

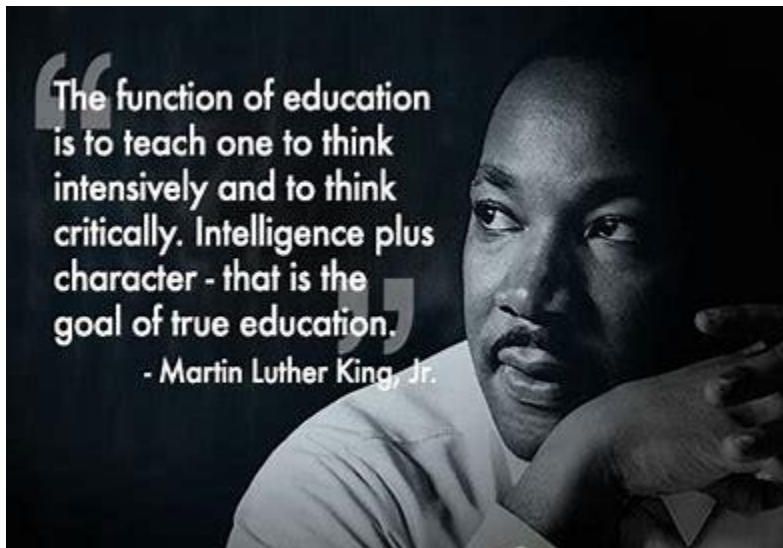


GRANT HIGH SCHOOL

*WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE
PRINCIPAL*

January 17, 2020

Did you know?



Hello Grant Community,

This Monday schools are closed in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. This holiday celebrates his life, legacy and the hope he brought to America and the world. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed in unconditional love, forgiveness, nonviolence and nonjudgement. He

devoted his work and life to the pursuit of greater equality in America and civil rights for all people regardless of race.

Our racial equity work at Grant is grounded in the same beliefs as Martin Luther King, Jr. We strive for a school community in which individuals care for one another and one in which every person feels valued and included. One of the goals of Race Forward activities is to provide opportunities for students and staff to experience multiple perspectives and to have a platform to share their own life experiences. Through honest dialogue, we hope to continue to build a community that values and cares for each member.

Have a good week,

Carol

- **EXAM SCHEDULE**

Here is the schedule for next week:

Monday	No school (MLK)
Tuesday	All periods 1-8
Wednesday	Exams-Periods 1, 2 and 4 followed by Flex
Thursday	Exams-Periods 5, 6 and 8 followed by Flex
Friday	Exams-Periods 3 and 7 followed by flex

Lunch will be served on all exam days. Flex time can be used to check-in with teachers, make-up exams, meet with counselors, study in library, study with peers, etc.

*January 27th is a teacher planning day and there is no school for students.

- **SCHOOL REPORT CARD FROM ODE**

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) issues annual report cards for every school and school district. The report cards offer families and the community valuable information about student attendance and achievement and teacher experience, among other things.

To view report cards online, visit the [ODE report card webpage](#), and select Portland SD 1J from the District Selection menu. Report cards for individual schools can be found by scrolling down the page. For questions about information contained in the state report cards, check out the FAQs on [this webpage](#). Copies of the report card are also available in the main office.

- **PICKING UP AND DROPPING OFF STUDENTS**

Please exercise caution when picking up and dropping off students. In addition to the front of the school on NE 36th, the new gym entrance on NE US Grant Place has also become a busy area. Remind students about using caution when crossing the street, especially when it is dark and rainy and difficult for drivers to see pedestrians.

Our school is in the middle of a residential area and we always strive to be good neighbors. When parking on the street, make sure to avoid blocking driveways. Remind students when they are walking in the neighborhood to be respectful by not leaving trash on the ground.

Thanks for helping us be good neighbors.

- **CORNELL UNIVERSITY GLEE CLUB AND CHORUS VISITS GRANT**



The Cornell Glee Club, founded in 1868, is recognized as one of the premier ensembles in the United States. They are finishing up a tour of the Pacific Northwest and stopped by Grant to visit with choir classes.

The Cornell Choir Director and Treble Choir worked with Grant singers.



- **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@safeporegon.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.