

“CHILDREN FIRST, LEARNING FIRST.”



THE ROSA PARKS VOICE

Congratulations, 3rd Grader,
Xzayvia Johnson
for being selected the
Student of the Month!!



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Newsome's News



Dear Rosa Parks Families,

We hope you and your family enjoyed the three-week Fall Break. Intervention/Enrichment Week was a success and approximately 110 students attended school from October 9th-12th for additional reading and math support. The purpose of Intervention Week is to help our

students reach their benchmarks. We believe that participation in Intervention Week will prove to be successful for our students.

Also, approximately 30—4th and 5th grade students returned for Enrichment classes. These students were meeting or exceeding their benchmarks and were invited to participate in enrichment classes

designed to challenge them even more.

All of our students returned October 16th and we are very excited about getting back to our normal school routine. Although October will be a short month for us, we are excited about getting started again.

Please help your child by arriving at school on time each morning. Breakfast is at 7:40 and the bell rings at 8:00 a.m. **Also, remember to check your child's backpack every day for homework and other important information that may be sent home.**

We appreciate your partnership as we strive to help our students meet their potential. As always, please let us know if you have any questions.

If you're interested in helping with the Newsletter each month, please e-mail jdunCan@pps.net.

5th Grade OMSI Camp





#thebestfieldtripever



Ms. Wolfe's 4th grade class visited Sauvie Island Organic Farms in September, where they learned about plant growth, composte and so much more! Ms. Wolfe was overwhelmed with parent participation and labeled this field trip as **#thebestfieldtripever!**

Thank you to all the parents who chaperoned on this field trip. If you are interested in chaperoning on field trips, please complete a PPS background check online and contact our front office at 503-916-6250.

Safety Corner

Your child's safety is one of our top priorities. We are going to start a monthly Safety Corner article in our newsletter with helpful tips on safety for your child. This month's topic, **Walking Home from School!** Here are six helpful tips to teach your children about walking home from school.

1. **Start Early.** Teach children about pedestrian safety when they start walking! Don't wait until they start school. Educate them on how to use crosswalks and the importance of looking back and forth before and while crossing the road.
2. **Buddy System.** Find a walking buddy for your child to walk to and from school with. This buddy could be a sibling, neighbor or friend.
3. **Find the Best Route.** Sometimes the shortest route isn't always the best route. Together, walk different routes to determine the best one, pointing out stop signs and cross walks. Also, discuss potential road dangers and how to avoid them.
4. **Keep Electronics in Backpacks.** Explain that wearing earphones while walking can be distracting and that for their safety all electronic devices should be kept in their backpacks or left at home.
5. **Stay Alert.** Educate your child about how to be aware of their surroundings and how they should be prepared to follow safe habits at crosswalks, with crossing guards, stop signs and traffic lights.
6. **Stranger Danger.** Talk about Stranger Danger with your child and what they should do in the event they are approached by a stranger. Scream, "NO" and run away to the nearest safe place (i.e. the school, Village Market, home, etc.)



Student Name	Grade	Birth Date
Rayshaun C. Shabazz	3	10/3
Tayshawn Washington	4	10/3
Blossom G. Xiong	5	10/3
Chania C. Glass	Kindergarten	10/5
Saday A. Mesa Arias	2	10/5
Paulina Floridalma Francisco	4	10/5
Nasia A. McCowan	5	10/5
Ms. Martin	LIPS Clinician	10/6
Timya D. Thomas	5	10/7
Malia S. Chasteen Kelly	KG	10/8
Mr. Yu	ESL Teacher	10/9
Ayman M. Adan	3	10/10
Annjel M. Fromal	5	10/11
Ms. Iwersen	2nd Grade Teacher	10/11
Antonio J. Shuncax	5	10/12
Furaha Masoka	5	10/12
Kamelah J. Curnal	1	10/13
Maria F. Gutierrez-Sanchez	3	10/13
Esmeralda Martinez-Aguilar	5	10/15
Jaime Zamora-Martinez	5	10/16
Winner Moseka Liwoza Mbabu	4	10/17
Leilani Quintanilla	Kindergarten	10/18
Dieu Donne Innocent	1	10/18
Alina P. Bosyuk	4	10/19
Kaylee B. Dubrawsky	5	10/19
Lelise Y. Bekele	4	10/20
Maranatha Tshimbu	Kindergarten	10/21
Ubah Mohamed	5	10/22
Demetrius K. Taylor	2	10/25
Theo C. Kim	2	10/27
Ian J. Gutierrez	2	10/27
Myron J. Hodge Jr.	4	10/27
Calbruce S. Sims	Kindergarten	10/28
Sifana M. Merd	2	10/28
Kamara P. Hooks	2	10/29
Ali A. Sharif	3	10/29
Kennedy R. Murray	4	10/30
Adamou Idy	3	10/31



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!



Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

For more on school readiness, visit attendanceworks.org and reachoutandread.org

3rd Grade Jet Boat Tour in the Willamette

What better way to learn about Portland history of bridges than by speed boat! Our 3rd graders got an up-close and personal tour of our Portland bridges on the Willamette Jet Boat Tour. It was a beautiful sunny day to be sprayed by the cool Willamette River while touring all the Portland bridges and ship yard.



Spirit Week

Spirit Week is just around the corner so start brainstorming now for great ideas! We look forward to seeing you all dressed up!

Monday, October 30th—Crazy Hat Day

*Uniforms Required

Tuesday, October 31st—Book Character Day

*Must be a Book Character to be out of uniform.

Wednesday, November 1st—Mismatch Day

Thursday, November 2nd—Crazy Feet Day

*Uniforms required.

Friday, November 3rd—Class Spirit Day

*Each grade wears assigned color: Kinder—Red; 1st—Blue; 2nd—Orange; 3rd—Yellow; 4th—Green; 5th—Purple

October Important Dates

October 14th

Free Dress Day

October 20th

Retake Picture Day

Awards Assembly

October 30th-

November 3rd

Spirit Week

Dismissal Time is What?

We wanted to remind parents/guardians that all students should be picked up by 2:15 when our dismissal bell rings.

Recently, we've had several students who haven't been picked up on time, which is a safety concern as our staff are not available for afterschool care. If you are unable to be here at 2:15, please sign up with the Boys & Girls Club as an afterschool care option for your family. Scholarships are available. Thank you for your cooperation.

PPS Headstart

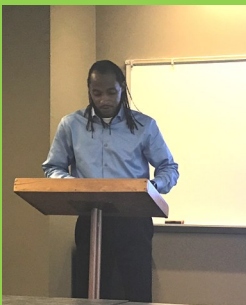
Are you interested in a free preschool program for your 3 or 4 year old child?

PPS Head Start is a federal and state funded program for low-income families and for children with disabilities or special needs. We are enrolling now for Fall 2017.

APPLY NOW!

- Sacajawea - 4800 NE 74th Avenue - (main office) 503-916-5724
- Clarendon - 9325 N Van Houten - 503-916-6269
- Applegate - 7650 N Commercial Ave - 503-916-6294
- Sitton - 9930 N Smith - 503-916-3043
- Lane - 7200 SE 60th - 503-916-5897
- Creston - 4620 SE Powell Blvd - 503-916-6219
- Kelly Center - 9015 SE Rural - 503-916-5759
- Grout - 3119 SE Holgate Blvd - 503-916-6711
- Whitman - 7326 SE Flavel St. - 503-916-5724

<https://www.pps.net/head-start>



Congratulations Dr. Curtis Wilson, III!

Join us in congratulating Dr. Curtis Wilson, III who completed his Doctorate program at Concordia University in August. We are so proud of his huge accomplishment and are so grateful he is part of the Rosa Parks family inspiring our young students to strive for and achieve their goals.