



GRANT HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Did you know?



Hello Grant Community,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We are approaching the end of the first semester and students should focus on preparing for assessments and completing any missing assessments or projects.

There has been much talk this week about the potential of some snowfall next week. Information on school closures and delayed starts are broadcast on radio and TV stations, as well as e-mail, social media and text messages. I post information on Facebook, Twitter and use school messenger to send e-mails and text messages. If we have one or more snow days, we do not change the A-B rotation schedule but continue to follow the A-B rotation on the school calendar. The district decides if any days missed will be made up at the end of the year. Weather events are often unpredictable and I will do my best to communicate as quickly and thoroughly as I can.

The conflict between U.S. and Iran has been the focus of news this past week. While we are all concerned about recent events, the level of concern, fear and anxiety may be heightened for some members of our community and city. Our thoughts are with those serving our country and their families, those with family and friends in Iran, and Iranians who live in our community and other communities in the U.S. Our commitment is to ensure school is a safe, welcoming, inclusive place for all students and families. If your student needs support at school, please contact their counselor. There are also websites that provide resources for parents on how to talk to children about fears concerning war and conflict.

Looking forward to our continued work together in 2020,

Carol

- **PIL BASKETBALL SHOWCASE**

The PIL Basketball Showcase is Saturday 1/11 at Franklin High School. The Women's Varsity team will play Benson at 5:30pm, followed by the Men's Varsity team playing Jefferson at 7:15pm. Large crowds and limited parking is anticipated. Admission (cash only) - \$10 adults. \$5 students. No RE-ENTRY. A ticket grants admission until departure. Upon return or venue switch, a new ticket must be purchased. No student backpacks allowed.

- **HAWTHORNE BRIDGE COMMUNITY CAREER FAIR**

The Hawthorne Bridge 9th grade community held their annual career fair on Friday. Professionals from the community volunteered their time to talk to students about their education and career paths. Thanks to Hawthorne Community teachers, Carmel Ross, Chris Lodore and Stephanie D'Cruz, 9th grade counselors, Zach Cash and Edith Guitron, and career coordinator, Madeline Kokes for organizing and planning the event.





- **NEW EQUIPMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION PATHWAY**

Advanced and intermediate woodworking students complete final assembly on the newest equipment in the shop: 54 inch drum sander.



- **THE SAFEOREGON TIP LINE**

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 [SafeOregon website](https://www.safeoregon.com/) <https://www.safeoregon.com/>
- A live call/text (844-472-3367)
- An email to tip@safeoregon.com
- 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.**

- **GET CONNECTED TO GRANT VIA SOCIAL MEDIA**

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**

- **ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION TOOL**

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. **You opt in by texting YES 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 www.pps.net and click on the “Mobile First” button.