

PARKDALE NEWS

Come one, come all to the Parkdale carnival this Friday

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It's time to take the family over to Parkdale Elementary School this Friday, March 13, to enjoy all the fun and games, not to mention good food, at the annual carnival fundraiser sponsored by the Parkdale PTO.

"Join us for a fun evening for the whole family," said Principal Gus Hedberg. "Activities will include great games, carnival food, and a raffle drawing for some very nice prizes!"

The evening of fun starts off with dinner from 5 to 7 p.m., followed by game booths open from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by the final raffle prizes being awarded until 8 p.m.

Be sure to come hungry because dinner, donated by McIsaac's Store and cooked by Apple Valley BBQ, will be available for \$5 each with a choice of two pork sliders or a hotdog and one side of either coleslaw, beans or chips.

The usual treats of cotton candy, cookies and other desserts will also be available to buy.

Booths will be set up in the gym for kids to "go fish," play basketball, soccer, or spin to win and a bounce house will be set up in the library.

The gym will also boast the "jail" where, for the price of a few tickets, students can have their favorite teacher, principal, or even parents "arrested" and thrown into the pokey.

It's all for a good cause and the jailbirds can either serve their time or be bailed out by the price of a few more tickets.

Classrooms will be set up for bowling, nerf zone, and two cake walks with all sorts of goodies donated by valley businesses to win.

Special this year is a new "Zen Room," a quiet place where parents and other adults can go to relax and get a neck massage by local massage therapists.

Tickets to play games, have someone arrested or bailed out of jail, or to enjoy the Zen Room are 4 for \$1 and will go on sale this Thursday, March 12 at the school office for those of you who want to get a head start on purchasing them.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased from students, at the school office from 7:15 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., or at the carnival and you do not need to be present to win.

Prizes include a 2-night beach house rental, horseback riding lessons, beautiful artwork, handmade quilts, wine gift baskets, gift certificates for local restaurants, Mt. Hood Meadows ski passes, three prizes of a \$100 bill, store merchandise and gas cards.

When the students reach their goal of selling 4,000 raffle tickets in advance of the carnival, they get to watch their principal, Mr. Hedberg, dress up like Elsa from the movie Frozen and lip synch to the song "Let it Go" at a date to be announced.



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If you or your business would still like to donate to the raffle, donations are still being gladly accepted at the school office this week.

Proceeds from the carnival each year benefit students by providing the funds for supplementary music, PE, and art programs, as well as school assemblies and field trips.

Before the fun each year a lot of work goes into the Parkdale School Carnival to make the event happen.

If you have any time available to help, The Parkdale PTO is still looking for adult help to get everything up and going and clean up afterwards.

On Wednesday, March 11 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. help is needed to bring carnival booths up from the basement and set them up.

On Thursday, March 12 from 7:45 a.m. until 2:15 p.m., help is needed to work with each class to set up and decorate booths, make and hang posters and make cotton candy in advance of the carnival.

During the school day on Friday, March 13 from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., adults helping during the school day will blow up balloons, set up the gym with prizes and organize raffle items.

From 2:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday classrooms will need to be cleared out, signs posted around school and carnival items brought in from cars outside.

During the carnival, each booth needs 4 parent volunteers to keep it going and last year some booths had to close early due to lack of adults to run them.

Adult help is also needed in the kitchen to serve food and clean up the cafeteria afterward and carnival clean up starts at 8:00 p.m. to take down booths and set everything back to rights for school on Monday morning.

If you'd like to help out or have any questions, contact Sarah Wilson of the Parkdale PTO at 503-819-4092 or by e-mail at parkdalepto@gmail.com.

On Saturday, March 14, Parkdale Elementary will send their first Oregon Battle of the Books team to the regional OBOB tournament at The Dalles Middle School.

Fifth grade teacher Holly

Lavoie has coached the school's three teams with such celebrated names as The Flaming Cheeseballs, the Dynamite Dragons, and the Book Busters.

The Dynamite Dragons will represent Parkdale Elementary at the tournament, competing against teams from May Street Elementary, Westside Elementary, Mosier Elementary and schools from The Dalles.

"A special thanks to all the parents who have been encouraging their students to read and for donating books to our OBOB book shelf at school," said Gus Hedberg, principal. "Special thanks also to parents Julie Stuben and Mel Toney for their help during practice times and to the Parkdale PTO for sponsoring the team and covering the cost of registration."

The Parkdale Health and Wellness Committee, a group made up of parents and community members looking to increase opportunities for healthy living in the Parkdale Community, will be meeting on Thursday, April 2 at 2:30 p.m. at Parkdale Elementary.

The meetings are open to the community and this month's discussion will be on preparing for an upcoming Health and Wellness Fair to be held on Monday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the school.

A reminder that the Parkdale Home Extension Study Group meets this Thursday, March 12 at 10 a.m. at the Parkdale Grange Hall for the presentation, "The Spices of India."

Tea and snacks featuring Indian spices will be provided and community members are welcome to attend.

For more information contact Joanne Ehl at 541-352-7363.

Many of you know that each year this reporter participates in the Mid-Columbia Lions Follies fundraiser for the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation.

We often need items to use in the show and this year is no exception.

If you have any of the following items and would be interested in either donating them with a receipt, or will loan them to the Follies for the show, it would be appreciated.

Items needed this year include 1960s-style small couch or chair and table, a wooden kitchen table, old-fashioned milk cans and moonshine jugs, a metal bed pan and hay bales.

E-mail uvupdate@yahoo.com or call 541-352-4254 to arrange for pickup or drop off.

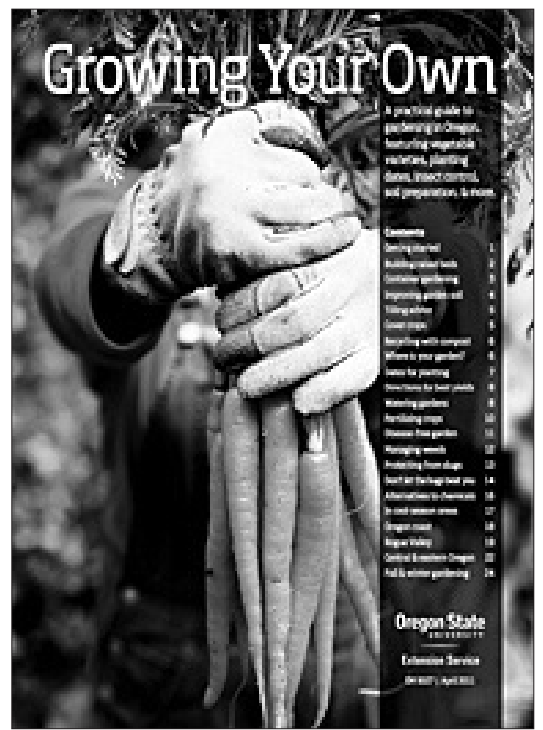
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Propagating vegetable and flower seeds class March 21

Learn how to reproduce seeds for vegetables and flowers so that you can have wonderful plants year after year! Join us at the Hood River Library on Saturday, March 21, 2 p.m. This two hour hands-on workshop will be taught by Oregon State University Extension Service Master Gardeners, Audrey Schneider and Paul Marcotte, from Hood River.

Materials will be provided except for gloves. Since participants will be working with soil, you may wish to have garden type gloves available for your use.

The workshop is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the Hood River County Library District at 541-386-2535, info@hoodriverlibrary.org, or visit their website at hoodriverlibrary.org.



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Springtime astronomy with Jim White

Join Trout Lake amateur astronomer Jim White for a presentation about the universe and tools to explore the skies above on Friday, March 27, 7 p.m. This program is for anyone who would like to know more about the stars, planets, and galaxies, or are interested in getting/using a telescope. If we're lucky enough to have clear skies, after the presentation we will go outside and view the Moon and Jupiter with telescopes.

The presentation is free and open to all ages. For more information, please contact the Hood River County Library District at 541-386-2535, info@hoodriverlibrary.org, or visit their website at hoodriverlibrary.org.



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