

December 2016

Thank you!

School is off to a busy start and students have settled in for learning. During Thanksgiving, I frequently write to the parents and guardians of Fords Prairie School and express my thanks. In no particular order, as Principal of Fords Prairie, here is what I am thankful for this fall:

- A community of Friends and Family that care and demonstrates it through generosity of time and donations
- Parents and Guardians
- Lincoln Creek Hardware - for supporting us with custom cut wood for cubbies, bikes for scholars, and supporting our third grade students with "Project Day" where students apply their math and communication skills in the store for real life learning
- The Chronicle – for supporting literacy in our community and bringing relevant news to us. This year The Chronicle sponsored our "Little Lending Library!" A repurposed newspaper box, where students can borrow or share a book anytime
- Our Watchdogs – Dads of Great Students... are volunteering in school, including community members that support our students in all kinds of ways: reading, coaching, recess, supervision and encouraging our learners
- Twin Cities Rotary – Thank you Rotarians for painting our portables they look great
- Centralia Mason's for donating scooters for scholars
- CHS Literacy Agents – 10 well trained high school students supporting our kindergarten student's literacy development
- The Centralia Rollerdrome for Skating Passes for Scholars
- A wonderful and caring staff of 62 adults dedicated to the learning of 390 students
- Centralia City Water Department for sharing the big Salmon every year
- A wonderful PTO that supports students. Go Tiny Tigers!
- Riverside Fire Authority – for always being here for the Tiny Tigers: Fire safety assemblies, bike helmets for students, and field trips
- Sharon Care – Allowing Tiny Tigers to Read, Sing Holiday songs, and Trick or Treat with our lovely neighbors
- The Centralia Police Department – Officer Ramirez, Officer Compton for being present and keeping us safe and informed
- Chief Neilson and our many United Way Reading volunteers, and of course...
- Standing for the Pledge every day! Honoring our Veterans on Veteran's day! And our Active Duty Family and Friends!

I am thankful for all you do: driving slowly in the school zone, popping popcorn, handing out books, board level leadership, support from the district office, hot-lunch from the lunch ladies, safe bus drivers, and crossing-guards, to name some more! These are our students, and our future.

Thank you,

David Roberts, Principal Fords Prairie School