

# LORNA BYRNE MIDDLE SCHOOL - VIKING VIEWS

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## WORDS FROM MRS. HUISH

Happy November! I am amazed with how fast the school year is flying by. We are already through Fall Conferences and are quickly approaching the end of the first trimester on December 1st, 2011. With this deadline quickly approaching, please help your student plan their time accordingly so there won't be any surprises with grades. If you have any questions surrounding your child's current grades or their missing/late work, please contact their teachers via e-mail or phone.

I would like to take a quick moment and remind you that everyone here at LBMS is excited to be working with our students and families to prepare them for high school and beyond. I would urge all of our parents to support our efforts by doing three important things on behalf of their children:

1. Make sure your children attend school regularly. We know that children become ill, and there are legitimate reasons they need to be absent. Please make sure that at all other times your son or daughter is at school. If your child is missing more than one day a month of school, they are likely outside of what Oregon considers "regular" attendance.
2. Help your children understand and value the importance of a good education. We are working hard to improve our effectiveness as educators and getting them ready for high school and eventually college or a rewarding career.
3. Stay involved with your school and staff members. We urge you to communicate concerns with your child's teachers and to track their grades and attendance online throughout the year. And we invite you to all school activities such as school socials, dances, concerts, and sports activities. We love having parents visit our schools and being a part of our school family.

I hope you and your child have a fantastic month. Remember that my door is always open if you would like to talk. I look forward to seeing you around our campus.

## WINTER STORM • FLASH FLOOD • FIRE • EARTHQUAKE • HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPILL

The next time disaster strikes, you may not have much time to act. Prepare now for a sudden emergency. Learn how to protect yourself and cope with disaster by planning ahead. Discuss these ideas with your family, then prepare an emergency plan. Post the plan where everyone will see it - on the refrigerator or bulletin board. For additional information about how to prepare in your community, contact your fire district 541-592-2225, sheriff's department 541-592-5151 or the American Red Cross at 1-800-433-9285.

Prepare a Disaster Supplies Kit - Assemble supplies you might need in an evacuation. Store them in an easy-to-carry container such as a backpack or duffle bag. Include:

- o A supply of water (one gallon per person per day). Store water in sealed, unbreakable containers. Identify the storage date and replace every six months.
- o A supply of non-perishable packaged or canned food and a non-electric can opener.
- o A change of clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes.
- o Blankets or sleeping bags.
- o A first aid kit and prescription medications.
- o An extra pair of glasses.
- o A battery-powered radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries.
- o Credit cards and cash.
- o An extra set of car keys.
- o A list of family physicians.
- o A list of important family information; the style and serial number of medical devices such as pacemakers.
- o Special items for pets, infants, elderly or disabled family members.

For winter driving, your vehicle emergency kit should include:

- o Battery powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries
- o Booster cables
- o Fire extinguisher (5 lb., A-B-C type)
- o Bottled water and non-perishable high energy foods such as granola bars, raisins and peanut butter
- o Blanket
- o Kitty litter
- o First aid kit and manual

In a life threatening emergency, dial 9-1-1.

## Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) in full force at LBMS

USDA expanded assistance to state agencies for schools operating Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) in the 2011/2012 school year. The investment is part of the Obama administration's efforts to improve the health of our children by providing access to nutritious meals in schools and also serves as a valuable resource to schools that continue working to improve the health and nutrition of the foods they serve. The assistance provides free fresh fruit and vegetables to children throughout the school day.

"Improving the health and nutrition of our kids is a national imperative and by providing schools with fresh fruits and vegetables that expand their healthy options, we are helping our kids to have a brighter, healthier future," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "Every time our kids eat a piece of fruit or a vegetable, they are learning healthy eating habits that can last a lifetime."

"The program is highly successful in introducing schoolchildren to a variety of produce they otherwise might not have the opportunity to try," said Kevin Concannon, USDA Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services. "I am pleasantly surprised when children tell me it was their first time trying a particular fruit or vegetable. Fortunately children are learning fruits and vegetables are healthy choices and tasty alternatives to snacks high in fat, sugar, or salt."

If you would like information about the fruits and vegetables being served at Lorna Byrne Middle School, contact TRSD Food Services at 541-476-4183 or visit their website at <http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us/SectionIndex.asp?SectionID=1025>

### Child Find for Special Education

Public Law 105.17, known as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), requires that school districts provide a free and appropriate education to all disabled children and young adults from birth through 21 years of age. The Three Rivers School District requests assistance with the identification of any disabled children ages birth through 21 who are not enrolled or currently being served in one of the District's schools.

If you know of any disabled children ages 0 through 21, who are not receiving education services, please phone the Three Rivers School District Special Education Dept. at 541-862-3111 ext. 5202.

Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action. W.J. Cameron

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov. 9 - SMILE Family Math and Science Night  
6-8pm**
- Nov. 11 - No classes**
- Nov. 14 - Basketball vs. North MS white 4:30pm**
- Nov. 16 - Basketball @ Lincoln Savage 4:30pm**
- Nov. 16 - AMC8 Math Competition**
- Nov. 17 - Thanksgiving meal served for lunch**
- Nov. 17 - Basketball @ South MS green 4:30pm**
- Nov. 21 - No classes**
- Nov. 22 - No classes**
- Nov. 23 - No classes**
- Nov. 24 - No classes**
- Nov. 25 - No classes**
- Nov. 28 - Basketball vs. Fleming MS 4:30pm**
- Nov. 30 - Basketball vs. South MS white 4:30pm**



150 NE 'E' St. (corner of 7th & E) Grants Pass OR 97526  
Mon-Sat 8:30am-6pm • Sun 10:30am-4pm  
(541) 476-3132 or (800) 290-8365

### SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Encouraging children to read falls heavily on our local school libraries. With funding cuts, being able to purchase books that are in demand is often very difficult. To assist our library, OREGON BOOKS has altered their partnership program to provide direct credit to the LORNA BYRNE LIBRARY which can be used at any time!

The program works in this fashion. Any supporter who mentions LORNA BYRNE when purchasing books triggers a donation of 5% of the total purchase to the LORNA BYRNE account. When Lorna Byrne supporters order books online at [oregonbooks.com](http://oregonbooks.com) just add the school name in the comments section or mention it when picking up the books.

As an example of how all this works, if we have 50 supporters buying \$10.00 worth of books each month, our library would have \$300.00 during the year to spend!

Thanks for your support – HAPPY READING!  
Mrs. Snook, Librarian

## Teacher's Corner:

Just a friendly reminder that grades will reflect proficiency (mastery) of content skills. Many classes have approximately 50% of their grades based off proficiency skills. If a student fails a proficiency assignment, his or her grade may significantly drop. They do have multiple opportunities to retake the assessment in which the higher grade will be the one kept on file in the grade book. If you have any questions about proficiency grading, please contact your student's teachers.

## WANTED: Coach for Girls Basketball

Lorna Byrne Middle School is seeking minimum two (2) coaches for girls 7th and 8th grade basketball.

This is an opportunity to give back to community and make a difference in our students lives.

The girls basketball season starts just after winter break, and lasts 6 weeks. In terms of a time commitment, it's not really a lot of time and it is very rewarding and fun.

Please contact Darrell Erb, Dean of Students and Athletic Director at 541-592-2163.

Coaches must complete paperwork before Thanksgiving to be eligible to coach.

# ATTENDANCE

**It is proven that school attendance is a factor in the overall success of students.**

If your student is ill or must be absent, please be sure to phone the LBMS Attendance Office and let us know.

Homework can be requested on the second consecutive day of absence. Homework requests need to be made before 10:00 am.

101 S. JUNCTION AVE., CAVE JUNCTION, OR 97523

**PHONE 541-592-2163**



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thanks to all of you that have been sending in your Box Tops for Education. This year's Advisory Class Competition has been going great. Be sure to have your student turn their Box Tops in to their Advisory Teachers because so far we have submitted over \$300 worth of Box Tops to use for library books!

You can also help by joining the Box Tops for Education Booster Club at [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com). Signing up is easy, plus, you'll earn 5 Bonus Box Tops!

If everyone helps, we can earn more cash for our Lorna Byrne Library than ever before. Remember to tell your friends and family to SAVE their Box Tops for you and help your student's Advisory Class win an ELECTRONIC ADVISORY!

Thank you for making a difference for our school.

Sincerely,  
Joann Snook, Library Manager

## Shoebox Christmas

Ardith Campbell will be coordinating the Shoebox Christmas for the needy again this year and would appreciate any shoeboxes for gifts. You can bring your clean, empty shoeboxes to LBMS office for reuse.



Shoeboxes are filled with goodies like toys, games, books, stationery and clothes, and given to those who may not receive a gift otherwise. If you have a donation you'd like to make to fill the shoebox, they are always welcome.

# OAKS Calendar

## (Oregon's Assessment of Knowledge and Skills)

### November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 FASTABEND	9 FASTABEND	10 FASTABEND	11 No School	12
13	14 UNGER	15 UNGER	16 UNGER	17 UNGER	18 UNGER	19
20	21 No School	22 No School	23 No School	24 No School	25 No School	26
27	28 CALDERON	29 CALDERON	30 CALDERON			

Dear Parents/Guardians;

It is that time of year here at Lorna Byrne for us to begin our State Testing (OAKS). We have included some helpful hints and practices to make the testing session a little less stressful for your student. If you have any questions regarding OAKS, please feel free to contact the school.

- Preparation for your first test should begin on the first day of class; this includes paying attention during class, taking good notes, studying, completing homework assignments and reviewing study materials on a regular basis.
- Eat before a test. Having food in your stomach will give you energy and help you focus but avoid heavy foods which can make you groggy.
- Keep a positive attitude throughout the whole test and try to stay relaxed. If you start to feel nervous take a few deep breaths to relax.
- Keep your eyes on your own paper, you don't want to appear to be cheating and cause unnecessary trouble for yourself.
- Pace yourself, don't rush. Read the entire question and pay attention to the details.
- Always read the whole question carefully. Don't make assumptions about what the question might be.
- If you don't know an answer, skip it. Go on with the rest of the test and come back to it later. Other parts of the test may have some information that will help you out with that question.
- Don't worry if others finish before you. Focus on the test in front of you.
- When you are finished, look over your test. Make sure that you have answered all the questions. Only change an answer if you misread or misinterpreted the question because the first answer that you put is usually the correct one. Watch out for careless mistakes and proofread your essay and/or short answer questions.