

Peninsula Family Post

November 18, 2022

Upcoming Events- November

11/21&11/22- No School (Conferences)

11/23-11/25- No School (fall break)

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

A Message from our School Social Worker

Are you looking for free Turkey for Thanksgiving week? Frozen turkey food boxes will be available the week before Thanksgiving for pick-up only from the Sunshine Division.

Availability is first-come, first serve basis at our pantries located at 687 N Thompson St and 12436 SE Stark St. Hours are Monday-Friday 9:30am to 11:00am & 12:30pm to 3:30pm and Saturday 9:30-1:00.

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.

Kenton Public Library Message

[Family Storytime at Kenton Library](#)

Children from birth to age 6 (with a favorite adult) enjoy books, songs, rhymes and movement activities while building language and literacy skills.

Saturdays at 10:15 AM through December 17

[Cuentos y canciones en la biblioteca de Kenton](#)

Se presentan cuentos, canciones y rimas en español para familias con niños de 0 a 6 años.

Sábados a las 11:15 hasta el 17 de diciembre

Kenton Library Tween Council

Help your librarian choose the best books, movies, comics, programs and events for you and your friends. Have fun working on special projects, making new friends, and creating the perfect library for you! This is a volunteer position and snacks will be provided. **For kids aged 9-12.** Tweens and their grownups are invited to a **Meet & Greet on Tuesday, December 20 at 4:30PM** to meet folx, ask questions, enjoy some snacks and play some games.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 4:30-6:00PM (beginning January 2023)

Bottle Drop Fundraiser

The Peninsula PTA participates in a can collection fundraiser. The Bottle Drop Holiday Give event is underway. Between 11/15 and 12/1 the Oregon Bottle Drop is providing a bonus 20% match for all our cans! So if you have a stash of filled up blue bags- please turn them in this month! The closest donation center is in Delta Park, near Lowe's.

Empty fundraiser Blue Bags are available at the- yellow house on Halleck street across from the kinder pick up.

<https://www.bottledropcenters.com/holiday-give/>

a Message from OHSU COVID Testing

There will be NO testing pickup at Peninsula on 11/22.

Greetings K-12 COVID Screening Program participants,

Thanksgiving is coming up next week, and we want to make sure that you all have access to testing ahead of the holiday.

Our team is communicating directly with schools and districts about pick-ups. If your school is in session on your usual collection day, then we will be making our regularly scheduled pick-ups. If your school is closed, and you live in the metro area, then the community drop-off points are an option for you. The locations and hours are provided below.

Locations

- Child Development and Rehabilitation Center: 707 S. Gaines St., Portland, OR 97239 ([Google Map](#))
- OHSU Primary Care Clinic, Gabriel Park: 4411 S.W. Vermont St., Portland, OR 97219 ([Google Map](#))
- OHSU Primary Care Clinic, Richmond: 3930 S.E. Division St., Portland, OR 97202 ([Google Map](#))
- OHSU Primary Care Clinic, Beaverton: 15700 S.W. Greystone Ct., Beaverton, OR 97006 ([Google Map](#))

Collection times

- Monday, November 21: 8 p.m.

- Tuesday, November 22: 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 23: 8 p.m.

Tests collected on Wednesday will not be tested until Friday, November 25 due to closure of the lab for the holiday.

We will be offering the drop-off points over the winter holiday break, as well. We will send another communication in mid-December.

We wish you all an enjoyable, safe Thanksgiving.

Healthcare Insurance Open Enrollment

The open enrollment period for individual and family health coverage runs from **November 1 to January 15** in Oregon. Health insurance covers essential health benefits critical to maintaining individual health and treating illness and accidents. Health insurance helps to reduce medical and prescription drug costs, making health care more affordable and thus more accessible. Without insurance, people face considerable barriers in receiving health services. The [Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace](#) offers information, including types of coverage and links to free application assistance. Link to more information [here](#).

TAG Nomination Information

The TAG nomination window has opened. Please [click here](#) for FAQs about TAG. [Here is a link](#) to the TAG nomination form.

A Message for 5th Grade Families:

The lottery for focus option schools is now open for students interested in a focus option middle school. Please check out this [slideshow for more information](#) about our neighborhood schools, the lottery option schools, and the lottery process. Please contact our school counselor, Samara Carranza, scarranza@pps.net, with any questions about the lottery process or middle school enrollment.

Citrus Fundraiser Update

We've surpassed our school goal of 120 boxes, so our students have earned a PTA sponsored ORANGE PARTY with orange snacks, party favors, decorations and more!

Pickup: December 1st or 2nd (exact delivery date to be determined) 2:00-4:00 pm at Peninsula Elementary. All items **MUST** be picked up on this day unless you chose to have them donated.

A Message from the Health Room

Immunization Exclusion Day sneaks up on us quickly after the 1st of the year. Student's who are not current on their immunizations will be excluded from school on Wednesday, February 15th. If your child is in need of any immunizations, you would have received a letter in October. There are many options for getting immunizations up-to-date including ongoing vaccination clinics between now and February. Please see the linked flier as an option ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#)). If you have any questions, please call Jenn in the health room as she is happy to assist!

