



FRIDAY NEWS NOTES



Friday, October 25, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

November 11:

Veteran's Day Holiday,
PPS CLOSED

November 12:

1st Dance Open Class
Soulas: 9:45am

Site Council, 3:00pm

PTA Meeting - 6:00pm

November 14:

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

From Principal Galindo...

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STEPHENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Dear Stephenson Learning Community,

Last week's Missoula performances were outstanding and our students did an excellent job performing. A HUGE thank you goes to Jessica Khalili and Tamala Villaca for their leadership and organizing the Fall show. Thank you to our PTA for supporting the event and offering this incredible experience for our students.

Don't forget tonight's Fall Fun Night Event. Doors will open at 6:00pm. Please review the costume guidelines in last week's FNN as well as in an email that was sent to all families on Wednesday. Most important is student safety. A reminder to be diligent regarding outside doors. If you see them propped open this evening please take the time to close them. There are many volunteers to thank and I hope to include their names in next week's edition of Friday News Notes.

Reminder - Book Fair Volunteers Needed: In today's FNN there is a flyer requesting volunteers for this year's Book Fair. The dates are Nov. 15th-26th, 2019. If you are interested in supporting this annual event, please reach out to Mr. Rocha, media specialist at mrocha@pps.net.

Picture Re-Take Day: Mark your Calendars.....Picture Re-Take Day is Tuesday, 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.

Taryn Johnson (Dance) and Kelly Jacobs (Music) are excited to open their doors and welcome K-1st 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.

The end of the 1st 9 weeks of school is Thursday, October 31st. There is no school for students on Friday, November 1st due to Teacher Planning Day. Staff will use this day to write reports and prepare for Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences in November 25-26, 2019.

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

Stephenson is Raptor Ready!

Portland Public Schools began implementing a new visitor/volunteer management system this school year. Part of keeping students and staff safe is knowing who is in our buildings at all times.

We now have this new system up and running at Stephenson so visitor and volunteer check-in procedures will be different. Upon entering Stephenson, please proceed directly to the main office. All visitors and volunteers will need to present a government issued ID (driver's license, passport, consulate card, etc) on your first visit.

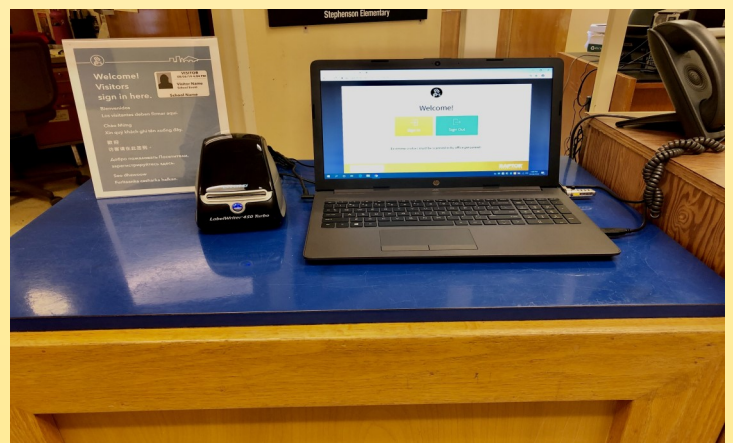
The Raptor system automatically checks all names against the sex offender registry and registered sex offenders will not be permitted to enter the school grounds. (View Policy: Registered Sex Offenders 3.10.015-AD or <https://www.pps.net/domain/4814>).

All visitors and volunteers will need to wear the Raptor printed name tags that identify their name, the date of the visit, and where in the building they are visiting. The system creates a record from the ID that includes a scanned photo, name, date of birth, and last 4 digits of the ID number.

Approved volunteers who have cleared a PPS Volunteer Background Check will already have their names in the system. However, they will still need to provide their ID on the first visit. On subsequent visits, visitors and volunteers will be able to search their name at the computer in the main office and print their own name tag for each visit. Volunteer hours will be able to be tracked more easily in the new system.

If you're interested in volunteering with the school but haven't submitted a PPS Volunteer Background Check please visit www.pps.net/volunteer. We will not be able to permit any volunteers to help in classrooms, attend a school field trip or participate in school-wide activities when children are involved that haven't completed and been cleared through this process.

Thank you, in advance, for your understanding and support of enhancing school safety protocols at Stephenson. Please bear with us over the next few weeks while we implement this new system, as it may take longer to sign-in with our office staff.





SafeOregon is a program that allows anyone to anonymously report and respond to student safety threats. Access the SafeOregon Tip Line via the “Report unsafe behavior” the SafeOregon website, calling or texting 844-472-3367, emailing tip@safeoregon.com, or downloading and sending information through the “SafeOregon” mobile app. Let’s work together to keep our school community safe.

The SafeOregon Tipline Aims to Increase Student Safety

Keeping with our commitment to student safety, PPS joined school districts across the state a couple years ago in using the SafeOregon Tip Line. We want to remind you about this important resource.

SafeOregon was funded by the Oregon Legislature as part of a statewide effort to improve school safety. **It provides a secure means for anyone to anonymously report suspicious or imminently unsafe situations, such as threats of violence, fights, drugs and alcohol, weapons, bullying, harassment, intimidation or self-harm.**

Anyone, from students to parents to community members, can access the system in a variety of ways, including:

- The “Report unsafe behavior” button found on every PPS school’s website
- The [SafeOregon website](#)
- A live call/text (844-472-3367)
- An email to tip@safeoregon.com
- The mobile app that can be downloaded from your Smart Phone via iTunes or Google Play

Trained staff are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to respond.

Please be sure to share this information with your friends and family. Remind your students: **If you see or hear something, say something - immediately.**

Let’s work together to keep our community safe.



Lost and Found... Remember to check the lost and found located to the left of the main doors as you enter the building. And PLEASE label your students clothing. If items have names on them will make sure that they get back to the student. We will box up the current Lost and Found Items on November 1st, 2019 and keep them at school for 1 month. On December 2nd, 2019 we will donate the items to the PTA Clothing Closet.



STEPHENON
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

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



Music and Dance

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Open Classrooms

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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. 18 – 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



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If you are unable to attend the Book Fair this year.

You can order online through [Scholastic.com/fair](https://www.scholastic.com/fair) from

November 13th to 26th.

Thank you for your support!

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 Monday, 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...

TOPGOLF FUNDRAISER - TICKETS!



Swinging for Stephenson Top Golf Function,
Sunday, November 17th from 12:00-3:00pm.

TOPGOLF

Tickets on sale NOW!
Student Tickets: \$40.00

Adult Tickets: \$95.00

Includes 3 hours of play, lunch and prizes.



<https://stephenson.schoolauction.net/totallyrad2019/catalog>



FALL FUN NIGHT – OCTOBER 25TH

Fall Fun Night, our annual family carnival night, is **TONIGHT!!**. 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. See you there!

Pastini Pastathon – Dining Out Fundraiser

The Pastini Pastathon is on! Pastini in Bridgeport Village will host a **TWO DAY** dining out fundraiser for Stephenson on **Monday, November 18th** and **Tuesday, November 19th**. For two days, Pastini will donate **50% of their net proceeds** to our school, and that includes both lunch and dinner AND take-out too! Make sure you mention Stephenson when you order to ensure the funds are directed to our school.

Evening November PTA Meeting

Our next PTA Meeting is **Tuesday, November 12th** at 6PM in the library.

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 2019 MAP

