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Llewellyn Friday Family Announcements

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A Message from Principal Pam:

Staffing at Llewellyn next year: Last week I was able to share a bit of general news about staffing for PPS next year. As stated before, a few of the priorities are to improve class sizes, improving mental health and social emotional supports, and investing in schools designated for improvements. What this means specifically for us here at Llewellyn is:

1. The addition of one Kindergarten class (for a total of 4 classes)!
2. The addition of one Counselor (we will have 2 full time counselors)!
3. Grades 1-5 will have three classes each.
4. PE, Music, and Movement will remain the same.
5. Our Media Specialist (Librarian) and Library assistant will remain the same.
6. Special Education services will remain constant including 1.5 teachers in the Learning Center, two Communication & Behavior classrooms and para support for each section along with 1.6 staff for speech & language pathology.
7. ESL services will be modified to be supplied by a district Language Acquisition teacher who will be providing services for our ESL students.

And thanks to your efforts and generous contributions we hope to invite our incredible team of EAs back to support our classrooms again next year. Please consider attending our Auction on March 13th, or becoming a monthly donor. The money raised by our Foundation goes directly to staffing at Llewellyn.

Those of you who have been a part of the Llewellyn community for a number of years know that for many years Llewellyn has seen cuts in the number of teachers or programs. I am thanking my lucky STARS that this trend is different this year.

The Successful School Survey participation is up to 79 responses from families! If you have not yet filled out the survey, please do by February 27th. It only takes about 15 minutes to complete. Your input is valuable. The information gathered from this survey will guide our focus for next year, letting us know where we are doing well and where we can improve.

Last but not least, I want to thank the amazing crew who put together the Small Tall Ball. From the decorations, to the DJ and music, to the ticket and boutonniere sales, to the snacks, and the clean-up crew, it was a dazzling night. Everyone small and tall had a great time dancing and enjoying being together as a community. I hope this tradition will continue for years to come!

Warmest wishes to everyone on Valentine's Day and Presidents Day! Being a part of this wonderful community of families, students, and staff fills my heart.

From the Office:

The staff has finally eaten their way through the Halloween and Christmas candy that you have so generously donated! If you have the means, we are always grateful for candy contributions (any form of chocolate is a favorite) for our hard working staff. Thank you for your help keeping our sugar levels up!

The office is a very busy place first thing in the morning. If you need to call in a student absence, please use the **Attendance line** at **503-916-6256 (Correction!)**. This line goes directly to voice mail, so please be sure to leave your name, the student's name, the date, and the reason they are absent! Thank you for your help keeping the main phone line clear for non-attendance related business!

News from the Llewellyn Library!!

Thank you for the fantastic effort to get overdue and lost books returned. As promised I am sending out overdue notices each quarter, so we can all stay on top of it and the end of the year will be easier.

A few reminders for very helpful well intentioned folks... Please do not try to repair any books that your student may have checked out from our library. I really appreciate the thought and effort, but it makes it more difficult to repair them correctly when I have to un-do the home repair first, often causing more damage. I realize that it is done with the best intentions...

But please if a library book happens to get damaged while in the care of your kiddo just have them return it and bring it to our attention. Also with all the pages and pieces if necessary. Then it can be properly repaired with book tape and glue etc. I know many of our books are very well loved and that's great, we do try to replace the worst ones as we go forward. There is no fine or consequence of any kind, accidents happen and as mentioned above many of our books are extremely well loved! Thank you for your attention to this and for your amazing support of the Llewellyn Library.

-Brenda Jamsgard, Library Assistant

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>

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!

Dessert Dash for the Auction?

Here is your chance to show off your baking skills. We need 15 beautiful and delicious desserts for the auction on March 13th. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AA8AC2EA3FF2-dessert1>

Important Dates:

February 17	NO SCHOOL – President’s Day
February 19	Bottle Drop Day Exclusion Day (Immunizations)
February 20	Llewellyn OBOB Battle
February 21	Perk Up with Pam 8:05AM - Cafetorium
February 24	3-5 Star Assembly 1:30PM
February 25	Third Grade Concert 6:30PM
February 27	Connect to Kindergarten 6:00-7:30PM
February 28	All School Game Day 12:00-2:00PM
March 2	Read Across America Day
March 3	PTA Meeting 7:00PM

March 9	K-2 Star Assembly 1:30PM
March 13	Llewellyn Auction
March 16	3-5 Star Assembly 1:30PM
March 21-29	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
March 30	School Resumes
March 31	Fourth Grade Concert 6:30PM

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