

THE BEAR BULLETIN



Dear Schaefer Parents/Guardians:

I hope you had a wonderful break. I would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year.

Look on the back page of this bulletin to see the names of the students who were recognized at our Student Awards assembly in December. Students received recognition for life skills, good citizenship, academic achievement, and perfect attendance.

With a new year beginning, we are asking everyone to make a "Fresh Start" by renewing your commitment to have your child here on time.

For students to get the most out of each school day, it is important that they arrive on time and attend each day. You can help your child to be their most successful by making sure he or she is at school everyday unless there is an illness. Please call the attendance line at 522-8924 ext. 24 if your child is going to be out of school.

Thank you for your support in making sure that your child can benefit from the learning taking place at school.

Jennie Snyder, Principal

Oral Reading Fluency

Fluency is accurately reading words, quickly, easily and effortlessly. According to the University of Oregon Center on Teaching and Learning, "fluency is not an end in itself but a critical gateway to comprehension."

So far in the current school year, our students have made great progress in their reading fluency. There are 225 students (75%) across grades 2-6 reading grade level text with fluency and accuracy as measured by the DIBELS Oral Reading Fluency assessment. While we have noted more students meeting the benchmark, we have also noted the number of students at risk has decreased. We are proud of our students' progress.

Schaefer Families

The next Schaefer Families meeting is Tuesday, December 8th at 6:30 in the Library. Childcare is provided.

Mark Your Calendars!

Lights, Camera, Action... It's the Schaefer Movie Night !* Coming to a Multipurpose Room near you...on Friday, January 22nd .* Save the Date!* And stay tuned... the movie and time will be announced soon!

Healthcare Resources for Families

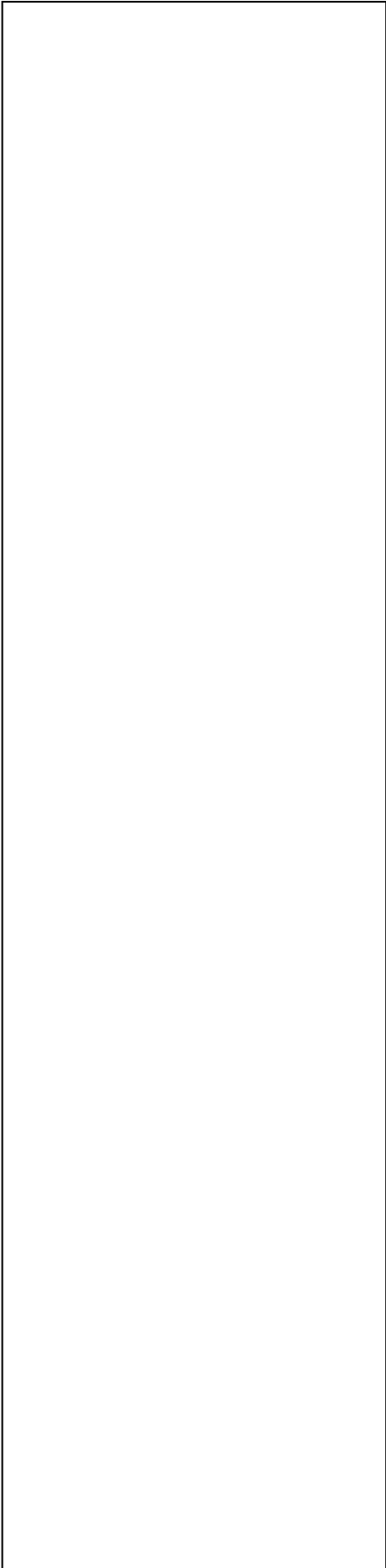
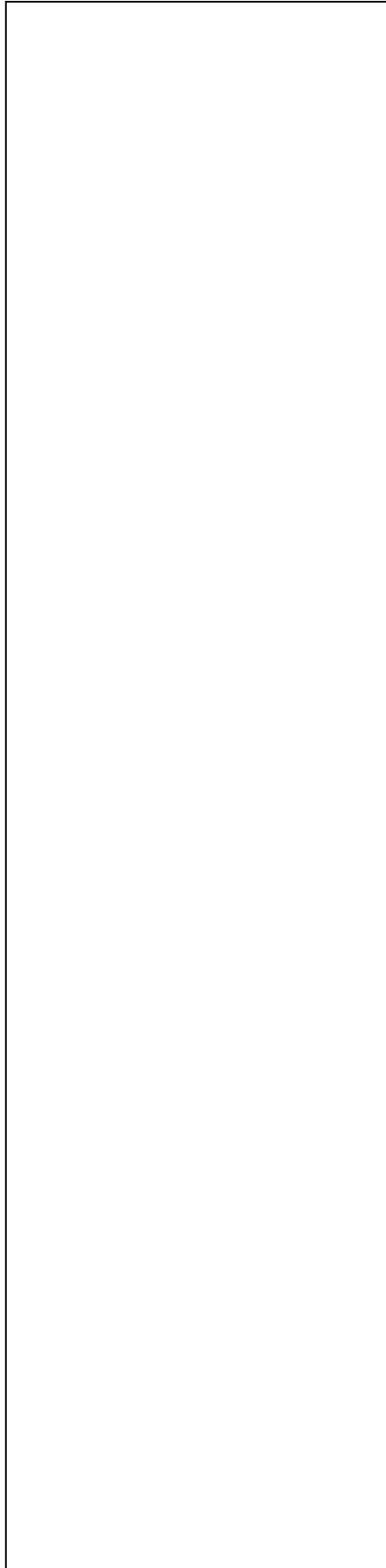
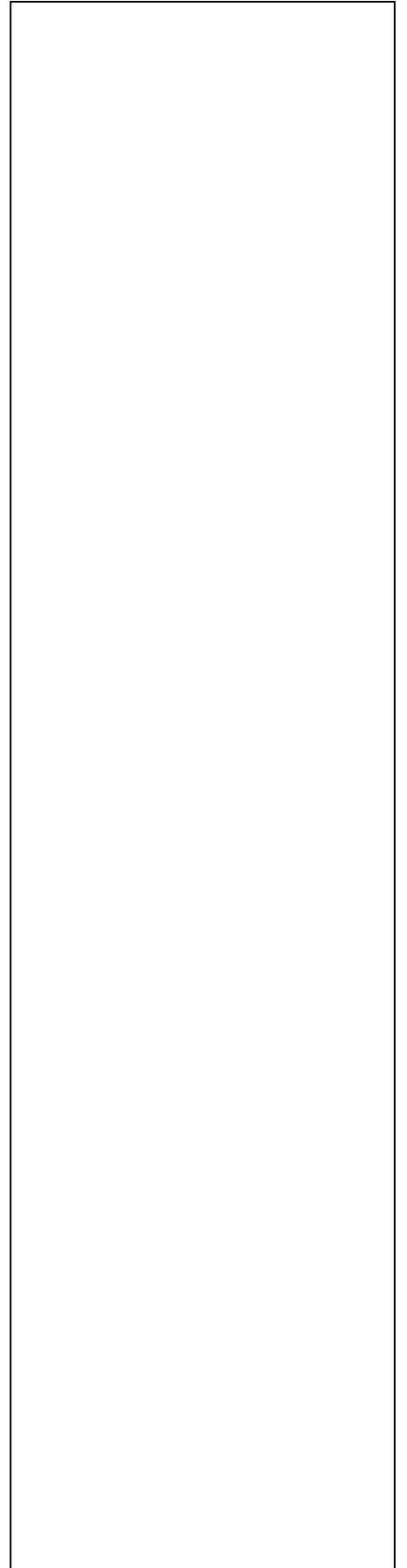
Is your child without health care insurance? Has your child gone without medical care because of a lack of insurance? We will be sending home information on resources that are available in the community for free and affordable health services for children, such as:

- For Affordable Health Insurance: Healthy Kids Sonoma County (1-800-427-8982).
- Free Medical, Dental and Pharmacy services: Kids' Net (544-5638)
- Free Check-Ups: CHDP (1-800-427-8982)

Upcoming Events

- ◆ January 4 - School Resumes
- ◆ January 6 - 7:00 pm POUSD Governing Board Meeting (Room 24)
- ◆ January 12 - 6:30 pm Schaefer Families (Library)
- ◆ January 13 - 4:30 pm English Learner Advisory Council (Library)
- ◆ January 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- ◆ January 21 - 3:00 pm School Site Council (Library)
- ◆ January 22 - Schaefer Movie Night (MP Room)
- ◆ January 26 - MINIMUM DAY
- ◆ January 26 - 7:00 pm - Piner-Olivet Educational Foundation (Room 24)
- ◆ January 27 - 4:30 pm District English Learner Advisory Council (Rm 24)

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