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Llewellyn Friday Family Announcements

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A Message from Principal Pam:

The Winter holidays have come and gone. I have loved hearing about the many things students did over the break and the new items they received. One such item is now causing waves at school. Our school electronics policy is that all phones need to be off and away. Students have done an excellent job following this expectation, however a new fad is sweeping through the school and that is watches with texting abilities (much like an Apple watch). I have seen and teachers have noticed an increase in the number of students who are texting on their watches during school. I know that policies are sometimes behind new innovations, but I'd like to ask that students do not wear these watches during school time. It is so hard for students to ignore messages sent to them, but like our phone policy, it is important for students to be able to focus on learning while here at school. Remember, if you need to send your child a message, you can always call the school and we will make sure the child gets the message. We will be updating our electronics policy to reflect the new forms of technologies.

One other item regarding safety. I love to provide the opportunity for students who arrive at school before the day begins to have a chance to play basketball or four-square with their friends. Before the break, however, a student accidentally knocked over a member of our community while chasing after a ball. Fortunately, the person was okay, but was really shaken up. Please help me to remind our students that they can play for a bit, but will need to stop their games when more students and families arrive in order to keep everyone safe. A good time to aim for would be 7:50 am.

From the Office:

The submission deadline for the January issue of the *Star Flier* is Tuesday, January 28th! We currently have ONE student article to publish! Please encourage your students to write for the *Flier*!

Family Craft Night

An annual tradition is almost upon us! Family Craft Night is January 31, 5:30pm-7:00pm. I'm looking for volunteers to run craft tables, set up OR clean up. It is a fun family event and no craft is too small to share! Please email Erin Hughes at sisandi@outlook.com if you are interested!

PTA Clothing Center Volunteers Needed!

5-6 Llewellyn volunteers are needed to volunteer at the PTA Clothing Center on Thursday, January 23rd from 9:30-1:30. Volunteers will help sort donations and assist PPS students in finding clothing.

The PTA Clothing Center is located at [Marshall Campus; 3905 SE 91st Avenue, Room B-60](#).

Please contact Sara Andersen at sandersen81@gmail.com with any questions or if you are able to volunteer. Thank you!

Llewellyn's OBOB Battle will be February 20th!!

Teams should check their email for information about Llewellyn's battle as well as the dates for the regional and state battles. - Kimberly and Tracey, klevelle@gmail.com

PLEASE SHARE WITH SOMEONE YOU KNOW!

Kindergarten Connect Event is February 27th at 6:00-7:30pm, families of incoming 2020 kindergartners are welcome to attend this event.

During this event families will be able to see classrooms, hear from staff about curriculum, day to day routines, and tour the building. This is a very exciting time for families.

To prepare for the event please use this link: (<https://pdxschools.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=12d5d0ad4b534457a44c4eaf2d169eb0>) to verify that your address is within the attendance boundary of Llewellyn. To complete registration the office will need a variety of things, registration form (<https://www.pps.net/Page/2381>), birth certificate or passport, two proofs of address (utility bills, bank statements, insurance documents, etc.), vision & dental screening, and Immunization Records (<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/PreventionWellness/VaccinesImmunization/GettingImmunized/Documents/SchCISform.pdf>).

We are happy to help with any questions that you might have slovett1@pps.net. Please share this with any friends and neighbors that might have an incoming Kindergartener in 2020!

We would love some friendly faces to help welcome our new kindergartners and their families. Please use this link to sign up. Thank you in advance. <https://www.konstella.com/app/school/5997c874e4b0d4998e8e56f2/signups/5e1e8498e4b01317067140fe>

For TAG Parents:

Last Call for TAG Parents!!! Please send an email address to lherrman@pps.net. Please include your name, student's name, and teacher.

We will only be communicating via the list serve and bulletin board from now on. Thank you!

Successful Schools Survey

Shape the future of your student's education!

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear the phrase "successful schools?" We believe that successful schools are safe, healthy and welcoming learning spaces that are inclusive for all students. But we want to hear your thoughts.

In 2019-20, Portland Public Schools is again partnering with Panorama Education to gather information students and families that will help us improve student experiences across the district. We will survey students in grades 4, 5, 7-10 on their experiences in their classrooms and schools, and families about their perception of the school their child attends.

The survey will cover topics on sense of belonging, school safety, school climate, barriers to family engagement, as well as how students are thinking and feeling about diversity, equity, and inclusion in school.

The current launch date is set for January 27th, the student window is scheduled to be open until February 14th and the family survey until February 28th. Stay tuned for further information!

Please be honest and thoughtful, we value your feedback!

Meal Benefits – Families can apply at any time!

While the Nutrition Services department has processed thousands of applications for free/reduced price meal benefits for families this fall and many others were directly certified (eligible) because they received SNAP benefits, we are finding that families who were eligible last year may not have reapplied this school year. On October 10, all families who were eligible last school year (2018-19) and did not reapply this school year, switched from free/reduced status to paid status. It is not too late! **You can still apply at any time.** If a family's financial situation has changed midyear, they can still apply throughout the school year. Please contact our department for further support: mealbenefits@pps.net or 503-916-3402 Whitney Ellersick, Senior Director, Nutrition Services

The state testing windows are approaching, with the first beginning in January.

We believe information collected from state testing is valuable for parents and students to help inform educational decisions. However, we understand that some families feel strongly about not participating in these assessments. For more information about state testing and the procedure for opting out, please visit this website: <https://www.pps.net/Page/1651>

Thank you.

PPS System Planning and Performance

Important Dates:

January 20	NO SCHOOL – MLK, Jr. Holiday
January 22	Sellwood MS Fifth Grade Parent Information Night 6:30-7:30PM
January 24	PTA Fundraiser
January 27	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Planning Day
January 28	Second Grade Concert 6:30PM
January 31	Health Screenings Follow-up 8:30AM-1:00PM Family Craft Night 5:30-7:30PM
February 4	Fourth Grade FT – OMSI 9:00AM-1:30PM PTA Meeting 7:00PM
February 7	Small-Tall Ball 6:00-8:00PM
February 10	K-2 Star Assembly 1:30PM
February 17	NO SCHOOL – President's Day

February 19	Exclusion Day (Immunizations)
February 20	Llewellyn OBOB Battle
February 24	3-5 Star Assembly 1:30PM
February 25	Third Grade Concert 6:30PM
February 27	Connect to Kindergarten 6:00-7:30PM
March 3	PTA Meeting 7:00PM
March 6	TAG Spelling Bee Contest
March 9	K-2 Star Assembly 1:30PM
March 13	Llewellyn Auction

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