

# Board Report

## Fort Vannoy School

### March 2009

The excitement is building as we get closer to our 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration. There has been a school on Vannoy Creek (then called Applegate Creek) since 1858/1859. The first school was a log cabin on the north side of Vannoy Creek.

There was a military post near here during the 1855-1856 Indian Wars. The fort was not a fortified stockade as we usually think of a fort, but a group of log cabins that served as a safe place for families living in the area.\*

On Monday, April 13, 2009 we are going to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary with events all day. During the day, students will listen to banjo music and fiddle music, learn about the Native American tribes who lived in the area, and talk with folks dressed in period costumes to get a feel for history.

During the evening community members and families will be able to have guided tour of the refurbished nature trail, view the murals inside and outside of the school, take wagon rides, listen to music and have dinner at Fort Vannoy. Shuttle transportation will be provided between Dutcher Creek Golf Course parking lot and Fort Vannoy by First Student.

We have had several planning meetings to prepare for the big event. We have already had one Saturday work day to put mulch on the nature trail and another is planned on April 4, 2009.

Evening events and dinner will run from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Shuttle service will run from 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM between Dutcher Creek and the school.

Jack Garmendia, a fourth grade student in Kara Mohr's classroom placed second in his age group at the annual Hoop Shoot. Ellie Polk, a fifth grade student in Paul Woodruff's classroom went to the Regional Science Fair. She placed second in Microbiology at the middle school level. Ellie is also our Rotary Student of the Year.

Staff trainings the recent months have included Site in the Box teacher page design presented by Tim Zietlow and Autism training with Kirby Erickson.

The PTA put on three Movie Nights during February and March. The movies were selected for the age groups of K-1, 2-3 and 4-5 grade students. Many families attended and had a great time.

The PTA also helped us celebrate our wonderful Classified Employees with gifts and recognition throughout Classified Employee Recognition Week.

Our monthly Breakfast with the Principal continues to be a popular event. It appears that participation in the free breakfast program has increased. We are waiting for numbers from Michael to confirm that impression.

\*Taken from "a Moment in Josephine County History" The Sneak Preview, September 4, 2008, Forts and Stations by Joan Momsen.