



Mountaineer "Home of the Miners"



Monte Cristo Elementary
1201 100th Street NE
Granite Falls, WA 98252

"The purpose of Monte Cristo Elementary is to inspire and encourage life-long learners and responsible citizens through quality instruction."

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Principal

Highly Capable Testing

Attendance Policy Notes:

With the start of the new year, we wanted to make sure everyone was aware of the attendance policy. Here are a few points that we feel need attention:

- If a student arrives late but before 9:00am, he/she will be marked tardy.
- If arrival is from 9:01am to 11:59 am he/she will be 1/2 day (morning).
- If he/she is dismissed anywhere from noon to 2:00pm, they are 1/2 day absent (afternoon)

All absences or tardies need either a note or parent escort into office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Toni Getchell in the front office.

The process of identifying students as Highly Capable is under way! Nominations are now being accepted from teachers, parents and members of the community. Parental nomination forms are available in the Monte Cristo office.

All nominations are due January 30th and will be followed by screening and testing in February. If you believe your child is performing in the top 10% of the grade level, please nominate him or her for further testing so we can provide services to support their advanced learning capacities! Results will be ready by spring conferences.

Students who qualify as Highly Capable will have the option of enrolling in the 2/3 or 4/5 Hi Cap class at Mountain Way. Parents may also choose to keep their student in a regular or multiage classroom.

If you have questions, please ask Cheryl Larsen or Kari Henderson-Burke.

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Mentoring News!

The Granite Falls School District Mentoring Program serves students from grades 4th -8th. Currently we have over 10 students on the wait list, and we need your help! We are seeking adult volunteers who have a desire to make a positive impact on today's youth. The program has you meet with a student once a week, for 30-45 minutes.

Some of the activities that the mentors share with the students include: playing board games, taking walks around the school, playing basketball, talking, making arts and crafts, and working on school work. We believe that you are never too old, or too inexperienced to impart wisdom and friendship on a youth who just needs someone to care.

If you would like more information about how you could positively impact the life of a GF student, please contact Jeanette Harney at 360-283-4353 or email me at jharney@gfalls.wednet.edu. Thank you!



Important Dates:



12/18/08 - WRC -
Snuggle Up & Read
- 6:30 to 8:00pm

12/22/08 through
01/04/09 - Winter Break
- No School



01/06/09 -
Parent
Group Meeting - 6:30pm



FROM THE FACULTY AND STAFF OF MONTE CRISTO:

HAVE A SAFE
AND
HAPPY HOLIDAY
SEASON!



Monte Cristo Elementary is proud to be a recipient of the Picturing America grant.

The Picturing America grant is a new initiative from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. This art initiative brings masterpieces of American art into classrooms and libraries so students and citizens gain a deeper appreciation of our country's history and character through the study and understanding of art. The library has received high-quality reproductions of forty works of different types of American art covering everything from portraits to sculpture, 18th century to contemporary.

To find out if our school has an AR test: go to Granite Falls School District home page, find the listing form Monte Cristo under "OUR SCHOOLS", on the right side you will find Accelerated Reader or simply type the following into your browser: http://www.gfalls.wednet.edu/Info_Schools/acceleratedreader.html

No tests are available, but you can see if we have the test you are interested in.

The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere, 1931 by Grant Wood



Please contact the health room when you update your child's immunization records.

It is important that we have the most recent information on file.

