



GRANT HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

October 10, 2019

Did you know?



Hello Grant Community,

Progress reports were completed last week. If you have questions or concerns, please contact teachers. E-mail is usually the best way to start a conversation, however, teachers will return phone calls within a couple of days. Many teachers also have websites with important information. Check with your student regarding websites, google classroom, etc.

*This **Friday, October 11th** is a statewide in-service day. All schools and offices are closed.*

Please consider joining the Grant Site Council. The Site Council meets monthly to identify and discuss academics, school policies and practices, and other related topics. The Site Council is made up of students, teachers, parents and staff. Last year the Site Council researched grading practices and made recommendations that would improve communication and parent understanding of assessments and grading. There is more information below and a calendar of meeting dates and times.

Have a good week

Carol

- **PSAT DAY**

On Wednesday, October 16th, we will be administering the PSAT test to all sophomores and a large number of juniors. There will be other learning opportunities for students who are not taking the test.

Attendance is important for all students on October 16th (including seniors). Staff have been working hard to plan activities, especially for 9th graders and seniors. Some of the activities will help students meet graduation requirements. There will also be presentations from professionals in the community connected to career learning. Seniors will also get important information about graduation.

Madeline Kokes, Career Coordinator, helps plan the activities for the day and I hope you will support the work she and others have done to make this day valuable and relevant for students.

Students will be dismissed after lunch at 1:45 p.m.

- **SITE COUNCIL**

Please consider joining the Site Council. The Site Council is composed of students, staff, parents, administrators and community members. The purpose of the group is to examine school policies and practices, to support the academic program and to make recommendations when desired. For example, last year the Site Council examined grading practices within the school and collected data via surveys. They made recommendations which were shared with staff last June.

The dates of meetings are listed below. The application is in the school bulletin this week or you can send me an e-mail if you would like to join. ccampbell@pps.net

Wednesday, October 23	3:45-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 20	3:45-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 18	3:45-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 29	3:45-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 19	3:45-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 18	3:45-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22	3:45-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 20	3:45-5:00 p.m.

- **NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

September 15 to October 15 is National Hispanic American Heritage Month.

As a community that values inclusion, diversity and racial equity, please join in paying tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our community, nation and society.

We have several racial affinity clubs at Grant including MEChA. At Back-To-School-Night, MEChA and other clubs will have information on how to join.

Below is the explanation of MEChA and founding principles of the organization.

Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MEChA) is a student organization that was founded on the principles of self-determination for the liberation of our people. We believe that political involvement and education is the avenue for change in our society.

Each word in MEChA symbolizes a great concept in terms of la causa. Movimiento means that the organization is dedicated to the movement to gain self-determination for our people. Estudiantil identifies the organization as a student group for we are part of our Raza's future. At the heart of the name is the use of the identity: Chicano. At first seen as a negative word, now taken for a badge of honor. Lastly, the affirmation that we are Indigenous people to this land by placing our movement in Aztlan, the homeland of all peoples from Anahuak.



- **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.