

March Newsletter 2010

Dear Parents and Community Members,

February was a short but busy month at Meadows Valley School. High School basketball, for both the boys and girls teams, has provided a great deal of entertainment and excitement for the community. The Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball Team, coached by Dick Yoakum, placed first in the 1A District Tournament held in Cascade on February 3rd, a feat that had not been done for many years. On February 4th the Varsity Girls Basketball Team, coached by Robert Campbell, placed first in the 1A District III Tournament, held in Cascade. The positive support of the fans has gone a long way in helping to encourage the teams through all of their efforts.

On February 11th the Meadows Valley Booster Club put on a fund raiser spaghetti feed and baked goods auction to raise money for the additional costs and transportation for the student athletes who would be representing Meadows Valley at the upcoming state tournaments. This was a great event and was well attended and supported by the community. When all the proceeds were counted up at the end of the evening, the booster club had cleared over \$2000. The food for the spaghetti feed was donated by Sysco Foods as well as numerous other local businesses. We really appreciated their hospitality. The Meadows Valley Pep Band, under the direction of Jeff Parnett, worked hard at fund raising efforts as well. They paid for all their transportation, food and lodging and came to play for the girls at the state basketball tournament. They are hoping to play for the boys at state as well.

I could like to say thank you to this great community for coming out and supporting the sports and extra-curricular programs at Meadows Valley. The 1A District victory by the girls won them a place in the 1A Division II Girls State Basketball Tournament held on February 18th through the 20th. You can go to the girls' basketball page on the website to see highlights from the games and how the standings went in the tournament. The girls played two very tough and experienced teams at state. I know this won't be the last time Meadows Valley will send a girls varsity basketball team to state. It's only the beginning. We are anticipating that the boys' varsity will also make their way into the state tournament on March 4th through the 6th, but they have one more game to win on Saturday February 27th in Glenn's Ferry. Be sure to check the website for dates and times for the many upcoming events.

Junior high basketball games started on February 23rd. Meadows Valley has an A and B girls' junior high basketball team coached by Heather Reiner and a boys' junior high team coached by Robert Campbell. These young players are our future. It is important to come and support these young athletes too.

The end of 3rd quarter is March 26th. We are nearing the final stretch of our school year. Spring break begins after school on the 26th of March, with students returning to school on Monday the 5th of April. Fund raising for the science field trip scheduled in April, is in full swing. Be sure to visit Dan Richard's web page for details on how you can get involved and donate to this important annual event.

The date for the Spring Carnival has been changed from March 19th to April 30th. It has been changed to include Celebration of Education Night, which will run 5:00-6:30 P.M. with the Spring Carnival overlapping at 5:30-7:30 P.M. Come check out your students' classrooms and then join us in the gym and cafeteria for lots of fun.

Meadows Valley Winter I.R.I (Idaho Reading Indicator) for grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade was February 9th & 10th. Hopefully you have had the opportunity to see your student results on this important assessment. There will be another I.R.I. test in the spring. I.S.A.T. testing is also scheduled for this spring .Be sure to check the parent information page on the website for testing dates, and times.

The elementary student awards for academics, citizenship, and most improved were honored on February 4th. Another elementary awards assembly is scheduled for March 4th at 8:15 A.M. If you have an elementary student, you are invited to attend.

To continue working towards implementation of the Parent Involvement Policy for our Title I program, all elementary parents and guardians are being asked to participate in filling out a brief survey. This survey should have come to you in your students Friday folder on February 26th with a letter explaining the purpose of the survey and due date. The purpose of the survey is to help Meadows Valley School come up with ways to involve parents in helping provide a high quality education for our students. The survey is available on the website as well on the Parent Information and Title I pages. On the Parent Information page or the Title I web page, you may click on the link to read the Parent Involvement Policy. If you have any further questions, please e-mail me at dflaming@mvsd11.org. Look for articles about reading on the Title I webpage as well.

It is important that you visit Power School regularly to check the grade status of your student(s). If you need your log in information, contact Erin at the school office or call 347-2411. I am proud to be a part of the Meadows Valley school community. Thank you for your support. My door is always open. It is a privilege to be a part of this great community!

Sincerely,
Dion Flaming