

Peninsula Parent Post

September 16, 2022

Upcoming Events

9/22- Back to School night (in-person) 6-7:30

9/23- No School

10/3- Picture day for k-2 students

10/4- Picture day for 3-5 students

10/14-No school

10/15-Cider Press/ Garden party. Bring containers for cider and baskets for apples (11-1:00)

If you have topics you'd like me to address, please reach out to me: cskelly@pps.net. -Claire

Reporting Absences

If you have a child who will be out, please either call the school and leave a message with our attendance line, or email Sara Gilds @ sgilds@pps.net.

Eating in the Cafeteria

Some Peninsula parents will team with Peninsula staff to create a proposal that would allow meals to be eaten outside. The plan will need to include:

- Adequate supervision
- Food safety and sanitation
 - Making sure that any unwanted/uneaten foods are disposed of correctly
 - Surfaces are sanitized

- Allergen management/504 plans - practices are still in place to minimize risk and/or plans are still maintained for agreed upon eating and eating environment accommodations
 - With outdoor eating, risk for students with bee allergies should also be addressed, if applicable, since foods outside may draw more near the area

For this to be a feasible option at Peninsula, we will need volunteers daily for supervision and/or table sanitization. We have three lunch periods between 11:00 and 12:50. If you are interested in volunteering to support an outdoor lunch option, please reach out to cskelly@pps.net.

Health Updates

Update from the health assistant:

We are seeing a large number of students coming to school with coughs, congestion, and other symptoms of illness. Please keep your student at home when they are exhibiting signs of illness, to help keep our Peninsula students and staff safe and well.

Please make sure your parent contact information is up-to-date with Sara in the main office. If your child needs to go home for illness and we can't reach you or your emergency contact, this puts additional strain on students and staff and creates an unhealthy environment.

Lastly, it's a great time to remind your student about proper illness hygiene. Blowing nose when needed, using the "vampire cough" method, and washing hands after doing either. We have hand sanitizer and masks available as well. Emphasizing these skills will help us all have a productive and healthy year!

OHSU COVID Testing

PPS is partnering with OHSU again this year to offer free weekly COVID-19 testing for students. Participation in this program is completely optional, but encouraged, and is offered regardless of vaccination status. Participating students will drop off spit samples in pre-labeled tubes at school Tuesday each week, whether they have symptoms or not. **Schools will begin collecting spit samples starting September 27th-29th.**

What's new?

- **Registration:** Beginning today Parents/Guardians can start enrolling their students through [OHSU's NEW Online Portal](#). If you are unable to enroll for any reason, please call OHSU support at (503) 418-8500.
- **Test Tubes:** New, pre-labeled test tubes with a scannable barcode will be mailed directly to your mailing address and should arrive within a week of enrollment. **Test kits from last year cannot be used, so please throw them away.**

- **Spit Samples:** Spit tests can be collected either the night before or the morning of their school's testing day. Please use this [spreadsheet](#) to know what day to drop off your student's spit sample.
- **Test Results:** When the test results are available, you will receive an email telling you to log into the online portal www.labfinder.com/ohsu to view the results.
- **Additional drop-off locations:** If you miss your weekly testing day, OHSU has added 3 drop-off sites around the Portland metro area.
 - Doernbecher Child Development Rehabilitation Center - 707 S Gaines Street, Portland, OR 97239
 - Primary Care Clinic at Gabriel Park - 4411 S Vermont Street, Portland, OR 97219
 - Richmond Family Health Center - 3930 SE Division Street, Portland, OR 97202

What stays the same?

- There is no cost to families to participate.
- OHSU uses highly accurate molecular testing, known as [PCR](#).
- Students will continue to bring their spit samples to school on the designated testing day.
- OHSU nurses will call parents of all students who test positive or whose tests are inconclusive for the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19.

For more information about OHSU's K-12 Screening Program, visit their website at <http://www.ohsu.edu/k12testing> or contact the OHSU support team at k12covidtesting@ohsu.edu or (503) 418-8500.

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A Message from our School Social Worker

Are you needing additional clothing for your children? PPS has a clothing closet full of gently used clothing for families in need. Reach out for a referral if so- parents can "shop" for their kids Mondays and Thursdays 10-1. Please click [here](#) and check out the full list of past resources shared. Most of these are ongoing resources available. If you or your family needs access to additional resources (energy assistance, mental health, childcare, food boxes, clothing, etc.) please feel free to reach out via phone or text at my work cell 971.276.1759 - hablo español. I work part time and I'm in the school and available via phone Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

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