

Bear Paws Burnt Ranch School News



December 18, 2014

Holiday Donation Drive

BRS Student Council led a donation drive and collected over 150 cans of food and 25 toys for children ages 3 - 14. These will be donated locally. Thank you to all who were able to send in food and toys. We wish everyone a wonderful holiday!

Santa's Workshop



On Monday, December 15th Burnt Ranch students were as busy as elves crafting beautiful gifts. Burnt

Ranch staff and parent volunteers hosted craft tables with activities such as, well, we don't want to tell--its a secret! The students made gifts for home decor, health and beauty, body and soul, and finished at a wrapping station so that their holiday gifts are ready to go. Pictures with Santa, and a feast of homemade cookies, hot apple cider and hot chocolate prepared by cook Julie Simon added to the festivity. The multi-purpose room was filled with excitement and creativity! Many thanks to Mrs. Dummer for organizing the event.

Serious Fun

On December 1st the 5-8th grades attended the Royal London Theater presentation of Shakespeare's 'King Lear' at Humboldt State University. King Lear was played by Joseph



Marcell who was known to students as the butler on Fresh Prince of Bel Air--quite the versatile actor!

The kids were riveted by the tale of deception and defeat; entranced by the live music; and amazed by the detailed fight scenes. Live theater at its finest!

The play was followed by pizza and Bowling at E & O Lanes in Blue Lake. Students bowled and played pool---healthy recreational pastimes--good times with good friends! A great way to return after Thanksgiving break.

Love to Read--Reading Counts!

Burnt Ranch students are reading, reading, reading! Many students are reading books at home, and have brought in Love to Read "coins" with their titles and number of pages. Our "enrich your mind" piggy bank is almost full!

At school students are tested for their independent read level with Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI). After reading a leveled book, students can take a Reading Counts comprehension quiz. Students who pass these quizzes at 80% or better earn a point. K-4 students with 100 points and 5-8 students with 200 points by June 1st will earn a trip to the

Redding Water Slides at the end of the year. Thanks to Mrs. Kilgore for spearheading our Reading Counts program and the SRI assessments.

Our first Reading Celebration will be on Monday, January 5th at 9:45 am. We will honor achievements with special number tags for kids who pass milestones (10, 25, 50, 75, 100 Quizzes passed) and a Love to Read drawing for book prizes.



Girls Basketball Season Wrap Up

BRS Girls ended their season at a Tournament in Weaverville, playing their best games of the season against some tough competition. We are proud of their growth in skills and outstanding sportsmanship. These girls are a class act with great spirit and teamwork. Our mascot, Buddy Bear, was an inspiration to other schools, and on day two of the tournament WES had their Cougar at the game too! Thank you Mr. Purcell for coaching the girls--it was a great season!

Are you interested in Girl Scouts?

Girl Scouts is open to every girl, from kindergarten through college. A local troop is led by our Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Peckham, and meets on Thursdays from 2:45 to 4:00 at Trinity Valley Elementary School. All girls are welcome to join.

If a Burnt Ranch parent or parents want to start a troop here at Burnt Ranch School, Mrs. Peckham would be delighted to assist. Please call the school or Kathy Johanson, Girl Scout Area Representative, (707) 443-6641, if you are interested in being a troop leader.



Appreciation

Our volunteers and supporters make a positive difference every day at Burnt Ranch. Regularly volunteering in the classroom, helping with athletics or special events, or offering donations of goods and services, many people contribute to our wonderfully rich and positive school climate and successful programs. Thank you to Heidi Harris, Jody Pitcher, Summer Brown, Donna Nelson, Jenna Reed, Brittiney Barrick, Adam Robinson, Erichia Maloney, Diane Brown, Belia King, Jen Peterson, Donna Goldfarb, Kelly Nixon, Phil Purcell, Mike Harding, Cyn Van Fleet, Bill Lanning, Gary Still, and all the 8th grade parents.

Holiday Program

Our students sang, danced, played instruments and acted in our fabulous Holiday Program.

There was a play by the Kindergarten; a Band with trumpets, saxophone, flute, clarinets, and percussion; 3/4th grade on Recorders; Ukelele and Guitar groups; 1/2nd grades playing xylophones; a choir that sang harmonized parts; a presentation by ballet students; and capped the show off with the 7/8th grade class doing "Snowman in Summer" complete with Olaf dancing and singing along! The gym was magically decorated in a Frozen winter scene. Santa arrived during our Community Sing. It was a real holiday treat!



THANK YOU!



Sound Boost for Burnt Ranch School!



Burnt Ranch School received a Christmas present of a quality sound system from Donald Shelton and Shirley Keys.

Mr. Shelton played Country music as a traveling musician, and now plays at Salyer Wayside Chapel.

He enjoyed our Holiday program, and thought the Burnt Ranch student performances would be enhanced with this new system. He donated two giant speakers with elevated speaker stands, an amp, mike and mike stands. We are thrilled with his generosity and cant wait to put the system to use in our next performance!