3/8/2019

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Mar 9<sup>th</sup>  **THIS SATURDAY NIGHT!** Foundation Auction, 5:30pm-9pm, World Forestry Center
Mar 10<sup>th</sup>  Daylight Savings- Clocks forward
Mar 12<sup>th</sup>  PTA Board Meeting, 6:30pm, Library
Mar 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>  Passport Club, grades 1-5, Library, Lunch Recess
Mar 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>  NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK

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**FROM THE OFFICE**

**SPRINGTIME REMINDERS:**

- If you are visiting/volunteering, please make sure you are first signing in at the front office and then wearing your volunteer/visitor badge at all times while in the building. Also, we must have a Confidentiality Agreement on file if you are volunteering or helping out anywhere in the building. If you have not done so already, please come to the office to sign one. There are blank copies in the office next to the sign-in laptop. Thank you!
**TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDER**

*Please refer to the attached Traffic document regarding traffic safety and policies. The safety of our students is our number #1 priority! We also must be respectful of our surrounding neighbors.*

**Drop-Off and Parking**
- Grades 3-5 Drop off: Please DO NOT PARK east of the cones on 47th between 7:45am-8:15am. This is a DROP OFF ONLY Zone.
- The parking lot is for staff parking only. Please use the street parking if you would like to escort your child to the school grounds.
- Please do not park on the corners of the streets at intersections.

**MESSAGE FROM YAN**

**2019 Chinese Speech and Talent Contest** (*see attached flyer*)

Next month we are hosting the annual Chinese language, arts, and talents competition, sponsored by Hanban/Confucius Institute. Everyone is encouraged to participate!

**Date:** Saturday, April 6  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  
**Location:** KMC, rooms 285 and 295  
615 SW Harrison Street

**Off-Site Contests:**
- Photography and Short Film  
- Calligraphy with Writing Brush  
- Calligraphy with Pen or Pencil  
- Chinese Painting or Drawing

**How to submit:**
To enter the Photography and Short Film contest, please send your materials to Xin Mao at xmao@pdx.edu.

To enter the contests for Calligraphy with Writing Brush, Calligraphy with Pen or Pencil, and Chinese Painting or Drawing, please submit to KMC 660-T (615 SW Harrison St, Portland, OR 97201).

**Submission deadline:** Friday, March 29 by 5:00 p.m.

**On-Site Contests:**
- **Speech Contest:** A three-minute Chinese speech will be given based on the participant's self-selected theme.
- **Talent Show:** All talents are welcome, including singing, dancing, tongue twisters, and drama. Please bring your own instruments or other necessary materials. Both individual and group performances are welcome. Please send your background music or video to xmao@pdx.edu before March 31.
**Mandarin Bee:** The examiner will give the English vocabulary/phrase/sentence and the contestant will answer with the corresponding Chinese vocabulary/phrase/sentence. Each contestant will have ten seconds to provide a response.

**Registration deadline:** Friday, March 29 by 5:00 p.m.  
Online registration only. Please register through the Chinese Skills and Talents Contest form. (You can choose either the Mandarin Bee or the Speech & Talent contest.)  
More information about the contests can be found on 2019 Confucius Institute Chinese Skills & Talents Contests page

Thank you. Have a great day.

Yan

*Xiaoyan Zhou*
Mandarin Teacher
Bridlemile Elementary School

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**MESSAGE FROM TAG**

Dear Bridlemile Families,

This past November, I had the opportunity to attend a presentation given by Dr. RubyDawn Lyman surrounding heightened sensitivities within talented and gifted learners. At this presentation, I learned a great deal about the areas of heightened sensitivity: psychomotor, sensory, imaginative, intellectual and emotional. The overarching messages of the presentation were powerful ones: What can we do to help students manage heightened sensitivities? How can we shift our collective paradigm to view heightened sensitivities as strengths as opposed to hindrances? This presentation provided valuable points to ponder and a gentle reminder to avoid viewing differences within learners through the deficit lens.

Because each and every child possesses a unique talent and gift, it stands to reason that this presentation pertains to everyone. Please find more information about a series of presentations given by Dr. Lyman in the central TAG office communication below. Please also note the attachment, as it places many of these heightened sensitivities in context.

Best regards,

Tom Finch  
Third Grade Teacher and Building TAG Facilitator

Good morning TAG Families,  
We are excited to host a TAG Parent Series focused on what it means to be gifted. The series will be facilitated by Dr. RubyDawn Lyman, Coordinator of Pacific University’s Talented and Gifted Specialization Program and teacher in Hillsboro School District. The first parent presentation will take place on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. with 7:30 – 8:00 pm. for questions and social time at 501 N. Dixon in the WyEast conference room on Lower Level 2. The session is for adults only as there will be no childcare at this meeting. The first topic will be Characteristics of Giftedness. We will survey parents at this session to find out what additional
topics would be of the most interest for future sessions. The remaining sessions will be held on April 9th, and May 7th. As of now these sessions will also be held in WyEast at the BESC. This is a wonderful opportunity to interact and meet other parents of TAG students in PPS. We appreciate the opportunity to bring Dr. Lyman to PPS with such short notice, and look forward to her sharing valuable information to our PPS TAG community.
Sincerely,
Portland Public Schools
Department of Talented and Gifted

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL CLUSTER (Gray/Wilson & West Sylvan/Lincoln)

Robert Gray Middle School Tour
May 1, 3:00 PM

**See attached Flyer for RGMS Transition Dates**

Wilson Youth Lacrosse  Registration Open
www.wylax.net or on Facebook @ WYLAXBOYSPDX

Lincoln Youth Baseball Registration Open
www.lincolnyouthbaseball.com

SW Portland Little League Spring Registration
SW Portland Little League spring registration is now open! We offer programs for kids ages 5 to 14 in baseball and softball. (Tee ball is offered for 5 and 6 year old kids) Our program is both instructional and fun. Play ball! http://swpll.org/sites/swpll/program/19070/Spring-BaseballSoftball-Spring-2019

WINTER AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Monday
• Soccer by Soccer Shots- Outside field
   https://www.soccershots.org/pdx/
• Yoga Playgrounds, Faculty Lounge outside Portable (ends 3/18)
   http://www.yogaplaygrounds.com/

Tuesday
• Chess Wizards, Faculty Lounge outside Portable (ends 3/19)
   https://chesswizards.com/

Wednesday
• Spanish by Kids Like Languages, Faculty Lounge outside Portable (ends 3/20)
  Kids Like Languages
  Enroll before March 29, 2019, get $10 off- Promo-code: SPRING19
UPCOMING SPRING AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Monday
• Soccer by Soccer Shots - Outside field (Starts 4/1)
  https://www.soccershots.org/pdx/

Tuesday
• Math Gamers, Faculty Lounge outside Portable (Starts 4/16)
  www.mathgamers.net

Wednesday
• Spanish by Kids Like Languages, Faculty Lounge outside Portable (Starts 4/17)
  Kids Like Languages
  Enroll before March 29, 2019, get $10 off - Promo-code: SPRING19

SAFETY PATROL WEEK 3  Mar 11th – 15th

Attachments:
Kids Like Languages-Spring Spanish Flyer
Robert Gray School Transition Dates Flyer

School Website
503-916-6292
Archived Friday Flyer Newsletters
PTA/Foundation website