early June.

We are pleased that the YMCA is able to offer these free lessons. Students learn some basic water skills or enhance the swim skills they already have.

**After School Program**

The After School Program ends on Friday, May 12. All students not in the track program will then go home at regular dismissal time. Please discuss this with your child so they are prepared for the change on May 15.

**After School Program Track**

Track practice begins Monday, May 1, at 4:10 PM. On Monday, May 15, practice will begin at 3:10, because the After School Program will be over. There will not be a bus when the earlier practices end at 4:10. Please refer to the schedule that came with the sign-up form and to the calendar in this newsletter for practice and meet days and times. The season ends with an All-City meet on May 23 at 4:10 in the afternoon.

**Staff Transitions**

As most of you know by now, Mr. Swan will be moving to Klamath Union High School as Co-Principal next school year. Replacing him on the Pelican Pirate Ship will be Mrs. Michelle McCabe beginning July 1. Mrs. McCabe was a former Pelican teacher, and has spent the last three years as the Vice-Principal at Ponderosa Middle School. We welcome her back to the

land of pirates and treasures.

Mrs. Garich will be retiring as the Pelican Secretary at the end of this year. She has been at Pelican the last four years, and has worked in the school district 29 years. She has now graduated into retirement and can soon visit her grandchildren whenever she wants.

**5th Grade Transition to Ponderosa**

WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) Leaders from Ponderosa will come to Pelican on May 11 to visit with our fifth graders to help them get ready to become middle school students. WEB leaders are eighth graders who commit to mentoring sixth graders throughout the year. They start during the sixth grade orientation and are each assigned a group of about six students who they periodically work with the rest of the year.

In addition to this WEB visit, fifth grade students and their families are invited to a Ponderosa open house on Tuesday, May 16, at 6:30 PM.

**Destination Imagination**

The Ponderosa DI team, comprised of mostly former Pelican students and coached by our teacher Mrs. Stephanie Dahm and by Mr. Bill Patterson, took first place at their state competition and are headed to Knoxville, TN, in late May where they will test their skills against over 70 teams from all over the world. Good luck to Juan Perez, Matthew Dupuis, Alexis Dahm, Kate Rodriguez, Alana Smith and Scott Nuepert.

Two other teams from Pelican did not progress to world competition but are gaining knowledge to try again next year. They are Brooke Nelson, Isabela Coffman, Ben Pierce, Pablo Galindo and Antonio Galindo, coached by Mrs. Laura Pulley and Mr. Roberto Galindo; and Luca Perez, Dioceson Pomeroy, Carter Dahm, Jenae Rhine, Alyse Perez and Eleanor Rodriguez, coached by Mr. Justin Rodriguez.

DI leads students to use their creativity, STEM, and the arts to solve challenges they are given. They gain confidence as they think fast, draw on their experience, resources, and each other to present their solution to the judges.

**Walk + Bike to School**

May 10 is Walk + Bike to School day. Students and staff will gather at 8:00 at the gravel parking lot near the golf course and walk to Pelican. Families are invited to join us. It's a great way to wake up brains and bodies before we begin a day of learning.

**Water Safety**

Deputy Ron McKinney from the Klamath County Sheriff's office will be here the afternoon of May 19 to present a water safety program to our kindergarten and third grade classes. Students will learn what to be aware of around water and how to be cautious and safe while having fun.

**Activity-a-Thon**

The Pelican Booster Club is having their annual Activity-a-Thon fundraiser the afternoon of Friday, May 26. After the kick-off assembly on May 12, students will begin collecting pledges and donations for their participation in all the fun events the Boosters have planned.

The Boosters use the money raised to pay for several assemblies throughout the year. They also donate to teachers' classroom funds for supplies, field trips and enrichment experiences.

**Klamath Cares Klamath Reads**

On May 25, first graders will go to Steen's Sports Park for the annual reading celebration. Students will see a program and then listen as local celebrities read to them. They will bring home a book they have chosen from the samples they previewed several weeks ago.

**Heritage Days**

Mrs. Dahm and Ms. McCalister are taking their classes to Heritage Days at the Fort Klamath Museum on May 25. This all-day trip takes students into history as they watch re-enactors in period dress perform chores and jobs of the pioneer days.

**Outdoor School**

Mrs. Dahm's and Mrs. Zemke's classes are preparing for Outdoor School. They will have field trips to local areas to learn field science skills before they leave for their three days at camp beginning May 30. Along with science, students are also learning how their character habits of being safe, responsible and respectful are necessary to make the days and nights in the woods a happy experience.

**Third Quarter Awards**

The following students received awards for the third quarter at a recent assembly. It is always exciting to recognize these accomplishments and progress.

**Excellent Attendance**

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| Erik Bowers            | Jillian Breuer   |
| Ellie Brooksher        | Lily Childs      |
| D J Guyer              | Jalisa Jackson   |
| Hannah Larsen          | Hayden Lashbrook |
| Hudson Mancebo         | Natteley Maynard |
| Oliver McClung         | Aden Reid        |
| Payton Palmer-Stephens | Tanner Reit      |
| Alex Snow              | Sloan Blevins    |
| Jade Bowers            | Danica Guthrie   |
| Jack Hansen            | Amber Holt       |
| Isabella Mendoza       | Nia Merman       |
| Lauren Patroni         | Jeffery Rasdal   |
| Avery Santillie        | Reigna Williams  |
| Alexys Coe             | Christian Ayers  |
| Shelbie Bonser         | Kain Crump       |

- Jacob Culp
- Jaida Fox
- Linda Lee
- Lauren Mest
- Braeden Otero
- Samantha Patroni
- Ezraela Soriano
- Marcel Kent
- Gabriella Bragg
- Allison Carroll
- Skyler Dinger
- Harley Hult
- Stephen King
- Cash Matheson
- Star McNair
- Chloe O'Leary
- Kadence Whitaker
- Kaylana Bray
- Justin Childs
- Brooks Hewitt
- Sierra Igou
- Leeseey Lindsay
- Allysa Moore
- Ryleigh Nelson
- James Palmer
- Sara Sanchez
- Kaydence Woodford
- Connor Brown
- Grace Cook
- Emma Gettman
- Elizabeth Hance
- Hayley Martin
- Aiden Odle
- Taylor Phillips
- Christopher Stromberg
- Adriahana Blackwater-Garcia
- Rowlen Brandner
- Tildon Coffman
- MyLee Earhart
- Demitra Guthrie
- Campbell Kratochvil
- Hope Moore
- Hailey Nutter
- Isabell Robutz
- Kaylub Coe
- Hydee Christian
- Payton DeLonge
- Ashton Donoho-Jacobson
- Cassandra Dupuis
- Kayla Holt
- Ela King
- Kailer Perkins
- Adrian Sanchez
- Miles Baxter
- Tyranny Brown
- Lamar Cuellar
- Madigan Greer

- Alyaunah Davis-Meza
- Seven Harris
- Bobby Lewis
- Ayden Naylor
- Alexander Owens
- Hallee Prather
- Jacelynn Treat
- Evie Blodgett
- Gavin Breuer
- Jack Childs
- Bryson Hayes
- Reese Johnson
- Jayde Lilly
- Finn McClung
- Allie Nelson
- Gavin Skinner
- Jayce Garibay
- Madison Chapman
- Kale Clark
- Joseph Hidalgo
- Kendall Kratochvil
- Peyton Long
- Richard Morrell-Yates
- Ryan Nutter
- Aksel Richert
- Ashlyn Sharp
- Antonio Galindo
- Jeremy Cain
- Adam Gardiner
- Kyran Hammond
- Brandon Larsen
- Jason Nye
- Lucas Perez
- Cole Runnels
- Starla Whitaker
- Emma Arritola
- Logan Brown
- Carter Dahm
- Zooney Gonzales
- Phoebe Hewitt
- Dominic Lagunas
- Jonathan Murray
- Diceson Pomeroy
- Eleanor Rodriguez
- Jasper Childs
- Ian Davis
- Madison Derra
- Ryan Duguay
- Gabriel Glover
- Mia Johnson
- Nicholas Meza
- Alesia Romero
- Kelsie Anderson
- Madisyn Brooksher
- Isabela Coffman
- Nathan Derra
- Damien Hunt-Plummer

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Joel Mellentine	Brooke Nelson
Jaelyn Ortiz	Alyse Perez
Benjamin Pierce	Jenae Rhine
Taylor Rochelle	Ichiro Umemiya
Paul Vian	Zane Wilson
Pablo Galindo	Michelle Adams
Dakota Age	Hannah Alto
Christiana Blackwater-Garcia	Parker Andres
Rachael Bramwell	Izzabella Collins
Jamar Cuellar	Nataiah Davis-Meza
Mathyis Horton	Gabrielle Johnson
Aylah Martin	Viririana Mendoza
Gwendalyn Nye	Mhaya Skinner
Molly Wilson	Taiven Young
David Guyer	

**Good Character**

Ellie Brooksher	Jalisa Jackson
Hendrix Johnson	Branden Lewis
Tanner Reit	Dahlia Gaweiko
Brayden Deitz	Taylor Maese
Nia Merman	Jeffery Rasdal
Reigna Williams	Jaida Fox
Bobby Lewis	Skye Moore
Alexander Owens	Lilla Perkins
Marcel Kent	Gabriella Bragg
Inocencio Briones	Jack Childs
Bryson Hayes	Harley Hult
Braxton Smith	Nolan England
Kaitlyn Gettman	Kendall Kratochvil
Leeseey Lindsay	Peyton Long
Richard Morrell-Yates	James Palmer
Aksel Richert	Ashlyn Sharp
Rebecca Malsi	Hayley Martin
Lorena Moreno-Sanchez	Jason Nye
Aiden Odle	Lucas Perez
Taylor Phillips	Emma Arritola
Zooey Gonzales	Phoebe Hewitt
Jonathan Murray	Manny Ochoa
Diceson Pomeroy	Jasper Childs
Ashton Donoho-Jacobson	Gabriel Glover
To-le-us Ochoa	Kailer Perkins
Abigail Silcox	Kelsie Anderson
Miles Baxter	Lamar Cuellar
Damien Hunt-Plummer	Jenae Rhine
Megan Schwab	Pablo Galindo
Christiana Blackwater-Garcia	Nataiah Davis-Meza
Gabrielle Johnson	Aylah Martin
Mhaya Skinner	Taiven Young