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# September Newsletter

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## Brothers Elementary School

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### Message From Our Principal

Greetings Bobcats,

Welcome to another school year at Brothers Elementary. I hope that all of you had a wonderful and restful summer with opportunities to connect as families and enjoy our beautiful community.

Our building/grounds and technology staff have been busy throughout the summer preparing for the coming school year. Many of you have noticed that our red schoolhouse has been brightened up with a new coat of paint. The “Brothers School” sign is getting a facelift and will be returned to the red schoolhouse when completed. Technology has connected us to a new Wi-Fi system that will increase our access to curriculum and improve our communication systems.

You may have noticed that we have built in two more contact days into our schedule. This will allow us to adjust for snow (hopefully not as much snow as last year) without having to add days into our calendar. We are up to 13 students this year and are excited to see our school grow.

Mona Boyd  
School Principal  
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### Upcoming Events.

#### September 28

Field trip to Crooked River Elementary for Picture Day, Fire Department tour and tour of the Crook County Court House!

#### October 4<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30

PTO Meeting

#### October 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30

School Board Meeting at Brothers. All are encouraged to attend the first half hour of the meeting!

#### October 31

Halloween party and dress up day



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## What Are We Reading?

We are reading *Island of the Blue Dolphins* in class. It's a 1960s children's novel written by Scott O'Dell and tells the story of a young girl stranded alone for years on an island off the California coast. It is based on the true story of Juana Maria, a Nicoleño Native American left alone for 18 years on San Nicolas Island during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. *Island of the Blue Dolphins* won the [Newbery Medal](#) in 1961.<sup>11</sup>

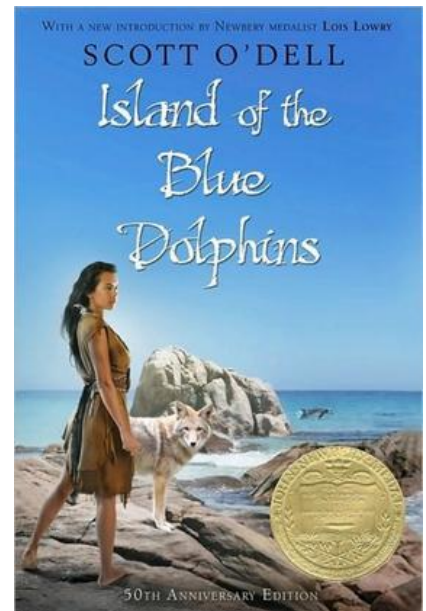
Interesting fact: In 2009, University of Oregon archaeologist Jon Erlandson found two old redwood boxes eroding from an island sea cliff, with a whale bone placed on top of them. With colleagues René Vellanoweth, Lisa Barnett-Thomas, and Troy Davis, Erlandson salvaged the boxes and other artifacts before they were destroyed by erosion. (Wikipedia) Help bring reading home by asking about the daily reading!

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## COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER

Cooking up a great gift idea? Christmas is coming in a few months and the PTO has gathered treasured recipes to be included in a special *Brothers Cookbook*. We will be selling these cookbooks to raise funds for our spring overnight field trip. Keep this special gift idea in mind for Christmas gifts. You can help the school and Christmas shopping can be easier!

PTO Meeting October 4th  
3:30 at the School



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## School Snack Ideas

- Popcorn
- Grapes
- Kiwi
- Avocado
- Humus
- Crackers
- Honeydew Melon
- Raw Sugar Snap Peas
- Mashed Sweet Potato w/ butter and cinnamon
- Fruit Leather
- Dried Apples
- Brown Rice Crackers
- Puffed Mill Cereal
- Whole Wheat Crackers
- Nut Trail Mix
- Almonds

A good healthy snack optimizes learning and supports healthy brain function!

