



UPCOMING

APRIL

3 Monday

- School resumes
- Spring SUN classes begin

3-7 Monday-Friday

- Clay Artist in Residence
1st Grade

4 Tuesday

- Tax Preparation 10 AM-2 PM

7 Friday

- Regular School Day
- 3rd Quarter Ends
- Tax Preparation 2 PM-6 PM

10 Monday

- SBAC Testing begins
Grades 4-6

11 Tuesday

- PTA Meeting 6:30 PM
- Tax Preparation 10 AM-2 PM

14 Friday

- Tax Preparation 2 PM-6 PM

18 Tuesday

- Tax Preparation 2 PM-6 PM

19 Wednesday

- Regular School Day
NO LATE OPENING
- Do Jump Assembly 5th-8th

20 Thursday

- Anti-Bullying Assembly

21 Friday

- Tax Preparation 2 PM-6 PM

14 Friday

- Java with John 9 AM
- Tax Preparation 2 PM-6 PM

From the Principal's Desk...



Dear Families,

I hope that you had a great Spring Break. I think it was much-needed after the wild winter we had. Now that we are back to school, it is time to buckle down and make the most of the time remaining. Starting next week we will begin SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) tests - the test used by the state and district to measure student progress in grades 3-8. We will be sending out more information regarding the tests later this week.

The most urgent topic I need to share with you is regarding report cards for 3rd quarter. Here is the message from the district:

In an effort to restore as many instructional days as possible that were lost due to snow in December and January, PPS and the Portland Association of Teachers (PAT) agreed to a number of terms that included extending the school year and converting a contractual grading and planning day into an instructional one.

As previously communicated, April 7 will now be an instructional day, which is particularly important to restore instructional time for Seniors before graduation (which takes place before the end of the school year where the other days were restored).

In exchange for this planning day, PPS and PAT agreed that third quarter grades would only be mandatory for:

- Seniors
- Students who otherwise need a grade (i.e. eligibility for athletics or college applications)
- Students in quarter classes

In subsequent negotiations, PPS and PAT also agreed that third quarter progress reports will be issued for:

- Students in danger of failing or whose behavior or achievement shows a significant decline
- Special education students

We can understand that parents may be frustrated by these terms. Nine instructional days is nearly two weeks of valuable instructional time. While all nine days could not be restored, the district worked with the union to add back as many as possible and as a result, PPS was able to meet more than the state's minimum requirements.

While many students will not receive an official report card in the third quarter, you always have an open door policy with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress and understand how your child is performing in school.

And end of year report cards and grades will be delivered to all families upon completion of the school year.

If you have any questions regarding this, please give me a call. This is a new experience for us and we will try to work our way through it.

On the back page we have pictures of our latest Music Showcase, Spirit Week (Pajama Day & Twin Day), and our Chess Team at the State Championship. The team qualified for the Team competition and Kelly Zhu qualified for the Individual competition, which is an amazing accomplishment.


John Walden

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