



FRIDAY NEWS NOTES



Friday, January 10, 2020

STEPHENSON MASTER CALENDAR

January 14:
Site Council, 3:00pm

PTA Mtg., 6:00pm

January 20:
Dr. Martin Luther King
Holiday, **PPS Schools and
District Offices Closed**

January 24:
End of Quarter II

5th grade FT to JA Biz
Town, 9:15am-2:00pm

January 27:
Teacher Planning Day,
NO School for Students

January 28:
1st Dance Open Class
Soulas: 9:45am

January 29:
Afterschool Band, Strings,
Choir Concert, 6:30pm

January 30:
K Dance Open Class
Bussey: 9:15am
Graham: 9:50am
Evans: 10:25am

1st Dance Open Class
Batty: 12:00pm
Pawol: 12:35pm

February 7:
4th grade FT to State
Capitol, 8:30am-2:00pm

February 8:
**Stephenson Auction
@ The Oregon Golf
Club — 5:30pm**

From Principal Galindo...

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STEPHENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Dear Stephenson Learning Community,

Planning Ahead: There is no school on Monday, January 20th due to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday and Monday, January 27 due to End of Quarter II Teacher Planning Day. It's hard to believe on Friday, January 24th will be the 88th day of school and half of the academic school year is over.

Foundation News: The Stephenson Auction is coming up on February 8, 2020 at the Oregon Golf Club. Theme is Saturday Night Live - come as your favorite SNL character or as a member of the "live studio audience" (costumes not required). Shuttle will be provided for additional fee from school to venue and back. **Buy tickets here:** <https://stephenson.schoolauction.net/snllionauction/homepages/show>. Do you have a good or service you could donate to the auction? Vacation rental?? Reach out to Katy Haley at Katy@Bridalbliss.com.

New BottleDrop Give Program: Stephenson PTA has started our own **BottleDrop Give Program** where proceeds from all Oregon 10-cent deposit containers go directly to our school. Here are the basics: pick up your pre-labeled blue bags from school, fill the bags with recyclable deposit containers, and drop them off at a nearby location to scan the deposit to Stephenson PTA's account. **Bags are now available in the office.**

Team Response Drill: The required emergency drill for the month of January is the Team Response Drill. This is in addition to our required monthly Fire Drill. Team Response is used when there is a medical emergency or a situation that requires staff to control movement inside the school. The team response is a tool we have that activates our school emergency team, clears our hallways of students and staff by having them return to their classrooms so that we can manage the emergency. Business as usual occurs in classrooms during a team response. Our drill will be Tuesday, January 21st at 10:35am.

Quote: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." -**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to students and staff of Stephenson Elementary.

Respectfully,
Carlos

Stephenson Foundation

**SATURDAY
NIGHT
LIVE**

Auction 2020

February 8th, 2020
Oregon Golf Club - 5:30pm
Tickets On Sale NOW!!



Theme is Saturday Night Live - come as your favorite SNL character or as a member of the "live studio audience" (costumes not required). Shuttle will be provided for additional fee from school to venue and back.

<https://stephenson.schoolauction.net/snllionauction/homepages/show>

\$60 per person

\$120 per couple

\$700 VIP tables

All tickets include access to event, silent and live auction. Dinner and 2 drink tickets. VIP tables include (2) wine bottles on tables plus additional drink ticket per person.

Shuttle tickets for sale as well. Round trip from Stephenson to Oregon Golf Club and back for \$20

If anyone has a vacation rental, good/service they would like to donate to please reach out to Katy Haley 503.863.0211 or katy@bridalbliss.com



A nighttime photograph of a city skyline across a body of water. The sky is dark blue, and the city lights are visible. A large, illuminated bridge spans across the water on the right side. The text 'SNL' is superimposed in the center, with 'S' and 'L' in black and 'N' in white with a blue outline.

SNL

STEPHENSON ELEMENTARY 2020 AUCTION

Saturday

FEBRUARY 8TH, 2020

OREGON GOLF CLUB // 5:30PM

*Tickets
on sale now!*

ALL TICKETS INCLUDE:

2 DRINK TICKETS + DINNER

\$60 PER PERSON

\$120 PER COUPLE

\$700 VIP TABLE (FOR 10 GUESTS)

NOT REQUIRED TO DRESS UP

[HTTPS://STEPHENSON.SCHOOLAUCTION.NET/SNLLIONAUCTION](https://stephenson.schoolauction.net/snllionauction)

Potions and Herbology Class!



Mondays, February 3rd- March 16th, 2020 (no school 2/17) 2:15-3:15pm, room tba

Grades 1-5 \$175 for 6 weeks 10 min- 24 max students

In this magical, hands-on class kids will spend part of their time working with plants or preparing real potions for the home and body, using dried herbs and flowers, essential oils and other high quality ingredients. The rest of the class they'll be using a variety of art materials to decorate the potion containers and create their spell (recipe) books. We also use inks to create mysterious labels and cards. This class will be enchanting for kids who love to make handmade gifts and who after a full day of school can still carefully work with measuring and mixing ingredients, gently handling glass containers and sometimes fragile materials. Parents can see photos from prior classes at www.facebook.com/AllisonHowardJewelry.

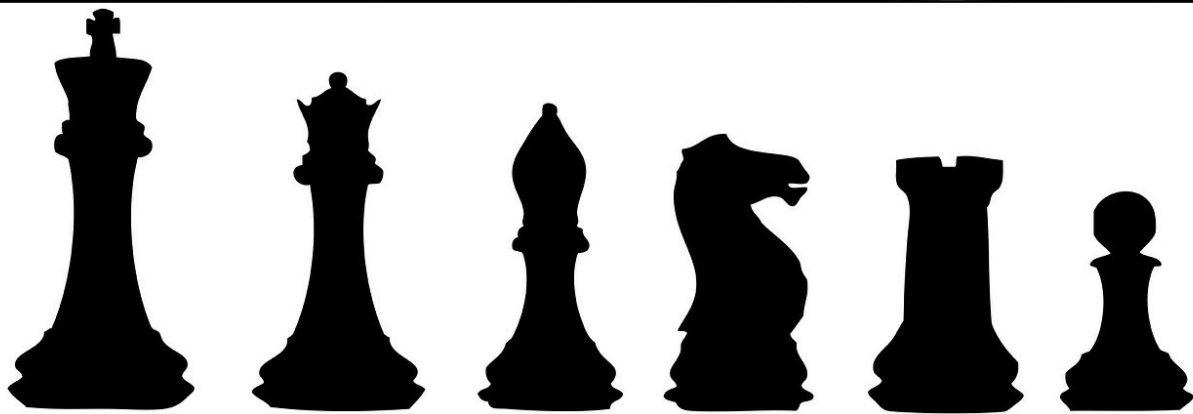
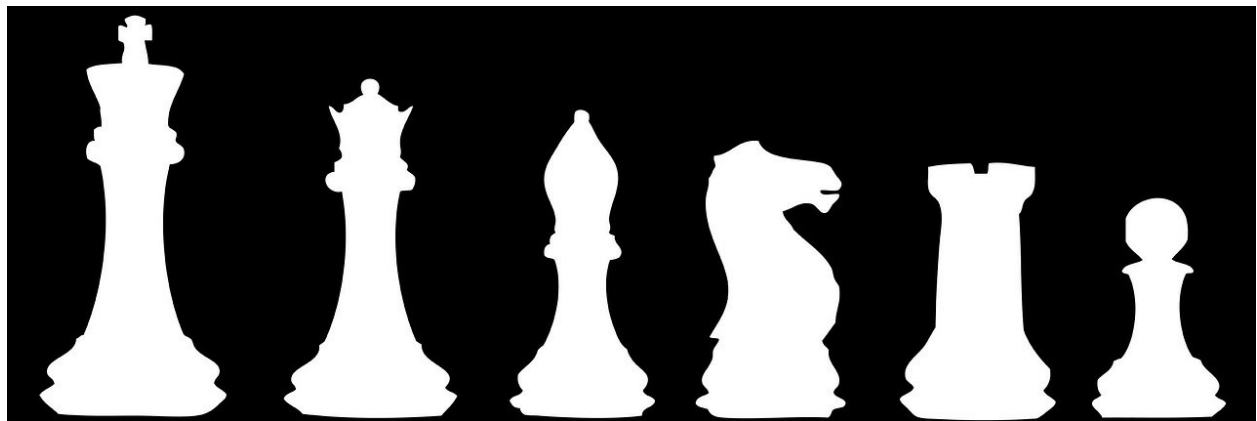
To register, email Allison at allisonhowarddesigns@yahoo.com

Allison Howard teaches after-school classes at Laurelhurst, Abernathy, Irvington and Stephenson schools. Allison has been putting on a fundraising series for the Oregon Symphony for 12 years, Parties of Note.

Stephenson Chess Club!

Want to join the chess club? Chess will be for an hour after school every Friday. All ages welcome! See office for sign-up sheets and further details.

Be quick! Sign-ups end January 17th, 2020.
Five dollar donations are appreciated but not required.





Hello Stephenson Families,
OBOB practice battles for the 3rd -5th grade teams will begin next week. The battles will occur in the library wet space and in Room 158 during lunch recesses. We will have 15 teams this year. The official battles will start on Jan 21st. All 15 teams will have 2 battles and the top 8 teams with the highest cumulative scores advance to a Double Elimination Bracket Tournament. The final battle will occur by February 14th. This will also give the final team to practice for the regional tournament on March 14th at Forest Park Elementary.

Practice Battles begins Monday 1/13 and ends on Friday 1/17.
Round 1 begins Tuesday 1/21 and ends on Friday 1/31.
Top 8 battles begin Monday 2/3 and ends on Friday 2/14.

For schedules and information, please refer to the Stephenson's OBOB website at <https://www.pps.net/Page/9470> Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
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From Mr. Seavey.....

I hope everyone had a great winter break!! It's been great to see the students back at school connecting with friends and teachers. We are focusing on programs to help promote mindsets and behaviors for student success and well-being. Below are some examples of how the school counseling program is supporting all students:



- K-2 students are learning friendship skills and problem solving (Ready, Set, Respect Program)
- 3-5 students will be learning about Careers in Oregon and beyond. Using the State of Oregon Employment Department student magazine.
- 2-3 grade students are learning about dealing with bullying and how to be ally using the book series Weird.
- Almost all 4th and 5th grade students have filled out goals sheets for the school year.
- All students are learning about community circles and practicing these skills with teachers and classmates during counselor lessons.

Thank you for letting me work with your children and please reach out if you need my support.

Mr. Seavey,

When Inclement Weather Hits, Here's How PPS Keeps You Posted...

The long-range weather forecast for Portland is calling for a mild winter, but if you've been in Portland for any length of time, you know forecasts can be, well, only so accurate. If you have students in Portland Public Schools, please get to know the ways we inform you when weather forces closures and delays.



Three ways we send messages to families about delays, closures and other weather-related decisions:

- ☐ **Phone calls:** Automated calls, in all supported languages (Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Russian and Somali), will be placed to the primary number listed on each student's registration. If you've changed your number recently, please update it with your school.
- ☐ **Email:** An automated message will be sent to the email address you listed in your child's registration. The message will be translated into our five supported languages.
- ☐ **Text message:** You will receive a text message on your cell phone, but first you'll have to opt in to the SchoolMessenger system by texting "Yes" or just "Y" to 68453. Note: If you opt in, you will still receive an auto-dialer call.

We also post updates online:

Twitter: Follow our account, [@PPSConnect](#).

Facebook: Connect with us at [facebook.com/pps.homepage](#).

PPS Website: Go to [net](#) and look for a yellow bar across the top of the page. That's where you'll find more detailed information, such as snow routes for buses. Messages will be translated.

2020 STATE TESTING

As we close out the calendar year it is time we think about **STATE TESTING**. All 3rd-5th grade families will be given a copy of the **2019-2020** Annual Notice for Statewide Tests which has all the information you will need. A number of tests are administered to students each year.

They Include:

- ***English Language Proficiency Tests (ELPA)** - given to students who receive English as a Second Language services in grades Kindergarten – Fifth Grade.
- ***Oregon Summative Assessments English Language Arts (OSAS)** - given to all students in grades 3-5.
- ***Oregon Summative Assessments Mathematics (OSAS)** - given to all students in grades 3-5.
- ***Oregon Science Assessment** – given to students in grade 5

Oregon House Bill 2655 allows parents to "opt" their child out from all or some of the testing.

Where can I learn more about this?

Contact our testing coordinator Sarah Batten sbatten@pps.net, PPS Testing website or Principal Galindo.

Mark Your Calendars.....

♥ **Welcome to
Kindergarten**

Stephenson's "Connect to Kindergarten" Event

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

6:30pm-7:30pm

We will begin in the library for introductions and welcome.

Teacher presentation and slide show.

Classroom visits and tour.

Childcare provided for Kindergarten families in the Music Room 168.



Dining Out in January: Salvador Molly's

Our January dining event is MONDAY! After all the cooking, entertaining and work over the holidays, take a break and raise money for a good cause. Join us on **Monday, January 13th** at playful and delicious **Salvador Molly's** (1523 SW Sunset Blvd) starting at 4PM, where they will donate **20% of their sales** all evening to the **Stephenson PTA**.

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Konstella - PTA info on your smartphone or PC

Stay connected to your Stephenson PTA with our app **Konstella** and it's free to use. This is **THE BEST way to stay in the know on school-related info, events and fundraisers.** You do need a special code to connect with Stephenson. Check out the flyer attached to this week's News Notes or email stephensonlionPTA@gmail.com. If you don't have a smartphone or just prefer to use a web-based program, you can sign up online here: <https://www.konstella.com/>.

BOTTLEDROP GIVE

PURPOSE:

We all try and do our part to keep our environment healthy. We reduce, reuse, and recycle. Well, what if you could help your child's school benefit directly from what you're already doing?? **Well now you can!** Stephenson PTA has started a BottleDrop Give program where proceeds from all Oregon 10 cent deposit containers go directly back to the school. With your deposits, the Stephenson PTA can continue to make an impactful difference in the school experience for all students. Every container you recycle and bag you drop makes a difference.

WHAT CONTAINERS CAN I GIVE?:

Water	Soda/Pop	Fruit Juice
Beer	Hard Cider	Energy Drinks
Tea or Coffee	Coconut Water	LaCroix/Polar or other carbonated water

If you have questions as to what containers should be included, please see the BottleDrop website (<https://www.bottledropcenters.com/customer-service/general/>) for details.

FILL YOUR BAGS:

Fill the blue bags with Oregon 10 cent deposit containers. Your bags are pre-labeled with a unique barcode so that your bag drop will directly benefit the Stephenson PTA. Plastic, aluminum, and glass can go in the same bag – no need to separate. Try to keep the bags under 20 lbs. Ensure the containers are not crushed or smashed.

GET THE APP:

Download the BottleDrop app (<https://www.bottledropcenters.com/download-app/>) and get quick access to all nearby redemption locations.

RETURN YOUR BAGS:

You don't have to go to the redemption centers, go inside, and wait in line. You simply find a location nearby (Burlington Fred Meyer, on Barbur, for example) and return your filled blue bag(s). When at the location, simply scan the barcode (already attached to your bag) to unlock the outside secure drop door, place your bag(s) inside, close the door, leave, and feel better about not only recycling, but for donating to your child's school through Stephenson PTA. You don't need an account, card, or pin. Simply collect, drop, and go.

HOLIDAYS:

Think of all the space you will save in the recycle bin this holiday season by utilizing the new BottleDrop Give bags. And think of all the \$\$ you can donate with your influx of containers this holiday!

PICK UP YOUR BAGS:

Pick up your blue bags at the school.

12/16 – 12/19: after school (2:00-2:30pm) at the main entrance.

12/20 and beyond: bags will be available in the office in a special container.

