

THE NEWS

ROSEWAY HEIGHTS' MISSION IS TO HELP ALL STUDENTS ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL AND BECOME CREATIVE, CONFIDENT AND COMPASSIONATE LIFE-LONG LEARNERS.

January 29, 2016

Dear Roseway Heights Families,

We are now officially in the second half of the school year. Hopefully everyone has adjusted your June calendars to reflect the new last day of school which will be **Thursday, June 9**. The 8th grade promotion will now be the evening of Weds, June 8. And while you have your calendars out, you can write in the first day of school for the 2016-17 school year which the School Board approved this week: Monday, Aug. 29 for grades 1-8 with Kindergarten starting on Thursday, Sept. 1.

As of right now I am not expecting any significant changes for our school for next year. Any possible grade reconfigurations will not be implemented until the 2017-18 school year. Our Vietnamese Immersion classes will continue to be a part of our community for next year and we will be able to accommodate the addition of one 2nd grade classroom for that program. The staffing process for next year will begin in March and I will be able to share what our full program will consist of hopefully by spring break.

Big events coming up in February include our Lunar New Year Celebration presented by our Immersion kindergarten and first graders. The evening performance will be Friday, Feb. 5 at 6 pm in our MPR. Our Connect to Kindergarten event for neighborhood families to learn about our K program for the fall is Feb. 18 at 6:30 pm and the Connect to K for our Immersion program is Feb. 23 at 6:30 pm. These are both events oriented towards parents and guardians; we will do a session that is welcoming to our incoming kindergarteners on May 13.

We will have students battling it out on their spelling prowess on Feb. 9, and showing their literary expertise with the Oregon Battle of the Books in two parts, on Feb. 11 and 22. We will also be hosting a Vietnamese literacy night on Feb. 24 and a middle school information night for 5th grade families on Feb. 25. Whew, lots going on! **Keep track of it all in one place with the new calendar feature on the next page!**

We are back to a couple of weeks of being on a regular schedule with no more holidays until Feb. 15. Have a great weekend!








Sincerely,
Sarah Lewins
Principal

Online Childcare Survey Portland Public Schools wants to hear from you about your student's child care experience.

Please take a moment to complete the confidential [online childcare survey](#) by Friday, February 5, 2016. Or go to www.pps.net, and click the "Families" tab at the top of the page. If you need a paper survey, contact your child care provider.



February 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend!
1	2	3	4	5 Walk and Bike to School Day!  Lunar Year Show! 6:00 PM, MPR!	
8 MADISON CLUSTER PTA EVENT Library, 6:00 PM	9	10 PTA Meeting Library, 6:30 PM	11 BATTLE OF THE BOOKS – Part One! Library, 6:30 PM	12	
15  President's Day Holiday NO SCHOOL!	16	17 LATE OPENING!  10:00 AM	18  6:30 PM KINDERGARTEN CONNECT!	19	Lumberyard PTA "FUN"draiser! SUNDAY Feb. 21 st 3-10 PM
*** 5th Grade Play ***					
22 BATTLE OF THE BOOKS – Part Two! Registration closes for Beaumont Softball Little League www.beaumontsoftball.org	23 6:30 PM Connect to Kindergarten for Immersion Program 	24 Vietnamese Literacy Night	25 Middle School Information Night – location TBD 6:30 PM	26 PTA FAMILY DANCE!	
29			Spring Break is coming next month! 3/21 – 3/25 		

Middle School Students of the Month!

December (caring)

Raven Davis
Juliana Smith
Stacey Nguyen
Brennon Fetters
Katherine McBee
Charlie Peterson

January (diligence)

Ky-Duen Le
Ross Stenstrom
Nina Casey
Atticus Buswell
Teresita Ramirez
Lyvohn Moore

PTA NEWS!

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Hello parents, teachers, staff and students,

February will be a busy month that has something for everyone. We begin with Walk and Bike Day on Friday, February 5th. This will also be our Lunar New Year Celebration!

If you have been following the school boundaries discussion and upcoming changes to PPS, please join Madison cluster PTAs as we host board members Pam Knowles, Paul Anthony, Mike Rosen and Madison High School principal, Petra Callin, in the library at 6:00 pm on Monday February 8th. Childcare not provided. The follow up PTA meeting will be Wednesday on the 10th at 6:30 in the library. Childcare provided by SUN.

OBOB (Oregon Battle of the Books) is here! Grades 3-8 will hold their initial battle in the library Thursday, February 11th at 6:30, with Part 2 on February 22nd. Come support these committed readers face off Jeopardy style! Connect to Kindergarten will be Thursday, February 18th at 6:30, in the library. That is also the same night as the 5th grade play. Spread the word if you know incoming Kindergarten families.

The Lumberyard Bike Park will be hosting a fun for all ages fundraiser on Sunday, February 21st. This will include a raffle! Come support our school and let loose indoors. 5th grade families put it on your radar, Thursday February 25th is Middle School Information Night at 6:30, location TBD. And finally, we are ending the month with a fun PTA Family Dance on Friday, February 26th. This year's theme is everything PoP!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Pizzacato fundraiser on January 26th and a big thank you to all the volunteers helping out this month.

Thank you, The Roseway Heights PTA

**Ginger Huizar, President
Coordinator, K-2**

Valerie Klacik, Secretary

Brenda Britsch, Volunteer

**Sabrina Henley, co-Vice
President Coordinator, 3-5**

Sherrie Burrell, Membership

Kris Farrel, Volunteer

**Tracy Nunn, co-Vice President
Volunteer Coordinator, 6-8**

Brian Sheehan, Scrip Treasurer

Heather Johnston, Volunteer

Katie Van Winkle, Treasurer

Grace Groom, Legislative Liaison

**Join us for our 3rd Annual RWH/LUMBERYARD Bike Park PTA 'FUN'Raiser
Sunday February 21st 3pm-10pm!!**

Live DJ!!•Contests/Prizes! RAFFLE DRAWINGS - Tickets only \$1 (must be present to win!)

Prizes include:

* Bike Helmet * Lumberyard Family Bike Passes * Nike youth sweatshirts * Blazin' Trails Salsa Gift Basket *
* 2 \$20 Arcade Gift Cards plus 1 large pizza from Bullwinkle's Family Fun Center in Wilsonville * Lucky House
Chinese Restaurant gift certificate * PLUS MORE!!!

• 50% of Full Price Admission donated to PTA!

• Wear your ROSEWAY HEIGHTS T-Shirt and receive discounted bike rental (or bring your own bike)

• Pizza/Salads/Beverages available from Pulehu Pizza!!

** HELMETS ARE REQUIRED (available for rent for \$2 if you don't have one!)

** Day Passes \$25

** Bike Rentals \$16

**Come on out for an afternoon of FAMILY FUN/PRIZES and help us raise money for our
RWH PTA! You don't have to ride to enjoy all the fun!**

CONNECT TO KINDERGARTEN

@ Roseway Heights K-8 School



Thursday, February 18th
6:30–8 pm, in the library (upstairs)
7334 NE Siskiyou Street

- Meet Principal Lewins, teachers, our PTA, and our SUN school coordinator
- Learn about our kindergarten program
- Tour the school
- Get your questions answered

ROSEWAY HEIGHTS SCHOOL is proud of its strong tradition of excellence – a tradition that creates high expectations for student achievement within a warm and nurturing community of learners.

On **Friday, May 13th** at 4:30 pm, we will hold a special event called **Welcome to Roseway Heights Kindergarten** where you and your child can participate in kindergarten readiness activities. Your family is also invited to the annual **Family Fun and Fitness Night** at our school right after (5:30–7:30 pm). There are lots of games to play and you can meet other parents and children in the Roseway Heights community.



MUSIC NEWS from Mr. Baird!

Thank you Mr. Johnson and the great MUSE students for the treat of our opening band music. I am a huge fan of the Beatles music and your bands!!! Thank you everyone that helped his or her students attend the music program last Thursday night. I was very pleased that students had such fun performing their pieces. In preparation, many students would come to the music room at lunch to work on their parts. Remember, the process is just as important as the product. The classes sang well and added in the Orff instruments perfectly in tempo. This week students provided good, accurate assessment of their work.

I was especially pleased with the 6th grade explorers since they played such complicated parts so effortlessly. They made it look easy. They made good adjustments for missing people and covered anything that came up. It was especially pleasing that I did not have to count them in, or lead them in any fashion. It was completely student-led. The skits they created as villagers were so creative. For future performances I will need parent volunteers to help the children with their concert etiquette. They were much too talkative during the show, and transitions were too casual for the setting. I promise to come up with settings that provide more classwork music. A special thanks to the staff and administration for their support as we develop a program technique that is efficient and show cases the students well!

AUCTION UPDATE!

2016 A Roseway Heights Odyssey

April 30th at Melody Ballroom – doors open 5 pm. Mission control to the Roseway Heights community, T-97 days to launch. Your auction commanders and first officers are busy, organizing and procuring. Urgently needed are a team of tech-savvy people to assist our technology officer Chris Hansen during the auction. Duties consist of checking in, data entry, and checking out. If you're not into the party scene and are looking for a more introverted way to help, the tech crew is your committee. If you're looking to make an impact, consider heading up a classroom art project or classroom basket. Art projects are a tradition and are offered in both silent and live auctions. Back by popular demand are the classroom baskets, sold during the silent auction. Don't forget about sign up parties! Do you have a knack for hosting friends and doing something fun? Consider offering a sign up party, always popular at the auction and a huge money maker! Lift off will be here before we know it, so if you can help please contact mission control at rosewayheightsauction@gamail.com or talk with Meghann Buswell or Antje Gillard. Over and Out!

SPORTS NEWS!

Track and Field: Grades 6-8th

Track will be here before you know it! If you are interested in getting some workouts in before the season starts in March, Roseway Middle School students are welcome to join the Madison track team during their FREE winter workouts.

Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00pm
Saturdays from 8:00-10:00am
Meet at the south double doors by the stadium.

If you are new to the Madison Cluster Youth Athletics program, please schedule a physical in February. The following paperwork is due at the FIRST practice, **March 7th**:

- Participation and Emergency Form
- Physical form

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/athletics/9926.htm>

Also, Registration for Little League Softball is now open! Visit www.beaumontsoftball.org for details!

Questions? Contact Mrs. Mac at dkoping@pps.net or Ms. West at twest@pps.net



Dear Roseway Heights Families,

The RWH PTA is sending this out to all families so you can be informed on what is going on with the recent announcement from Portland Public Schools and the 2 scenarios put forth about changing school boundaries. Here's what's behind this change:

PPS enrollment is on the rise and projected to grow by another 5,000 students—to 53,000— by 2025. Combined with consistently strong local support and a reviving economy, this means more revenue and a chance to rebuild programs and begin right-sizing schools to have:

Enough classrooms and students to offer a full academic program with reasonable class sizes at all grade levels without relying on temporary grants and parent fundraising. The full academic program includes enrichments and learning supports so that all students can excel.

Now PPS and a community-led advisory committee are collaborating on proposals to manage growth and support learning, such as moving boundaries, changing grade configurations, expanding existing schools and reopening schools that were closed.

I know you are wondering what this might mean for Roseway Heights. The 2 scenarios are:

In Scenario 1:

Roseway Heights K-8 would become Roseway Heights Middle School

Most of the Roseway Heights K-5 boundary would be divided between Lee K-5 and Scott K-5 while a small portion of the Roseway Heights boundary would shift to Glencoe K-5/Mt. Tabor MS

Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion would move from Roseway Heights to Vestal K-5 and feed Roseway Heights MS

A portion of the Roseway Heights K-8 boundary would change to Franklin HS instead of Madison Rose City Park: no change

In Scenario 2:

Roseway Heights K-8 would become Roseway Heights Middle School

Most of the Roseway Heights K-5 boundary would go to Rose City Park K-5 and the rest would go to Scott K-5

Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion K-5 would move to Vestal K-5 and Roseway Heights Middle School.

Rose City Park Changes:

Rose City Park K-5 reopens with most of the current Roseway Heights K-5 boundary and portions of the Alameda K-5, Beverly Cleary K-5 and Laurelhurst K-5 boundaries

Rose City Park K-5 would feed to Roseway Heights MS. ACCESS Academy moves from Rose City Park to Kellogg MS.

For more detailed information on this please find the Boundary Review Bulletin Board at the West Entrance of the school, or log onto PPS's website (www.pps.k12.or.us) and click on the tab "Growing Great Schools Boundary Review". You can find side-by-side comparisons of scenarios, detailed maps, and a video of how PPS got to this point and where they are headed.

There are also many Facebook groups formed to discuss the issues surrounding these changes.

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