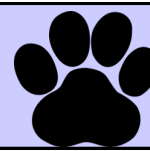


FRIDAY NEWS NOTES



Friday, October 18, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 21:
RFTA Collection of Funds DUE TODAY

October 24:
2nd grade TAG NNAT3 Testing, 12:15pm–2:00pm

October 25:
5th grade FT to MHCC Planetarium, 8:30am-12:30pm

Fall Fun Night, 6:00pm-8:00pm

October 28:
K Music Open Class, Bussey: 9:50am
Evans: 10:25am

October 29:
Picture Retake Day – AM

1st grade Music Open Class
Pawol: 9:45am

K Music Open Class,
Graham: 12:35pm

October 30:
1st grade Music Open Class
Batty: 12:00pm
Soulas: 12:35pm

October 31:
End of Quarter I - The 1st 9 Weeks of School

November 1:
Teacher Planning Day,
NO School for Students

November 4:
LOCK OUT Drill,
10:05am

From Principal Galindo...

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STEPHENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Dear Stephenson Learning Community,

Student Success Act Community Meetings: Oregon’s public schools will soon receive a major infusion of funding from the state through the [Student Success Act](#), and Portland Public Schools wants to hear from you. The funding will help PPS begin the transformative work to fulfill our long-term vision, [PPS reImagined](#). Please see flyer on page 2 of FNN.

2019-2020 Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Discipline Handbook: Students were sent home on Thursday this past week with a copy of the 2019-2020 handbook. In the handbook families will be able to read information regarding student roles and responsibilities including their rights, student supports, MTSS, restorative justice, equity and social justice lens. Information also includes health and wellness, student behavioral expectations, discipline and summary of behavior violations and consequences.

Picture Re-Take Day: Mark your Calendars.....Picture Re-Take Day is Thursday, October 29th in the am. This day is for any student who did not have their picture taken during the original picture day or any student who will be bringing their original picture packet to exchange for a new photo. Please call the main office with any questions.

RFTA Pledge Forms and \$\$\$ Due Monday, October 21st: Please return ALL Pledge Forms and Funds to the main office by Monday, October 21st. If you would like your child to have a RFTA T-Shirt, please submit an additional \$9.00. All checks are payable to Young Audiences. Please contact Principal Galindo with any questions.

Fall Fun Night: Costumes are allowed to be worn during the evening of Fall Fun Night. However, each year I share Costume Guidelines for the event. You can read those guidelines on page 3 of FNN. Most important is NO fake weapons of any kind including guns, knives, lasers, swords or gang related attire are to be brought or worn to any school at any time on PPS Campuses. Costumes are not allowed at school on Thursday, October 31st. Students will be asked to change their clothing if they do not comply with this rule.

Grandparent’s and Special Friend’s Day: The planning for this event has begun. The day is Friday, November 22nd in the morning. The special day will allow for students and their guests to spend time in classrooms, visit the Book Fair and have their pictures taken with their grandchildren and special friends. More details will be coming soon.

Thank you for your support and dedication to students and staff of Stephenson Elementary.
Respectfully,
Carlos

Portland Public Schools recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups and their roles in society. It is the policy of the Portland Public Schools Board of Education that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups on the grounds of age, color, creed, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation in any educational programs, activities or employment.

District Title VI & Title IX Contact: (503) 916-3963

District 504 Contact: Student Services (503) 916-2000 x 71016



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Student Success Act

Oregon's public schools will soon receive a major infusion of funding from the state, and Portland Public Schools wants to hear from our community about your thoughts on the Student Success Act. The infusion of funding will help PPS begin the transformative work to fulfill the long-term vision for the district identified through a comprehensive, community-oriented Visioning process.

The PPS Vision describes our goals for the graduating class of 2030, and the educational experience that will increasingly be the reality for each of our graduates from 2019 onward. Please see the Student Success Act webpage to learn more about the areas the funding is intended to address. www.pps.net/studentsuccessact

We want to hear from you! Attend one of the meetings below or take the survey on www.pps.net/studentsuccessact

October 17 (6-7:30 pm)
Community engagement at Lent
5105 SE 97th Ave.

October 19 (9-10:30 am)
Community engagement
co-sponsored by Coalition of
Communities of Color at Faubion
2930 NE Dekum St.

October 22 (6-7:30 pm)
Community engagement
co-sponsored by STAND for
Children at Roosevelt
6941 N. Central St.

October 24 (6-7:30 pm)
Community engagement at Pioneer,
Special Education in the district
2600 SE 71st Ave.

Stephenson Elementary School

Fall Fun Night Guidelines for 2019:

Stephenson students may not wear a costume at school on Halloween Day October 31st. However, they may wear a costume during the evening of Fall Fun Night on October 25. All school rules and policies will apply if students choose to participate.

Please share the following guidelines with children regarding Fall Fun Night Costumes:

***Shoes must be worn at all times.

***NO fake weapons of any kind: swords, guns, knives, lasers, etc..

***NO gang, violent related attire.

***Also, there will be little children, so please consider picking a less scary costume for Fall Fun Night.



Attention Stephenson Families!!!

**Volunteers needed to help with the
classroom Auction Art Projects for
the Stephenson Auction ...
February 8, 2020!**

Classes still needing volunteers for...

***Ms. Saunders (2nd)**

***Ms. Kim (4th)**

*****Please contact your classroom teacher ASAP
if you are interested!!**



Music and Dance

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Open Classrooms

Taryn Johnson (Dance) and Kelly Jacobs (Music) are excited to open their doors and welcome families into their classrooms. Students will demonstrate their learning to you in a fun environment. Parents, you may even have an opportunity to participate in singing, movement or games! Open Classrooms give an opportunity to see what your child learns during a dance and/or music class at Stephenson; it is a snapshot of our learning process.

For space reasons, we ask that only 1 adult per child attend each open classroom. There will be three dates throughout the year where parents, guardians, and other special adults are invited. We understand everyone has busy schedules, so if you cannot make one date, you are welcome to attend another. Please fill out the linked google form to register your attendance. <https://forms.gle/i4mXCZ15DxmonLKUA>

We thank you in advance for preparing your child by letting them know if you will or will not attend.

Per PPS policy, visitors are required to check-in at the office. Please plan to arrive a few minutes early to allow all guests time to check-in, as our classes will start and end on time.



First Grade Music:

Soulas: Wednesday, October 30th 12:35-1:20pm
Batty: Wednesday, October 30th 12:00-12:30pm
Pawol: Tuesday, October 29th 9:45-10:30am

First Grade Dance:

Soulas: Tuesday, November 12th 9:45 - 10:30am
Batty: Thursday, November 14th 12:00 - 12:30pm
Pawol: Thursday, November 14th 12:35 - 1:05pm

January/ February and May dates will be announced by December 1st.

Any questions can be directed to Dance Teacher Taryn Johnson TJohnson6@pps.net and Music Teacher Kelly Jacobs. KJacobs@pps.net.

Volunteer at the Stephenson Book Fair!

Dear Stephenson Parents and Families,
The Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school on Nov.15 – Nov. 26 and Grandparents and Special Friends Day is scheduled on Nov. 22nd.

Volunteers are the motivators to help any Book Fair become a success. We hope that you share with us your skills to help students discover the power of reading. If you have some time to help us set up or conduct our Book Fair this year, please email me at mrocha@pps.net.

Join our volunteer team to:

- Bring creative flair to signs, decorations and promotion.
- Setting up and organize merchandise on Nov. 15th.
- Help shoppers of all ages find their perfect book.
- Cashiering during the fair
- Offer a helping hand – pack up

We are so grateful for your support!

Sincerely,

Michael Rocha
Book Fair Chairperson
(503) 916-6318 | mrocha@pps.net





STEPHENON
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PRESENTS

OPEN CLASSROOM

Your child's first step towards performance!

Music : October 28th & 29th
Dance : November 12th & 14th

Kindergarten and First
grade families are
invited to join us for
dance and music class.

• Additional Winter and Spring
Open Classroom Dates To Be
Announced

Contacts:

Music: Kelly Jacobs
KJacobs@pps.net

Dance: Taryn Johnson
TJohnson6@pps.net

Young Audiences

Run for the Arts



***Collection of Funds (Pledge Forms
and MONEY DUE):**

MONDAY, October 21st, 2019

Dear Stephenson Families,

Our community has become increasingly aware of the natural disasters that are happening around the world. We would like to be prepared for any disaster that might possibly occur in our neighborhood. Since we love and care for your children, the Stephenson staff are asking for families to prepare an emergency kit for each child to be kept at school. Please look out for a letter that will be sent home early next week. The letter will contain a list of items to include in each emergency kit.

Thank you,
Stephenson Safety Committee

Student Emergency/Comfort Kit

In a one gallon zip-lock bag labeled with your child's first name, last name and room number on the outside of the bag, please include the following:

- Change of underwear
- Two 6 oz. cans or plastic bottles of juice - no boxes please
- 3 small packets of snacks that are commercially sealed and preserved (e.g., dry fruit, beef jerky, granola bars, crackers, etc.) - NO loose snacks that could attract pests
- Small flashlight with fresh batteries
- A note from you explaining to your child to follow the teachers' directions, that you will pick him/her up as soon as you can, to remain calm and not to worry
- A family picture

**Make sure that your phone numbers are always up to date with the office.
Please turn in your child's kit in to their classroom teacher by Friday, November 4th.**

Student Emergency Kit

Dear Parents and Guardians:

In the event of a major emergency, Stephenson is asking parents and guardians to please prepare a personal emergency/comfort kit for each student. This one gallon zip-lock bag will contain the items listed on the back of this page. An example of a completed kit is in the display case by the front doors.

Please turn in your child's kit in to their **classroom teacher by Monday, November 4th, 2019.** This is also a good time to make sure that your emergency contacts are updated in the office if you haven't already done so this year. Remember that a child may only be released to a person listed on the registration form that is filled out at the beginning of each school year. The non-local contact is requested so that if the local phone lines become inoperable, long distance lines may still be available.

These kits will be stored at school and will be returned to you at the end of the school year for you to save and replenish for the next school year. Please contact the office if you need assistance providing a kit for your child.

We would greatly appreciate anyone who is willing to donate some extra items (i.e. water and snacks) for families who need assistance.

If you have any questions or concerns about providing this kit, please contact your child's teacher.

Thank you,

Stephenson Safety Committee



Foundation News...

The first Stephenson Foundation Meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday, October 1st from 6:00pm-7:00pm in the school library. Please join us to find out what the Stephenson Foundation does for our students and staff. We will also be discussing two upcoming fundraisers including the Top Golf Event and our Annual School Auction to be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020.

*****SAVE THE DATE*****

**FIRST FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!
Swinging for Stephenson Top Golf Function,
Sunday, November 17th from 12:00pm-3:00pm.**



TOPGOLF

Details and tickets on sale SOON! More info to come!



FALL FUN NIGHT – OCTOBER 25th Fall Fun Night, our annual family carnival night, is **ONE WEEK AWAY!!**. Bring your kids in costume (and feel free to dress up yourself) to **play games, win prizes** and indulge at our fabulous **bake sale!** Bring a bag for your candy and cash for the bake sale. Skip the line at the door night-of and **buy your game passes** now! Tickets can be picked up the day or night of the event (**Friday, October 25**), either after school 2-3 pm or during the event starting at 6 pm. Click [here](#) to purchase your passes on Konstella.

Fall Fun Night Student Volunteer Sign-Up Now Available!

Have a middle or high-schooler that would enjoy running a carnival game and handing out candy at Fall Fun Night? Sign them up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AFAF23A4F58-student1> — but do so quickly because these volunteer slots fill up fast! (Feel free to share the link with your Stephenson alum neighbors.)

Fall Fun Night-Volunteers Needed

We are still looking for a few more **volunteers at Fall Fun Night**. We have a couple of slots open for **game set-up starting at 3PM day of** and break down after the event wraps up. We also still need parents to help **set up and sell at our bake sale**, and to **hand out pizza** and soda. If you are able to help with in anyway, you can sign up on Konstella or contact Ashley Geltosky (geltosky.ashley@gmail.com)

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/>.

FALL FUN NIGHT

Friday, October 25, 2019
6 PM - 8 PM

Games! Pizza! Candy! Baked goods! Prizes!
(Don't forget to bring a bag to carry your treats)

PRE-ORDER WITH KONSTELLA

Use the Konstella app with your tablet or phone or online at konstella.com.

Take the guesswork out of Fall Fun Night and pre-order your game passes! Pre-order ends October 23.

\$10 10-game pass
\$20 unlimited games pass
\$5 slice of pizza /soda CASH ONLY

FALL FUN NIGHT 2019 MAP

