

GRANT HIGH SCHOOL @ Marshall Campus

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*February 1, 2019* 

# Did you know?

Hello Grant Community,

You should have received first semester grades. If you have any questions, please contact the teacher first. Teachers can explain how the grade was calculated and the skills students need to work on. Counselors can help with questions about credit recovery and staying on track to graduate.

This is Super Bowl weekend and we have a Grant graduate playing on the Los Angeles Rams. Ndamukong Suh graduated in 2005. He played for Nebraska for four years and earned a degree in Construction Management. He has been in the NFL for 9 years, playing for the Detroit Lions, Miami Dolphins and most recently, the LA Rams. Ndamukong and his family have been strong supporters of Grant and still attend school events. The Suh Foundation supported the installation of turf on the Grant field in 2013. Congratulations to Ndamukong and his family.

The Grant Site Council (composed of staff, students and parents) created a list of questions to gather information from students and parents on several topics. The topics were discussed at site council meetings during the past year and questions were developed at the December meeting. The data will be used to identify ways that we can better communicate and inform parents and students. This week I will be sending out a link to the survey. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. We will also survey students for feedback.

Have a good week, Carol

# • <u>PTA NEWS</u>

**Please join us for the February meeting**, 2-12-19 in the Grant Library at 7 pm. Our special guests will be GHS Social Worker, Catrina Knoerzer, MSW, and Becca Dorn, School Psychologist. Becca and Catrina will generously share their time and expertise on the topic of Suicide Prevention. This is the meeting that was postponed from December. We'll talk about recognizing signs and assisting depressed and suicidal students and where to get help. All are welcome.

#### • <u>ELECTIVE FAIR</u>

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00 p.m., students, parents and caregivers are invited to an Elective Fair at Grant @ Marshall. The purpose of the fair is to learn more about the many elective courses offered at Grant. Teachers will showcase individual courses and be available to answer questions. Counselors will be available to assist with forecasting.

We recently added a Business CTE (career technical education) Program. We now have 9 CTE programs: Audio Engineering, Computer Science, Construction Technology, Digital Media, Theatre Arts, Health Science, Design and Applied Arts, and Engineering. Courses within these programs include opportunities to learn about related careers through guest speakers, field trips and other career-related activities.

The elective fair will be an opportunity to explore CTE and other elective opportunities.

#### • SOCIAL STUDIES CLASS LEARNS ABOUT HOLOCAUST

This past Sunday was Holocaust Remembrance Day. This week, Amy Angell's social studies class read about, watched videos, and discussed the Holocaust. They read the poem below and created butterflies in response to the poem and to remember those who lost their lives.



# • <u>UNIFIED BASKETBALL SCHEDULE</u>

The Unified Basketball season is getting underway with the first game tomorrow at Roosevelt. We are looking forward to supporting these student-athletes. See the game schedule below. Home games are in bold. See pictures below of the game on Wed.

Monday January 14th, 4pm @ Roosevelt Wednesday January 23rd, 5pm @ Forest Grove HS Wednesday January 30th, 3:30pm @ Grant v. Wilson Monday February 4th, 4pm @ Grant v. Glencoe HS Wednesday February 20th, 6pm - Grant @ Oregon City Monday February 25th, 4pm - @ Grant v. Cleveland





# • GRANT GENDRILLS WIN 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE AT CANBY

We debuted our 2019 state routine at Canby and won 2nd place!!



• <u>STUDENT ART ON DISPLAY IN CENTER HALL</u>









### • FEBRUARY IS ENGINEERING MONTH!

It's FEBRUARY, and that means that the CCC is celebrating all things Engineering and CTE!

<u>Engineering:</u> February is "National Engineering Month" and as such we bring in a lunchtime speaker to the CCC every week. Next Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, we feature Chris Imondi who is the Manufacturing Engineering Lead at Boeing. Chris graduated from Wilson High School in 2003 and then Oregon State University (B.S. Manufacturing/Industrial Engineering) and Portland State University (M.S. Engineering and Technology Management). He was the mentor on our initial GHS FIRST Robotics team in 2011-12 and is now the Mentor Coordinator for all Boeing FIRST teams in the Portland Metro area. RSVP to Ms. Kokes directly to come hear Chris speak (<u>mkokes@pps.net</u>). That way I'll know how much PIZZA to order.

<u>CTE:</u> February is also CTE month! What is CTE? It's Career Technical Education – cutting edge, relevant, rigorous and FUN classes in inspired spaces that prepare you for post-secondary opportunities. You'll gain critical thinking, technical and professional skills that will give you a leg up on your competition whether you are going directly into the workforce or continuing your education via apprenticeship or college. Check out Grant's CTE offerings here <u>https://www.pps.net/Page/2446</u>. And come to the Elective Fair on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> where you can talk to the teachers of these programs to learn more.

See information and pictures below on some of the recent activities in the CCC.

Abbie Nilan, Grant alumna 2014, sharing her experiences at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. She majored in Materials Engineering. Her advice to students – take advantage of all of your resources both in high school and at college. She joined the "Engineers without Borders" club, volunteering and travelling with them tp Thailand. And, because she took PSU and AP classes when at Grant, she placed out of General Education classes at Cal Poly thus allowing her to minor in ART which helps her to come up with more creative solutions. STEAM!







Library display celebrating engineering month.



• <u>STUDENT PROJECTS FROM WOODWORKING ON DISPLAY</u>



### • <u>GRANT ALUMNI MURAL RESTORATION PROJECT</u>

The Alumni Association is raising funds to restore the murals in the Grant auditorium. They recently secured a commitment from the Leo Lester Browne Charitable Fund to match up to \$100,000. This offer is for a limited time only. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$200,000.

Visit MuralRestoration@GrantHSPortland.org

The murals were installed in 1932 and were donated by artist, Carl Hoeckner. They depict peace among those living in the Pacific Northwest and symbolize the aspirations of all. The artist donated the murals in memory of William T. Fletcher, the first principal of GHS, who died suddenly at the age of 53. Carl Hoeckner is an early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Chicago artist who taught at The Art Institute of Chicago.

You can donate to the restoration fund in the following ways:

- Send a check (tax deductible) to Grant Alumni Association, PO Box 13291, Portland, Oregon 97213-0291.
- Donations can be made via PayPal by visiting: <u>https://www.grantalumni.org/dues--</u> <u>donations.html</u>

Scroll down to the Fletcher Mural Restoration Fund button near the bottom of the page.

• Many companies will match contributions made by their employees. Check with your employer to see if you have a contribution matching plan.

# • <u>PENNIES FOR PATIENTS FUNDRAISER</u>

We will be hosting our annual Pennies for Patients fundraiser to help the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society from January 7th to February 1st. Please encourage your students to donate with cash or change in designated boxes around the school in classrooms, offices, and the library. If you have any questions email <u>clubsghs@gmail.com</u>.

#### • <u>PTA</u>

Join us for the next PTA meeting on **Tuesday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the library**.

The program begins with a short presentation/update by the Grant Principal, Dr. Carol Campbell. There will also be time for questions.

Consider joining the PTA and attending the monthly meetings. We have had a small core group of parents/guardians for the past several years and would very much like to expand the membership. If you are a new parent/guardian to Grant, PTA is a great way to get involved and meet other parents/guardians. *You can now join on <u>School Pay.</u>* 

# • <u>THE SAFEOREGON TIP LINE</u>

In keeping with our commitment to student safety, last October PPS joined school districts across the state in using the SafeOregon Tip Line. We want to remind you about this important resource.

SafeOregon was funded by the Oregon Legislature as part of a statewide effort to improve school safety. It provides a secure means for anyone to anonymously report suspicious or imminently unsafe situations, such as threats of violence, fights, drugs and alcohol, weapons, bullying, harassment, intimidation or self-harm.

Anyone, from students to parents to community members, can access the system in a variety of ways, including:

- The "Report unsafe behavior" button found on every PPS school's website
- The <u>SafeOregon website</u>
- A live call/text (844-472-3367)
- An email to <u>tip@safeoregon.com</u>
- The mobile app that can be downloaded from your Smart Phone via iTunes or Google Play

Trained staff are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to respond.

Please be sure to share this information with your friends and family. Remind your students: **If you see or hear something, say something – immediately.** 

# • <u>GET CONNECTED TO GRANT VIA SOCIAL MEDIA</u>

There are several Grant High School Facebook pages. I manage a page that can be found at: **PPS Grant High School.** I post pictures and news related to events at the high school.

I also send information via Twitter at: @ccampbellGHS

# <u>ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION TOOL</u>

PPS has shifted family, student and staff communication to a new tool that gives schools the ability to send texts about emergencies, closures, delays and other important news. To receive text notifications, you must opt in to the service. <u>You opt in by texting YES</u> to 68453. Parents and students should confirm their cell numbers listed in the student information system. Staff should confirm their cell numbers are the "primary" number in the PeopleSoft system. For more information about texting, go to <u>www.pps.net</u> and click on the "Mobile First" button.