# Perrydale School Community Newsletter 

# SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER <br> By Robin Stoutt 



## Singapore Math Framework

Welcome Back! It's that time of year again and frankly, we are thrilled. Fresh open minds, new books, unique ideas, and innovative programs make us very happy and this year we have many of these to tell you about. Please know that we are glad you and your family are part of Perrydale School.

You may be wondering what Singapore Math is all about and with good reason. What you may not know is that Singapore has led the world in math mastery for over a decade; its students become competent and proficient mathematicians at very early ages. Even better, they grow to be capable problem solvers who think mathematically with ease. Wouldn't it be nice if your child could enjoy the same success with math? Well, there's good news: We're teaching Singapore Math to your child this year. So let's discover what it's all about and how you can help your child succeed. It all begins with understanding the curriculum.

First, you need to know that Singapore Math takes a slightly different mathematical approach than what you may be used to. It revolves around several key number-sense strategies: (1) building number sense through part-whole thinking, (2)understanding place value, and (3)breaking numbers into decomposed parts or "friendlier" numbers, ones that are easier to work with in the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

Second, Singapore Math does something dramatically different when it comes to word problems. It relies on model drawing, which uses units to visually represent a word problem. Students learn to visualize what a word problem is saying so they can understand the meaning and thus how to solve the problem.

Third, we have mental math, which teaches students to calculate in their heads without using paper and pencil. Sure, your child will still need to commit facts to memory, but mental math will teach him or her to do calculations using proven strategies that don't require pencil and paper.

Fourth, the strategies taught in Singapore are layered upon one another. One strategy is the foundation for another one. For example, students need prior knowledge of bonding in order to be successful at strategies they will learn later on (like vertical addition).

Last, Singapore Math teaches students to understand math in stages, beginning with concrete (using manipulatives, such as counters, number disks, dice and so on), then moving to pictorial (solving problems where pictures are involved), and finally working in the abstract (where numbers represent symbolic values). Through the process, students learn numerous strategies to work with numbers and build conceptual understanding.

With time and practice, they eventually master the traditional methods and algorithms, but with a MUCH deeper knowledge and with far more confidence. The staff at Perrydale are excited to embrace our new curriculum.

## Mark Your Calendars...

- Picture Retakes are October $19^{\text {th }}$.
- PSAT for Soph. /Jr. is October $12^{\text {th }}$.
- Harvest Carnival is October $27^{\text {th }}$ from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Parent College Night/Financial Aid is November $15^{\text {th }}$ at $5: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
- ASVAB Test is in November.


## Remember -

If you would like to volunteer in our classrooms, please come in and fill out a criminal background check. We encourage parents and other district citizens to visit our school and classrooms, but please report to the school office to receive authorization to do so. Thank you for thinking of the safety of our kids.

## From the Playing Field

By Chris Gubrud



It has been a great fall through the halfway mark of the High School Seasons. The Volleyball team is undefeated in league play and is the favorite to win the league title. The girls swept a Home 3-way match vs. Jewell and St. Paul and have been dominant in all other league matches. On Wednesday October 5th we will play at St. Paul which will likely dictate whether we win the league title outright or finish in a tie with the Lady Bucks, please come and support the girls, they are playing at a very high level.

The football team started the season with a comeback win against Lowell avenging a tough loss to the hands of the Devils a year ago. A dominant win over Dufur at home was an indication that this team is for real and can compete with any team in the state this year. The league title will be decided on Friday October 28th at St. Paul. A big visitor crowd will do nothing but help our Pirates.

The Middle School volleyball and football teams are off to strong starts, both winning season openers over Falls City. Both groups have had a good turnout of athletes and this will lead to a high level of success on the field/court.

## Meeting Notice

By: Tammy Ruegsegger, Title I Coordinator

Perrydale Elementary School will hold its annual Title I meeting on Thursday, October $13^{\text {th }}$, at $3: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Parents will meet in Dianna Godbey/Tammy Ruegsegger's room. We will provide information on our Title I program and parental involvement. Hope to see you there.


Our Ship Shape award winners this month are: Dakota Lawrence, Kiyla Clement, Laina Boyce and Lodi Halverson. Congratulations to them for a great start to the school year!

## Are you interested in supporting Perrydale Athletics?

Join the Athletic Boosters!

- No monthly meetings.
- Fun group to help with fundraising.
- No huge time commitment.
- Volunteer once or just donate to our worthy cause.
Email Lisa Mitchell at www.lisapirate5@yahoo.com
GO PIRATES - Let's Boost 'Em!


## Attention: High School Students and Parents

There is going to be "College 101" here at Perrydale on November $15^{\text {th }}$ at 5:30 p.m. in our new Science Lab. Come to learn more information about the college process from visiting speakers from area colleges, past Perrydale graduates who are now in college and Perrydale staff. Our high school students will be selling dinner so you can feed the family and learn all you need to know about success in college. See you there. Mrs. McCartney

## Information From The Perrydale Parents Club <br> By: Anna Scharf



School is back in session and the Perrydale Parents' Club is back to work too. Our "Welcome Back to School BBQ" was a great success. A special thank you goes out to Heather Gettman, PPC Secretary; John Johnston, Perrydale School Board member; and Jose and Antonio Juarez, Perrydale Parents, for being our cooks at the event. The food was fantastic!

The PPC would also like to thank the Comerford Family for putting together our new storage shed, and Lisa Mitchell, Perrydale School Board member, for helping with the painting. Everything fits in it perfectly and it looks GREAT!

This year the PPC has several projects budgeted. Some of them are complete and others we still need help with. Please contact a PPC member if you are interested in assisting with any of the events on the calendar or with any of the budgeted items.

## 2011-12 School year budgeted items:

Elementary School - Mats for the playground - COMPLETE
Middle School - Financial assistance for the $8^{\text {th }}$ grade trip - COMPLETE
High School -Career exploration, field trips, guest speakers, etc, - NEED HELP (ongoing)
School Wide: Assemblies - Being worked on by Leadership Class Purchase additional resin tables - COMPLETE Purchase items for CASE Curriculum - COMPLETE Staff and Faculty "Spring Wish list" - NEED HELP (March) Hospitality events - NEED HELP (on going - See PPC Calendar)
Our next meeting is October $13^{\text {th }}$ at $7 \mathbf{p m}$ in the Science Lab. We will have a quick debrief of the Back to School BBQ, discuss the monthly newsletter, and be kicking off our March 10, 2012 PPC Auction planning! We hope to see you there.

PPC Officers: President - Anna Scharf, Vice Pres. - Vacant, Secretary -

| 2011-2012 PPC Meeting and Event Schedule |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| September | 8 | Monthly meeting 7:00 in HS Science Lab |
|  | TBD | Hospitality - Back to School BBQ |
| October | 13 | Monthly meeting 7:00 in HS Science Lab |
| November | 10 | Monthly meeting 7:00 in HS Science Lab |
| December | 5 | Monthly meeting 7:00 in HS Science Lab |
|  | TBD | Hospitality - Christmas Program |
| January | 12 | Monthly meeting 7:00 in HS Science Lab |
| February | 9 | Monthly meeting 7:00 in HS Science Lab |
|  | TBD | Hospitality - Career Day |
| March | 8 | Monthly meeting 7:00 in HS Science Lab |
|  | 10 | PPC Auction! |
|  | TBD | Hospitality - Dr. Suess Day |
| April | 12 | Monthly meeting 7:00 in HS Science Lab |
|  | TBD | Hospitality - School Wide Improvement Day |
| May | 10 | Monthly meeting 7:00 in HS Science Lab |
|  | TBD | Hospitality - Spring Play |
|  | TBD | Hospitality - Relay for life/ jump rope for heart |
|  | TBD | Hospitality - ES - Field Day |
|  | TBD | Hospitality - MS/HS Academic Awards |
| June | 14 | Monthly meeting 7:00 in HS Science Lab |
|  | TBD | Hospitality - K. Graduation |
|  | TBD | Hospitality - MS Graduation |
| July |  | No meeting |
| August |  | Meeting - Date and location TBD |
| Other Activates |  |  |
| Spring - Teacher wish list - $\$ 100$ for each teacher / staff member. PPC purchases and delivers items. |  |  |
| New for 2011/2012 we will be helping plan and carry out career oriented field trips for the HS students. |  |  | Heather Gettman, Treasurer - Jennifer Moran, and Hospitality - Nancy Johnston

## WELCOME TO PERRYDALE

We would like to give a warm welcome to some new faces here at Perrydale. We are excited to have them be a part of our Perrydale family. Suzanne Carey is our new $1^{\text {st }}$ Grade Teacher; Stephanie Burke is our new $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Teacher. We welcome Gary Henrickson for Spanish and Ashley Richards as our new Ag Teacher.


Suzanne Carey: ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Grade, Stephanie Burke: $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade, Gary Henrickson: Spanish, and Ashley Richards: Ag Program


Behavior Specialist: Matt Hall

## Perrydale Cheerleaders Corner

By: Mrs. Yovino


Here it is a new school year and we have so many great things planned for our squad. We would like to welcome Veronica Anderson to our squad. She is a junior this year. Our numbers have fluctuated up and down since basketball season last year. Lots of changes and the girls adjust so well. We have one eighth grader and three sophomores and three juniors at this time. We also have girls who are involved with other sports in the winter but will be back for basketball season. One of our new fundraisers this year is selling Christmas ornaments! They are beautiful. We will be selling them from now until Christmas break. There is one on display in the office if you would like to take a peek! I am really excited for this season. The girls have been working very hard to make a difference with our school spirit. We are working with Mrs. Romey and her leadership group on assemblies, and activities to encourage school spirit. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our games: football, volleyball, and basketball. I feel this is the year of the Pirate and we need your support to keep our spirits high. See you on the sidelines! Go Pirates!!

## Carnival Time!!

By: Miram Yovino
Save the date! Thursday, October $27^{\text {th }}$. Our annual harvest carnival is the happening place to be. Lots of fun, prizes and good food! We will have a return of the dunk tank, bouncy house, and lots of fun and prizes for all ages. Tickets will be 25 d a piece or 5 for $\$ 1.00$. Dinner this year is a Spanish Fiesta theme with burritos, Spanish rice and refried beans. Yum!! All of the classes are working the booths and all of the monies we raise at carnival will go to purchase playground equipment, help with prom and other activities the students may have. So, come out and support our great school. Visit with old friends, and make new ones as well. We look forward to seeing you at this great event. Thank you in
 advance for your support.

## Perrydale School Board Goals 2011-2012

1. To meet the targeted goal of $70 \%$ of students meeting and exceeding Oregon State Assessment Standards (OAKS).in Math for the 2011-2012 School Year.
2. The school district will increase its engagement with the Perrydale Community through expanded communications, collaboration and involvement opportunities.
3. The Perrydale School District will improve the district's facilities by prioritizing improvement projects while staying within our budget.

If anyone is interested in contacting the board, feel free to do so at TheBoard@perrydale.k12.or.us .

## FFA News

By: Ashley Richards
This year has been another successful one for the Perrydale FFA chapter at the Polk County Fair. Many members of the chapter showed their Supervised Agricultural Experience project. Afton \& Bobbi Dubanski and Cassie Flores-McCarthy showed poultry; Cassie won Grand Champion Poultry Showman. Bobbi also showed sheep, making it back to the final showmanship round. Veronica Anderson showed her meat goat and was asked back for the champion market class. Joe Hiebenthal, Mick Hawes, Zach Starr, Landon Pope, and Alex Hawes all showed market hogs. Zach and Landon both made it to the championship class for market hogs. Mick and Joe were asked back to the champion showmanship class. The annual Pork for People program bought 20 pigs from the floor for needy people in the Polk and Yamhill Counties, helping several FFA members through the auction. Bailey Heide participated in the FFA State Horse Show on August 24th. She participated in Showmanship, English Pleasure, and Western Pleasure. She received Champion in Showmanship and Grand Champion in the Championship Class. The Perrydale FFA chapter would like to thank Bri Hawes, parents, and volunteers for their help at county and state fair this year. Upcoming events for Perrydale FFA include District Leadership Camp, September 14th- 15th
 National Convention, October 19th- 22nd.

## College Corner

By Sheila McCartney, Principal

Students in their junior and senior years of high school make some of the most crucial decisions of their whole lives. Parents want to support their children at this point in their lives but sometimes don't know how to be most helpful at this stressful but important time.

The best way, I believe a parent can be helpful is to assist their student in staying organized. Use the following checklist to keep track needs to be accomplished this fall. Schedule activities and deadlines on a calendar and review the calendar often as a family. Anytime you have questions, call me.

## Junior Year <br> Fall, 11 -

- Make an appointment with Mrs. McCartney to review graduation status.
- Discuss post high school plans with parents.
- Start investigating career choices. Talk to people in those careers and find out as much as you can.
- Prepare for PSAT's. The test will be given on October $12^{\text {th }}$ at Perrydale. Sign up for the ASVAB Test given at school in November.
- If you are an athlete who wants to play sports in college, there are steps you should take the fall of your junior year. See your coach for details.
- Come up with a list of 10 possible choices of colleges.


## Attend college fairs and research schools on-line or by looking through school catalogs in the library

- Work hard at school to ensure a strong grade point average.
- Keep a log of all community service and school activities for later use on college and scholarship applications.
- If you are interested in a job shadow in your chosen profession see Mrs. McCartney to learn how to set that up.
- Attend College Night at Perrydale in the Science Lab on November $15^{\text {th }}$ at 5:30 p.m. Make sure to bring your parents.


## Senior Year <br> Fall, 11 -

- Stay focused and involved. Don't slack off your senior year - it counts!
- Meet with Mrs. McCartney to review graduation status and college credits.
- Prepare and sign up for SAT's (www.collegeboard.com).
- Narrow down college choices and begin application process. Request recommendations from teachers at least two weeks before the deadline.
- Work with parents to complete the FAFSA (financial aid) worksheet so you are ready to complete the process on-line in January.
- Update resume.
- Continue log of all community service and school activities.
- Request scholarship applications and start applying.
- If you are interested in a job shadow see Mrs. McCartney to learn how to set that up.
- Attend College Night at Perrydale in the Science Lab on November $15^{\text {th }}$ at 5:30 p.m. Make sure to bring your parents.


Our Auto Dialer, called School Messenger, has been a great success as a way to communicate with parents and community members. Many of you may have already received a call communicating school activities taking place.

If you are a community member and would like to be on our auto dialer, please call our office and give us your name and phone number and you will be kept up to date on events happening at Perrydale. Also, if you are reading this Perrydale Newsletter and are not receiving it by mail and would like to, please call the office and let us know.

## Site Council News

## By Janet Person

Site Council meets on the second Tuesday of every month at $3: 45$ in the library. Our October meeting will be on the 11 th. One of our topics for this meeting will be our math program. The math task force is invited to attend this meeting.

Site Council's primary responsibility is the improvement of instruction. The Council is responsible for analyzing student performance assessments and developing an action plan that will help increase student performance at the school. Action by the Council may include the development of plans to improve curriculum and the school's instructional program. Increasing student performance, curriculum development and ongoing professional growth of staff are also part of Site Council's responsibilities.

Site Council is made up of community members and staff. If anyone is interested in becoming a part of the Council, they may contact Janet Person or Sheila McCartney at 503-623-2040.

By Anne Riley
Welcome back! A new school year brings all kinds of new things to Perrydale. One of them is Perrydale School Library hours. We are trying something new this year: I will be manning the library desk on Mondays and Wednesdays 7:15$3: 45$. (If school is closed due to a Monday holiday then the library will be open on Wednesday and Friday.) We will still have elementary students coming down once a week and Battle of the Books will be starting soon. Look for notes coming home with students in late October.

Mrs. Stoutt also has her Anything is Possible at Perrydale meetings in the library on the last Monday of the month. These informal meetings begin at 7:30 a.m. and finish around 8:30 a.m. This would be a time you could share your great ideas for our Perrydale kids and how we might make those ideas happen. As many of us already know... Anything is Possible at Perrydale. So mark your calendars for: Monday, Oct. 31st, Nov. 28nd, No December meeting, Jan. 30th, No February meeting, Mar. 19th, Apr. 30th, and May 31st.

## Plan to Attend!!

The Oregon University System is coming to Yamhill/Polk County

OUS Fall Visitation - Great for students and families! Tuesday, October $\mathbf{1 8}^{\text {th }}$, 2011 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. McMinnville High School 615 NE $15^{\text {th }}$ St. McMinnville, OR 97128

6:30-6:55 Pre-session by Chemeketa
7:00-7:20 OUS Overview
7:30-7:55 Breakout Session 1
8:00-8:25 Breakout Session 2
There will be several Oregon Universities and Community Colleges Represented.

Look for flyers for more information.

## Parents:

The 3:00-3:30 p.m. recess is very crowded. Please keep the stairway clear and supervise your younger children. Thanks for your help on this safety issue. Also, just a reminder there is no adult supervision until 7:15 a.m. Please do not drop your kids off before 7:15 a.m.

## CHILD FIND

The Perrydale School District is responsible to locate, evaluate, and serve children with special education needs, from birth through 21 years of age. If you know any child who may need special education or if you have questions about what services can be provided, please contact Mary Reid at (503) 835-3184 or write to the school for information (7445 Perrydale Road, Amity OR 97101).

## El HALLAZGO del NIÑO

El Distrito de la Escuela de Perrydale es responsable para localizar, evaluar, y servir a niños con necesidades especiales de educación, del nacimiento a 21 años de la edad. Si usted conoce a cualquier niño que puede necesitar la educación especial o si usted tiene preguntas acerca de qué servicios se pueden proporcionar, por favor contacto a la Sra Mary Reid en (503) 835-3184 o escribir a la escuela para la información ( 7445 Perrydale Road, Amity OR 97101).

## Career Day at Perrydale



We are attempting to hold the sixth annual career day here at Perrydale to provide our future graduates information on the opportunities awaiting them. We are seeking volunteers who would be interested in sharing information about their profession with Perrydale High School students. The date will be February 25th. Interested patrons are encouraged to contact Sheila McCartney at smccartney@perrrydale.k12.or.us or by phone (503)623-2040.

## $2^{\text {nd }}$ Annual Athletic Booster Dinner/Silent Auction

Your Athletic Booster Dinner was held September $17^{\text {th }}$ at the Polk County Fairgrounds. Thanks to generous sponsors, community donations and coaching staff support we had a successful evening.

The funds raised will go towards supporting athletes and all athletic programs here at Perrydale.

Very special thanks to Mrs. Cruickshank, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Halverson, Ms. Yovino, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Domes, Mrs. Starr, and Mrs. Hiebenthal. If you didn't make it this year, you missed an enjoyable evening of great food and even better company! But, not to worry, we are already planning the $3^{\text {rd }}$ annual event. Please come and support us next year!

## Thanks for supporting your Perrydale Athletic Boosters!!

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