Dear Danebo Families,

We are soaring through the year with great things going on at Danebo! It’s hard to believe that the month of March is upon us. Below are some of the great things our teachers are doing with our kids:

- Our third through fifth grade students had the opportunity to “sing the blues” with the Blues in the Schools Program. Each classroom had a local musician sharing information about blues music and the afternoon ended with an opportunity for students to perform what they learned. Thanks to Ms. Strege for making the arrangements for this great opportunity.
- Our 5th grade students will be learning using iPads! Meredith Deverell and Kevin Smith wrote a grant that awarded them 35 iPads to use with students. It is VERY exciting for all of us to see how our students will extend their learning through technology. Kudos to Mr. Smith and Mrs. Deverell for their success in securing the grant that was provided by our Collaboration Grant funds at the District level.
- Our students have been progressing through our newly adopted curriculum in English Language Arts and math. It is amazing to see their progress and to how adept they have become at reading and writing about informational text and explaining their reasoning and thinking in math.
- We’ve held our 2015-16 Kindergarten Pre-Registration and have several families ready to begin the first year of Full Day Kindergarten in Bethel School District. What an exciting time it is for our Kinder students and families!

Other exciting things going on at Danebo:
- We are celebrating our Classified Staff at Danebo during the week of March 2nd through March 5th. These support staff provide small group instruction for students, supervise on the playground, provide meals for our kids, answer your many questions, clean up after our students, support their health and do everything they can to ensure that your child’s learning takes place in a safe environment. Thanks for joining me in taking a moment to let them know you appreciate what they do for all of us!

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- Thanks for your help in collecting coins for our Children's Miracle Network coin drive. The funds will go directly to the Mr. Wolverine contestants and directly benefit those tiny babies in the NICU's.

- Keep collecting those Box Tops for Education. We had a contest in February and will recognize the class that brought in the most Box Tops, but will continue to collect them throughout the year. Thanks to our Life Skills students and staff for their work on organizing the Box Tops and to Mrs. Grafton for facilitating the "send off" to receive the funds.

- Friday, March 13th is a no school day for Bethel students in grades K-8. Teachers will work on report cards which will be sent home with Danebo students in Tuesday folders on Tuesday, March 17th. As always, if you have questions about your child's report card, please contact their classroom teacher.

- Spring break in Bethel School District is the week of March 23rd-March 27th, with no school for all students. School will resume on Monday, March 30th.

A "shout out" to parents Cathy Amondson, Joanne Gross and Nikki Anderson (Owen & Gavin Snell's mom) for their work on our PTO Family BINGO night that took place on Friday, February 20th. Many Danebo Families joined in for a great night of fun, food and prizes. Thanks, also, to staff who assisted with the evening: Angie Johnson, Kacey Kintscher, Carol Baker and Debbie Jaros.

Thanks for remaining involved in your child's education. The home-to-school connection is such an important part of your child's education!

Happy Spring,
Mari

On Wednesday afternoon (2/25), we did a safety drill. It consisted of the following:

- At 2:05, we practiced a “lock out” drill. For a “lock out” we close blinds, lock classroom and quad doors.

- At 2:06 we moved to a “lock down”. The intercom command explained that there was an intruder on the premises and students should be away from doors, windows and sight. Students and staff should remain quiet and calm.

- At the end of the lock down, we did an earthquake drill. The intercom command stated to have students “duck and cover” under desks and tables, holding the legs down to protect themselves from any “falling debris”.

- The earthquake drill ended with the sound of the fire drill alarm and we moved out the building to our regular fire drill spots.

All of our staff and students did an amazing job and we feel fully prepared for anything that may arise at Danebo!

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(1,3) Manuel Cazarez and Debi Jaros (custodian) getting under a table during the earthquake drill. (2) Mrs. Ford in a jam...door jam that is. (4) Mrs. Cunningham and Manuel in front of the filing cabinets during our “lock down” drill.
Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB)

And the winning team is...
Orange Gummie Bears!

Congratulations to:
- Stevie Freitas
- India Rodriguez
- Natalie Epprecht
- William Zilar

It has been a wonderful season for OBOB. The books are fantastic and the battles are exciting. Many of the kids have gone through all sixteen books and started on their second round. Competition was tough this year. There was no clear or easy prediction of the top team. Through true battle form, the Orange Gummie Bears edged out The Return of G4 (Mystery Parke, Jonathon Zaragoza, Connor Paddock and Brandon Hein).

With the help of so many wonderful volunteers our school OBOB competition has come to an end, but our winning team will go on to battle at Thurston HS on Saturday, March 14th. If we qualify on that date the team will go to the State competition in Salem during the month of April.

A special thank you: Michelle Healey, Joanne Gross, Mrs. Boulanger, Mrs. Greenamyer, Mrs. Deverell, Ms. Strege, Mr. Smith (and to all of the families and teachers that encouraged the kids to read)

Mrs. Gregory

DA NEBO APPRECIATES VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers make a huge difference at our school and we love to recognize individuals who help each month. (If your name is not in this list or misspelled, we apologize.)

- **Popcorn Day Volunteers**: Joanne Gross, Tracy Smith, Cathy Amondson, Jennifer Hubbard, and Tiffany Owen.

FEBRUARY BOX TOP COMPETITION

Thanks to families who participated in our February Box Tops Class Competition. The total number of Box Tops brought in for the competition was 2506, earning just over $250.00 for our school!

The top three teams:

- **1st Place**—Mrs. Railey’s class, 483
- **2nd Place**—Ms. Vincent’s class, 480
- **3rd Place**—Mrs. Johnson’s class, 284

Mrs. Railey’s class will be enjoying a popcorn or popsicle party.

So far this year we have earned $1115.50. Thank you for helping us with Box Tops! With each Box Top coupon equaling 10¢, that adds up quickly and helps us to purchase things for our school. We are still collecting Box Tops until the end of the school year, so please keep sending them in.

From left to right: Stevie Freitas, India Rodriguez, Natalie Epprecht, and William Zilar
Raising Pounds of Coins to Help Raise Healthy Babies

**Who:** All classrooms K-5

**What:** Coin Drive

**Where:** Coins will be collected in your classroom

**When:** February 25th-March 11th

**How:** Empty your pockets, purses and piggy banks and donate to Children’s Miracle Network! (ask parents first)

The classroom that collects the most change will receive a pizza party sponsored by IZZY’S!!

A check from Danebo will be presented to Children’s Miracle Network at the Mr. Wolverine Pageant on Saturday, March 14th at Willamette High School in Powers Auditorium @ 6pm.

Children’s Miracle Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children by raising funds for children’s hospitals across North America. Funds are used to provide life-saving pediatric care, education and research.

**Contestants of the Mr. Wolverine Pageant that are Danebo Alumni:**
- Brandon Beins
- Christian Mora
- Christian Padilla
- Jarom Jenkin
- Dominick Hughes
- And Coordinator Janet Padilla

Good Luck to all of the Mr. Wolverine contestants from Danebo!
Family Night

BINGO

What a great turnout! Lots of fun had by all!!

There were lots of “kid only” games, a raffle basket, and TWO 50/50 raffles. Marcos Van Veen won the first 50/50 raffle ($90). When asked what he was going to do with the money, he said “save it for my trip to Disneyland”. Mandy Goeserich won the second 50/50 raffle and won $63.50.

Guests feasted on pizza, cookies and (free!) apples donated by Emerald Valley Produce.

Bingo cards were sold out by 6:45!!

A BIG to all the volunteers, especially Bingo Caller Extraordinaire Carol Baker.

Does your child have a desire to participate in KidSports? Slocum Orthopedics is the generous sponsor this year for the KidSports Adopt-A-School program. Our school has been given a limited number of vouchers that will reduce the price of sports registration. If you are facing financial hardship and are on our free/reduced lunch program, please contact the front office to request a voucher. First-time users of vouchers will be considered before repeat requests.

DANEBO CLASSIFIED STAFF ROCKS!

Classified Employees Week…
March 2nd-6th

We are so grateful for all of our support staff here at Danebo. They are involved with students at every level and our school couldn’t run as well as it does without them.

A BIG KUDOS TO OUR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES!
At the beginning of January, ten teams have been competing for regionals. In each team there are four members. (But in one there was five). OBOB is a competition about knowledge. You have to memorize 16 book names, authors, and their content. Also every other week there is an elimination round, so you will battle one week and then another. Those two scores will be added up and the two teams with the least score will be eliminated. While battling, you only get 15 seconds to answer. It puts a lot of stress on you to answer. There is 16 questions total, 8 in each book and 8 content questions. Here is a tip for when you are battling...use your extra fifteen seconds to talk with your team and read, read, read, and read some more! (but don’t read during battles!).

I’ll tell you some things people said about OBOB:

“It was great! I like battling. Overall it was great, but I wish there were more people on a team.” - Ella
“It was fun, I really enjoyed it, but if there was more time to answer it would be the best!” - Allison
“The reading helps me remember things. I wished that once we got eliminated that we could stay and watch.” - Chantal
“It was fun. The books, battling, bringing snacks were really fun. I wanted more questions.” - Vanessa
“It’s ok. I like some of the books and battling and the snacks.” - Lia

You will also hear former the two finalists:

“It’s kind of boring. I would like it if kids got to choose the books.” - Brandon
“It helped me read more, but I don’t like how if the judge didn’t hear the spokesperson they couldn’t turn around again.” - Jonathan
“It was fun beating people, tearing down their walls, crushing them, and the best part was winning. I wish my team and I could go to regionals, because we usually lose.” - Connor
“I like how you get to work with people, it’s fun trying to remember things.” - India
“I like how OBOB made me a more experienced reader, because I like reading. More people on a team would be great.” - Natalie
“It was really fun and exciting getting to read all those books. I want to have more time to answer though.” - Stevie

It was great interviewing them, but I bet you want to know who is going to regionals? Well drum roll please... The winning team is Orange Gummy Bears!!!

Second place was Return of G4 and third place was Flaming Phantoms! The finales were close the score was 50 to 70 and I know because I was part of G4. It was very close.

If you want to join OBOB you have to be in 3rd grade. I hope this inspires you to join. Just read, read, read, and read some more!!!

Well that is this week’s story
Mystery signing off for now!
Introductions

Bingo Night
Still need parent volunteers
Cookies and water ordered, pizza is covered. Apples donated by Emerald Valley
Produce
Won’t be able to use projection, will need to get the white board
School color incentive (free card for wearing school colors (red/blue))
Prizes are covered

Other fundraiser possibilities
Looking into school spirit type items (shirts, hats, window decals)
Haven’t heard back from Monster cookies
Possibility of doing a pizza night donation (take a flier in and school receives x%)
with
local business

Financial Statement
Balance of $9,580.47
Kindergarten Registration day care paid from PTO funds

Requests
Playground equipment - need new ball to replace damaged ones. Asking for up to $500 to cover new equipment - Approved

2nd Graders need funds for trip to Wildlife Safari. Asking for $645 - Approved
Discussion about back parking lot. Possible volunteers available to regravel. Will

March 23
PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Having good attendance is important for successful learning. Great job to the following students who had no absences or tardies between 1/15/15 and 2/9/15.

Volunteer Form Information

If you wish to volunteer for any event within Bethel School District, attend fieldtrips, work in the classroom or anywhere else in a school, you are required to fill out a volunteer background check form every five years. Even if you don’t think you’re going to volunteer, we highly recommend that you complete a form if you’ve never done so or if it’s been awhile.

Go to www.bethel.k12.or.us, under the QUICKLINKS tab/ Volunteer! or we have forms in the office. Make sure you select EACH school that you would like to volunteer at when filling out the form online.
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