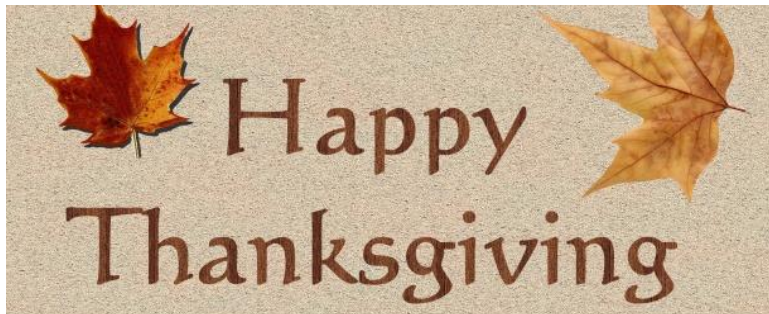




FORT VANNOY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NOBLE NEWS



NOVEMBER 2022



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Nov. 1 - Hat Day/Crazy Hair Day
- Nov. 2 - Twin Day
- Nov. 2 - P.M. Conferences
- Nov. 3 - P.M. Conferences
- Nov. 3 - Pajama Day
- Nov. 4 - A.m. Conferences
- Nov.6 - Daylight savings time ends- set your clocks back one hour
- Nov.9- Picture retakes
- Nov.9- Portland Opera assembly
- Nov.11 - Veterans Day (no school)
- Nov.16- Holiday Luncheon

- Nov. 23- No school-vacation
- Nov.24- Thanksgiving Day
- Nov.25- No school-vacation



Students Arriving Late....

We understand sometimes it is hard to get up and around first thing in the morning. If your child is running late please sign your child in at the main office and we will give them a pass to give to their teacher. The teacher will then know the student checked in with the office and if they were marked absent during the class attendance roll, the office will make the change from an absent to a tardy.



BUY A FORT VANNOY T-SHIRT!
On sale for \$5.00–Inquire at the front
office.





Calling all Readers!

We are pleased to announce that Fort Vannoy and TRSD is once again participating in the Oregon Battle of the Books. Battle of the Books is a trivia-style reading competition where students grades 3 to 12 compete in teams against one another by answering a series of questions based upon a list of books they are given at the beginning of the year. The book list of Battle of the Books is selected by the Oregon Association of School Libraries (book list follows).

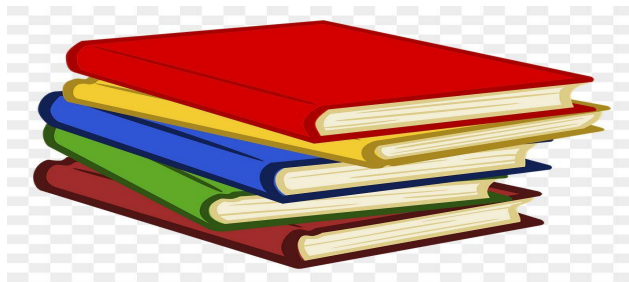
Battle of the Books (BOB) is an optional activity for our 3rd-5th grade students. There is a wide variety of books with varied reading levels. Our BOB coach is 5th grade teacher Mrs. Anderson. She opens her classroom up weekly for students interested in BOB to drop in and discuss the books with other students and practice questions.

At this time, students do not need to “sign up” for BOB, or even form a team. Right now, the goal is just for students to read the books on the list that they find interesting. By mid January, we will begin to form teams and at that time, in order to join a team, students must have read and passed AR tests on at least 4 books from the BOB list. We will have school level competition sometime in February and the district level is usually scheduled for March. For more information, please contact our BOB coach, Mrs. Anderson. Keep your eye out for exact details of these times as they become available.

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BOOK LIST

- * *The Best of Iggy* by Anie Barrows
- * *The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart* by Stephanie Burgis
- * *From the Desk of Zoe Washington* by Janae Marks
- * *Harbor Me* by Jacqueline Woodson
- * *Kinda Like Brothers* by Coe Booth
- * *Letters from Cuba* by Ruth Behar
- * *Me, Frida, and the Secret of the Peacock Ring* by Angela Cervantes
- * *Measuring Up* by Lily LaMotte & Ann Xu
- * *Rescue on the Oregon Trail* by Kate Messner
- * *Shirley and Jamila Save Their Summer* by Gillian Goerz
- * *Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio* by Peg Kehret
- * *Snapdragon* by Kat Leyh
- * *Spark* by Sarah Beth Durst
- * *Ten* by Shamini Flint
- * *The Trouble with Weasels* by Rob Harrell
- * *A Wish in the Dark* by Christina Soontornvat



FORT VANNOY

FAMILY HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 16, 2022

PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Students: Free; Adults: \$5.00; children \$3.00

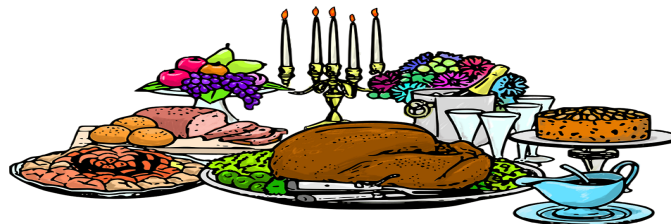
Prepayment is not needed - please bring cash or check on the day of the lunch.

MENU.....

- * Turkey with mashed potatoes and gravy
- * Green Beans
- * Cranberry Sauce
- * Pumpkin Cake Roll
- * Dinner Roll

LUNCH TIMES...

Kinders:	11:00	3rd:	11:45
1st:	11:10	4th:	11:50
2nd:	11:15	5th:	12:00
Lifeskills:	11:20		



PARENTSQUARE

ParentSquare is a great way to communicate with your child's teacher. Daily updates are posted by the office and the teachers. It's a great way to stay informed on what is happening at Fort Vannoy! You will receive alerts when updates occur.

Download the ParentSquare app today!



STEM? STEAM?

If you spend much time around schools and formal education, you begin to hear a variety of acronyms. Some in current use are PLC, RTI, IEP, and PBIS, to name a few. While most of us need not know what all of these acronyms stand for, I would like to direct your attention to two fairly recent additions to our Alphabet Soup: **STEM** and **STEAM**.

What is STEM? These letters stand for **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math**. The focus here is for students to apply skills they are gaining in their classes to solve “real world” problems. For example, using available materials, design a container that will protect an egg when it is dropped from a height of two meters. Solving these problems typically works well when students work in small groups. A single student can get stuck and not know how to proceed, while a group of students can share their collective knowledge and skills to complete a task. Learning how to cooperate, rather than dominate, is a non-STEM skill that students gain as they take on STEM tasks.

Now, what is STEAM? Once the notion of STEM was embraced by many educators, it didn't take long to realize something was missing. Have you ever noticed engineering projects, such as bridges, tall buildings, and even highway on/off ramps? While some are merely functional, many others are more pleasing to the eye. They have a more “human” aspect than simply being useful. We could all be driving basic box-shaped cars that certainly get us from one point to another, however, most of us are interested in a car that has some sort of *style*. That's where Science, Technology, Engineering, **Arts**, and Math (STEAM) comes in. The arts bring a truly human quality to technical tasks/products. Additionally, bringing artistic components to a STEM task more readily includes all the participants. The more technically-minded students gain appreciation (and skill) in the arts, and the artistic students gain technical skills. It's a win-win! When we consider the challenges our children will face in the not-to-distant future, gaining

STEAM skills and experience will be extremely important. Some of the teachers here at The Fort regularly present STEAM activities to their classes, and the school annually fields Destination Imagination teams, where students get to grow in their STEAM skills.

What can you do? A simple Google search (“STEAM for kids”) will lead you to some great activities that will help your child(ren) to become creative problem solvers.

Mr. James Kriz
Discovery Zone (Title 1) Coordinator/Teacher
Destination Imagination Coordinator/Team Manager
Ft Vannoy Elementary School

PTO FUNDRAISER STARTS NOVEMBER 3RD!

Fort Vannoy PTO fall fundraiser starts Nov 3rd, and we need your help. Our goal is to raise \$5,000.00 PTO general funds so we can look forward to FUN ACTIVITIES! Student packets are coming home on Nov 3rd.

It's as simple as 1, 2, 3!

Register TONIGHT at www.ShopFund.com - The first 25 students who get registered will receive a SPECIAL PRIZE from the PTO next week!!!

Share custom support links with family & friends via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Email, Text and more.

Student Goal: 5 Online Supporters.

REGISTER-SHARE-WIN: Sharing gets you tickets for chances to win over \$100,000 in instant prizes.

Fundraiser Links:

Parent Letter - (<https://bit.ly/3Fx8lkW>)

Prize Program - (<https://bit.ly/3JIRAYo>)

The fundraiser opened TODAY November 3, 2022 and orders must be submitted by November 16, 2022. Deliveries will be about 3 weeks from then... just in time for the holidays. Final dates will be communicated once all orders are submitted.

On behalf of the Fort Vannoy PTO, thank you for doing your part to make our fundraiser a success!

If you have any questions, please email ft.vannoy.pto@gmail.com