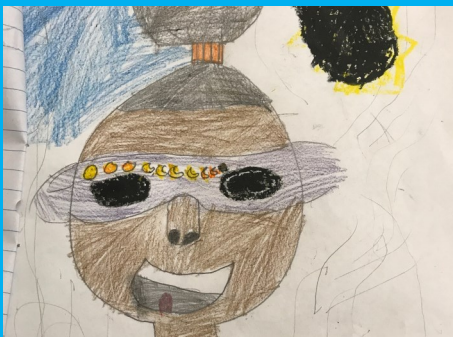


4th Grader, Saryah Kelley's picture of her in her bedazzled solar eclipse glasses.



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## Newsome's News



We are excited to begin the 2017-2018 school year! Our goal is to ensure that each of our students achieve success both academically and socially. Our focus for the month of August is "Good Citizenship." We are striving to make Rosa Parks a wonderful place for our students to learn and grow.

Our mission at Rosa Parks is still the same— "Children First." Failure is simply

not an option.

We invite you to join with us as we strive to help your child succeed in all they do. Having your child at school each day on time is essential to helping them reach their full potential.

There are plenty of ways you can be involved this year, many of which are highlighted in this newsletter. We encourage you to use your gifting to make a difference in a student's life.

Also, here are some helpful reminders to ensure your child's success:

- Have your child dressed in the approved uniform each day, unless otherwise

notified.

- Have your child at school on time each morning.
- **FREE** breakfast is available in the cafeteria beginning at 7:40 a.m. The first bell to go to class rings at 8:00 a.m.
- Check your child's backpack each night for homework and important information that might have been sent home.
- Help your child complete their homework each night and have it returned the following day.

We look forward to seeing our students grow this year!

## New Beginnings in Ms. Nasteha's Class!

Ms. Nasteha and her class have hit the floor running this year, having fun in all subjects, especially math. There are several pictures below of her students working on making patterns with blocks.



## School Supplies Donation

A big thank you to Kristin and Megan Wishon for their generous school supplies donation to Rosa Parks. Kristin and Megan are Portland residents who felt compelled to help a local school and chose Rosa Parks! Their supplies donation along with the \$5 collected from each child will help ensure all of our students have what they need to succeed this year at school! You can pay your child's \$5 supply contribution to their teacher, the front office or on SchoolPay:

<https://www.pps.net/Page/3528>.



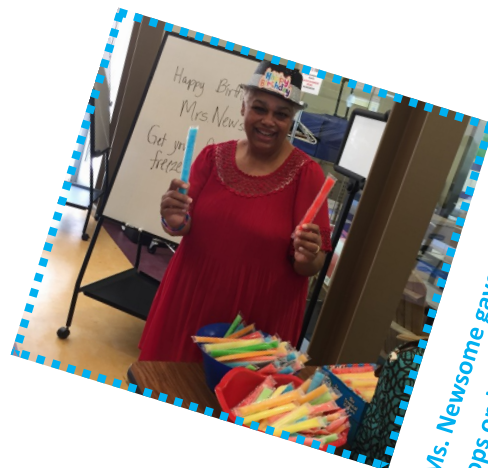
<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
Delavontea Spencer	2	7/2
Greidy Herrera-Perez	2	7/3
Muhammed Khoshnaw	1	7/4
Mackenzie Lieberman	1	7/7
Abdikamil Hussein	1	7/7
Xzayvia Johnson	3	7/7
Ozzie Waltz	2	7/8
Promesse Baleke	1	7/8
Heaven-fay Scroggins	3	7/8
Londynn Prevost	2	7/9
Abigail Eads	5	7/11
Abdullahi Abdullahi	1	7/13
Audrina Petersen	1	7/15
Sa'niyah Lewis	3	7/15
Sanarya Abbas	4	7/17
Ku Eh Dee	1	7/20
Nareen Abbas	3	7/22
Adrian Dean Jr.	3	7/22
Natalie Duncan	4	7/22
John Lewis	2	7/24
Jama Jama	1	7/26
Naima Smith	1	7/26
Gloria Zawadi	5	7/29
Sa'Jaye Lewis	4	8/3
Chanel Igiraneza	4	8/4
Francisco Esdras Francisco Martin	KG	8/6
Francisco Obed Francisco	3	8/6
Asanti Harris	5	8/6
Ousseini Hassane	4	8/7
Anabera Happiness	KG	8/8
Daizhaan Gregory	KG	8/12
Rockdonel Zizi Ben Mbabu	1	8/12
Yatziri Aguilar-Fuentez	1	8/12
Abdalla Musa	5	8/12
Nevaeha Greely	5	8/14
Daphne Zimmerman	4	8/15
Arush Sharma	3	8/19
Yuriy Filipyev	KG	8/21
Oscar Aguilar-Fuentes	3	8/23
Khyler Dreyer	3	8/23
Janeen Abdullah	KG	8/24
Loyal Waddy	KG	8/24
Jasmere Davis	5	8/24
Abdurahim Kemer	2	8/29
Quey'sean Epps	KG	9/2

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
Quey'sean Epps	KG	9/2
Marlen Sanchez-Tapia	KG	9/5
Jacque Msafiri	3	9/5
D'ante Hirsch	5	9/5
Victor Seraya	5	9/5
Laila Chappell	KG	9/6
Echo-Love Cobb	2	9/8
Jerry Robinson III	1	9/10
Evelyn Theriault	4	9/14
Shukri Jama	4	9/14
Jadah Vance	3	9/16
Amayah Parker	1	9/18
Zion Lovett	5	9/22
Brightness Kennedy	1	9/27
Lindsay Bradford	4	9/27
Kambaja Kim	2	9/28
Shila Anderson	1	9/30

### Staff Birthdays

Ms. Winn	7/2
Ms. Cynthia	7/5
Ms. Patrice	7/12
Ms. Ford	7/14
Ms. Wolfe	7/29
Ms. Gilius	7/30
Ms. Newsome	8/3
Ms. Nasteha	8/9
Mr. Curtis Wilson	8/12
Mr. Brucato	8/19
Mr. McKelvey	9/16

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!



Ms. Newsome gave out FREE freeze pops on her birthday! Thank you!

## Total Eclipse in Ms. Iwersen's Class

A BIG thank you to Mr. Brucato for using Donorschoose.org to request Solar Eclipse glasses for the entire school! Ms. Iwersen's class took the opportunity to take a group photo with their eclipse glasses on...or as some of her students called them, "apocalypse glasses". We hope you and your family enjoyed the day off watching the beautiful wonder of the eclipse.



Thank you Ms. Renée Latiolais of Beaverton and the Tom's family from Maine for your donation through Donor's Choose to ensure all of our students received Solar Eclipse glasses to watch the 2017 Solar Eclipse!

# Rosa Parks Brings Movement to Students

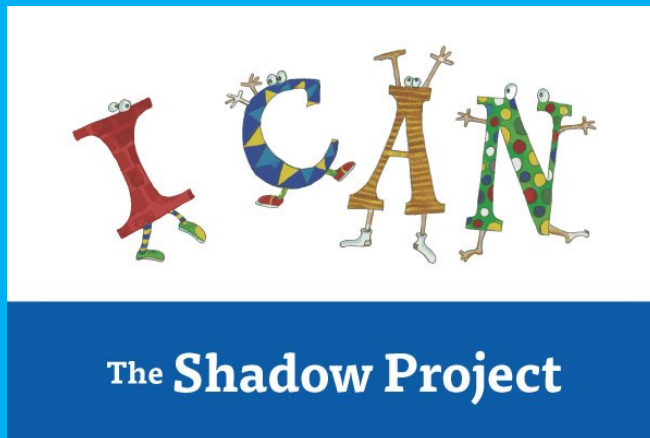
Kids need regular movement to be successful in school. In addition to the health benefits of physical activity, movement breaks can help students regulate their behavior, and they are then better able to engage in class and retain information.

At Rosa Parks, there are now two spaces where students with an identified learning challenge can go for a movement break between lessons:

- ♦ A sensory space in Ms. Klein's room for students in grades K-3, with a balance beam, trampoline, crash pad, tunnel for crawling, and squishy balls for shooting indoor hoops.
- ♦ A movement zone in Ms. Giarelli's room, where students in grades four and five have access to a stationary bike, a fit board, a trampoline, and a crash pad.

"My kids are really embracing the movement zone," said Ms. Giarelli. "Many of my students are starting to gauge what they are feeling, and they know what they need to do to calm down and focus, so they can get back to learning."

For example, regularly scheduled, timed, movement breaks are helping Day'Anah with stress over having a new teacher for the first time in three years. "The bike is my favorite," she said. "Sometimes, I get bored in class and need movement to wake up. It helps me to concentrate at school."





## Help Your Child Succeed in School: **Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early**

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

**Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.**

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

### When Do Absences Become a Problem?



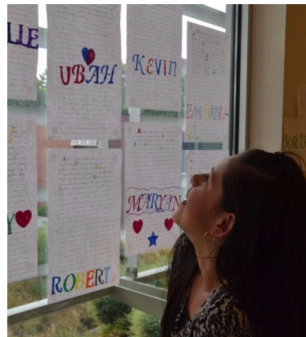
Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

For more on school readiness, visit [attendanceworks.org](http://attendanceworks.org) and [reachoutandread.org](http://reachoutandread.org)

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# Back to School Night

We had a blast at our Back to School Night and we hope you did too! Families enjoyed a picnic style dinner before heading to the Classrooms to meet teachers and learn about this year's curriculum.



# Welcome New Staff!

## Ms. Watson—5th Grade



As many of you already know, we have a new 5th grade teacher! Ms. Nichole Watson is no stranger to Rosa Parks though! She is the daughter of Lori Martin, who was Ms. Newsome's secretary for several years. She also did a part of her student teaching here under Mr. Curtis Wilson. We are excited to have Ms. Watson! If you haven't already met Ms. Watson, be sure to introduce yourself!

## Ms. Urban—Media Specialist

We are also excited to have Ms. Anne Urban join as our new Media Specialist! She has taught in the classroom, served 9 years as a classroom librarian in Tucson, AZ and most recently moved from the Grants Pass area where she was the Three Rivers School District Media Specialist. We look forward to seeing what she has in store for our students during their time in the library. Be sure to say hello!



## September Important Dates

Free Dress Day	9/1
Awards Assembly	9/1
Labor Day—SCHOOL	9/4
Teacher Planning Day— No School for Students	9/22
Fall Break	9/25-10/13
Intervention/ Enrichment Week (Identified Students)	10/9-10/12

## Volunteering at Rosa Parks

We love parents' presence at Rosa Parks and invite you to volunteer! We have several different opportunities from helping with picture days to working in the classroom to chaperoning on field trips! If you are interested in volunteering, please make sure you have an up-to-date background check with PPS. Go to our website: <https://www.pps.net/Page/3866> for the link to complete the background check online. Then, call our front office to schedule an appointment with our Assistant Principal, Mr. Walker.



## Up-to-Date Contact Information

Do have a new phone number? Is there someone new you want to give permission to pick up your child? Did you move? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please call or stop by the office to update your information. For your child's safety and in the event of an emergency, we always want to make sure we have the most up-to-date information. Thank you for your help!

## Rosa Parks Sweatshirts

The Rosa Parks sweatshirts are on sale for \$20 a piece. We will take orders until 10/1. Order forms are available in the office. There is a three-week turnaround for the order, so they should be here by the time we return from the Fall Break.

