

## Letter from the principal regarding changes at Peninsula

Dear Parents,

The start of the school year can sometimes be a time of change. I want to share with you two changes to the staff at Peninsula. Firstly, our Counselor, Hanna Allen, has taken a position in Vancouver where she will be closer to home and family. We acknowledge that these decisions are hard for our staff and they can be disorienting for our students as well. We will continue to work with students to help them transition. Ms. Hanna's final work day has not yet been set as we engage the recruitment and interview process to secure a new Counselor. We are sad to see her go but wish her all the best.

The second change is in our staff for specials. This year at Peninsula school started our year with four specials: Library/Tech, PE, Music and Drama.

Library/Tech	1 time per week for 1 hour 1 Full time Teacher/ Librarian
Physical Education	3 times per week for 30 minutes each 1 Full time Teacher
Music	1 time per week for 30 minutes each 1 Half-time Teacher
Drama	1 time per week for 30 minutes each 1 Half-time Teacher

Last week, our drama teacher accepted a position with another school in PPS. Rather than looking to replace the drama teacher in October, we will be increasing our music program so that students have music twice per week. While we will miss Mr. Payne and the opportunity to explore theatre arts, we are excited to offer a more robust music program with Mr. Nearing at the helm.

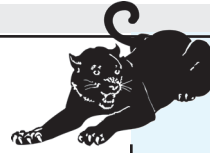
If you have questions or comments about this change, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Debbie Armendariz

## Reunification Drill Opt-In

A letter with information regarding our upcoming Reunification drill, with a permission slip to opt-in to the drill was sent home with students today. Please look for that in their backpack and consider participating.

The letter and permission slip are also on our website:  
[www.pps.net/peninsula](http://www.pps.net/peninsula)



## Upcoming Events



Thursday, Sept. 27th

5th Grade field trip to arboretum

Friday, Sept. 28th

School Assembly - OMSI

Wednesday, Oct. 3th 6:00-7:30pm

PTA Meeting

Friday, Oct. 5th

Picture Day

Friday, Oct. 12th

No School- Inservice Day

Monday, Oct. 15th

5th grade field trip to OMSI

Friday, Oct. 19th

Reunification Drill

Thursday, Oct. 25th

Kinder field trip to pumpkin patch

Monday, Oct. 29th

No School- Teacher Planning Day

Thursday, Nov. 1st 5:30-7:00pm

Harvest Festival

Sunday, Nov. 4th

Daylight Savings Time ends (fall back)

Wednesday, Nov. 7th 6:00-7:30pm

PTA Meeting

Monday, Nov. 12th

No School- Veteran's Day

Nov. 19th & 20th 8:00am-8:00pm

No School - Parent Teacher Conferences

Nov. 21st-23rd

No School - Thanksgiving Break



## School Pictures Coming Soon!

Friday, October 5th, 2018

Picture Day packets went home with students today, Wednesday, September 26th.

### Ordered online:

**Website:** [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com)

Picture day Code: FO738577Q0

Students *do not* need to bring a receipt or complete an envelope.

### Order with cash or check:

Fill out the picture day envelope, seal it with cash or check, and send it with your student on picture day. The student should hand their envelope directly to the photographer.

### Picture Day Volunteers Needed:

We are looking for two volunteers to help out on picture day from 8:00am to approximately 1:30pm. Volunteers receive \$35.00 off their student's picture packet for their full day of assistance.

## PTA Fundraiser Packets have gone home.

*Charleston Wrap*  
BETTER PRODUCTS. BETTER FUNDRAISING.

The PTA has partnered with Charliston Wrap again this year. For each item purchased a percentage goes to the PTA. The PTA uses funds raised for such things as to put on school events and to help teachers purchase items for their classrooms.

Packets are due back to school on October 5th.

*Please make sure that payment is enclosed and that all of the student information is included.*



If you have any questions contact the Peninsula PTA via email at:

peninsulapanterspta@gmail.com



## School Breakfast & Lunch

### 2018/19 Lunch Costs

In May 22, the school Board voted and approved a 10 cent increase in lunch prices for the 2018-19 school year. Lunch for students not on free or reduced lunch will be \$2.90.

### Free and Reduced Lunch

To apply for free or reduced lunch for the 2018/19 school year go to <https://schoolcafe.com/>. A student ID is needed, and can found on the student profile, an old report card, and is the same as the student's lunch number. If you do not have access to the internet paper copies are available in the office.

If you had free and reduced lunch last year, there is a grace period to turn in your form for this year. In this case, you have until October 8th. Applications must be approved by this date. Starting October 9th, all students regardless of their previous status will accrue balances.

The copy for reduced price eligible meals will continue to be covered by the state of Oregon in 2018-19 and these meals will remain at no charge to the students.

### Breakfast

Peninsula School continues to offer free breakfast to all students. If adults wish to purchase a breakfast the cost will be \$2.25.