

# Peninsula School's Weekly Update



## A Letter from the Principal

Dear Peninsula Community,

On Wednesday we went into a Lock Out, which means that all doors are locked, limited access for entry, but classrooms and school run normally. Lock outs happen because of police activity in the area, or other potential threats outside the school.

Because this situation affected multiple schools, the initial communication went out from the district central office. I understand that this was sent only via email and not text. I will let them know that this is a concern, and should there ever be another situation, information will go out on both email and text at a minimum.

As a school, we have to maintain a balance between welcoming families and the safety of students and as such have increased the security measures as needed over the years. We have controlled the entryways and make sure everyone in the building has a badge. Our gates are locked during the day so people do not have access to the playground during school hours and at the same time we balance that with access after school to allow families to connect and build relationships with each other.

I understand that these times are stressful and that there are concerns about student safety. As always, we will continue to take measures to ensure the safety of our students without creating a climate of fear. For example, suggestions have been made to keep our front doors locked, requiring all visitors to be buzzed in via intercom. We can continue to problem solve and discuss how to fund this additional security, as well as any impact to Peninsula Elementary being a welcoming place to our community of parents and visitors.

Thank you to everyone for looking out for each other and working together to find a solution.

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Silvia Asson  
Principal  
Peninsula School

## Upcoming Events

**Fri. 4/28**  
Day of the Child

**Wed. 5/3 8:15-8:55 am**  
Principal's Coffee

**Fri. 5/5 8:00 am**  
Author visit

**Fri. 5/5 1:30 pm**  
Self Manager Party

**Mon. 5/8**  
Penny Wars begins

**Fri. 5/12**  
Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea

**Sat. 5/13**  
St. John's Parade

**Wed. 5/17 6:00 pm**  
PTA Meeting

**Mon. 5/22 3:30pm**  
Volunteer Dessert

**Fri. 5/26**  
K-2 Field trip to Zoo

**Mon. 5/29**  
No School - Memorial Day

**5/1 - 5/5** SBAC Testing  
**5/8 - 5/15** ELA testing  
**5/16 - 5/19** Math testing  
**5/22 - 5/26** Testing make-up

**May 6th is *last days* for  
Saturday School and Caldera Creative Lab**



## 2017 PPS Health, Safety and Modernization Bond

PPS has proposed a \$790 million capital construction bond on the May 16 ballot. If approved, the bond would fund renovations and additions at Benson and Madison high Schools and full rebuilds of Lincoln High School and Kellogg Middle School.

Additionally, if the bond passes, at least \$150 million would fund district-wide health and safety projects, including: replacing old pipes and fixtures to reduce lead; removing or encapsulating exposed lead paint and asbestos; and upgrading fire alarm and / or sprinkler systems.

The average levy rate for the proposed bond is estimated to be \$.68 per \$1,000 of assessed value over 30 years. The levy rate is estimated to be \$1.40 per \$1,000 for the first four years, declining thereafter.

If the proposed bond doesn't pass, PPS will continue to respond to health and safety emergencies and take steps to make sure schools remain safe. But, PPS currently does not have funding available to embark on significant long-term mitigation of these hazards.

Ballots go out to registered voters in late April and are due on May 16th, 2017.

### Ockley Green Middle School Open House for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade families

Please join us at Ockley Green Middle School on May 10th for an information night to help prepare you and your incoming 6th grade student for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Who:** Families of any incoming 6th grade student

**What:** Ockley Green will be open for you to come and learn more about our middle school program and experience.

- *Learn about OG classes and electives.*
- *Meet teachers and specialists.*
- *Tour different areas of the school.*
- *Refreshments will be served.*

**When:** Wednesday May 10th, from 6 - 7pm

**Where:** Ockley Green Middle School, 6031 N Montana Ave.

**Questions:** Please call: 503-916-5660 or email  
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