



# FRIDAY NEWS NOTES



Friday, September 27, 2019

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 4:**  
RFTA PLEDGE Period  
Ends Today

**October 7:**  
RFTA Run Day,  
8:00am-11:00am

**October 8:**  
RFTA Alternate Run Day,  
8:00am-11:00am

PTA Meeting, 6:00pm

**October 11:**  
No School for Students

**October 14-18:**  
Missoula Week

**October 15:**  
Site Council, 3:00pm

**October 17:**  
The Great Oregon Shake  
Earthquake Drill-10:18am

**October 18:**  
Missoula Performances,  
12:30pm and 7:00pm

**October 21:**  
RFTA Collection of  
Funds DUE

**October 25:**  
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

**October 31:**  
End of Quarter I

## From Principal Galindo...

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**STEPHENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



**Strive, Shine, Succeed** 503-916-6318

Dear Stephenson Learning Community,  
**RFTA New Run Day is Monday, October 7th.** I will still accept **Pledge Forms** on the day of the run if by chance it was not turned in today Friday, October 4th.

**SCHEDULE: Date: Monday, October 7th, 2019 -Time: 8:05am-10:55am**

8:05am – 8:35am Pack, Phillips and Robert  
8:40am – 9:10am Kim, Batten and Cleary  
9:15am – 9:45am Jacobs, Saunders and Watkins  
9:50am – 10:20am Batty, Pawol, Soulas  
10:25am – 10:55am Bussey, Evans and Graham

**From Shawna in the Health Room:** We are in need of gently used clothing for boys and girls in sizes 5-11. We especially need new underpants (for boys and girls) in all sizes. Your donations are appreciated.

**2nd grade NNAT3 TAG Testing Thursday, October 24th:** Portland Public Schools is testing every 2nd grader in the district to screen for students who have high reasoning and problem-solving abilities. The NNAT3 (Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test, 3rd Edition) is a tool used to help identify Intellectually Gifted students in the district. The test takes only about 30 minutes to complete, and it will allow for identification and services to begin much sooner than with tests previously used. Stephenson's date is Thursday, October 24th in the afternoon. In order for your student to have the opportunity to be assessed, please make sure that your child is at school on October 24th. If you have any questions please reach out to your child's teacher, Courtney Pawol TAG Facilitator or Principal Galindo.

**Pizzicato – Dough for Dollars Fundraiser:** A HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in the PTA Pizzicato fundraiser. Our PTA raised over \$960!! We will have plenty of other opportunities to dine out and raise money throughout the school year. If you have any dining out recommendations, please contact Ashley Geltosky ([geltosky.ashley@gmail.com](mailto:geltosky.ashley@gmail.com)) and she will try to set it up!

Join us for the next PTA Meeting on Tuesday, October 8th from 6:00pm-7:00pm in the school's library.

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

**Respectfully,**  
**Carlos**

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District Title VI & Title IX Contact: (503) 916-3963  
District 504 Contact: Student Services (503) 916-2000 x 71016

Young Audiences

# Run for the Arts



Stephenson Elementary  
RUN FOR THE ARTS

Run for the Arts Day Information Run Day:

\*Run Day: Monday, October 7th, 2019

\*Alternate Run Day: Tuesday, October 7th, 2019



\*Collection of Funds (MONEY DUE): October 21st, 2019

\*If you have any RFTA questions, please contact Principal Galindo at [cgalindo@pps.net](mailto:cgalindo@pps.net)

\*Day of the run Volunteers, please contact Jenn McUne at [jennifer.mcune@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.mcune@gmail.com)

SUPPORT THE ARTS AT  
STEPHENSON!!



# Stephenson School Needs Your Help...



We continue to work on increasing our student and staff safety at Stephenson. One of the most important pieces is to make sure our outside exit doors are kept closed at all times. During the day students and staff do an excellent job. However, the problem is after school hours between 2:30pm-6:00pm. We have a sign on every door that states “Keep Doors **CLOSED** at All Times.”

At times sport’s teams come in the building to use the rest room or drink water. The problem is sometimes when exiting the outside doors to the field and playground they are left propped open for easy access to the building. This is a safety concern. I have asked teaching staff, SCCA staff and our custodians to close the doors when they see them being propped open. These entrances are blind areas to the main office and security camera and unfortunately an intruder could easily walk into the building without being noticed.

Please help us by closing the outside exit doors at all times during the day and after school.

**Thank you for keeping Stephenson School safe.**

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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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



**TAG News:** Thinking about TAG for your student? TAG stands for Talented and Gifted. Students can be identified as TAG in one, two or three areas, which are reading, math and intellectual. The identification comes when a student scores in the 95th or above percentile on nationally normed tests that are selected by the TAG department. You can begin by opening a dialogue with your child's teacher. Students can be nominated for TAG by parents and/or teachers. A nomination form acts like a permission slip to have your child tested in the area (s) you select. If you'd like to nominate your child for TAG you can pick up a nomination form from the TAG bulletin board. You can also access the nomination form from the TAG website: <https://www.pps.net/Page/3884> All nomination forms are due to your child's teacher or the TAG facilitator (Courtney Pawol) no later than **November 26th**. **Late applications are not accepted.**



**If you're the parent of a 4th or 5th grader, your child's state testing scores from the previous year may also qualify your child for TAG.**

- ◆ The TAG department has mailed the postcards identifying students whose 2019 state testing scores were in the 95th or above percentile in reading and/or math. If you received this post card and would like your child to be identified as TAG in reading and/or math you will still need to complete a nomination form, which you can pick up from the TAG bulletin board located outside of Ms. Saunder's room. You can also print one from the TAG website. There is no additional testing required in those areas (reading and math) if you received one of those postcards.
- ◆ Please note you may have received one of the post cards even if your child is already identified as TAG in reading or math. If this is the case, you do not need to complete a nomination form. Once you've been identified, you do not need to be reidentified. TAG identifications stay with a child through 12th grade.
- ◆ If you have questions contact Courtney Pawol at [cpawol@pps.net](mailto:cpawol@pps.net), TAG facilitator has office hours from 1:00pm-2:00pm on both conference days in room 117.



*Dr. RubyDawn Lyman, Coordinator of Pacific University's Talented and Gifted Specialization Program and teacher in HSD, will present 4 sessions on what it means to be gifted.*

## Multipotentiality and Your Child

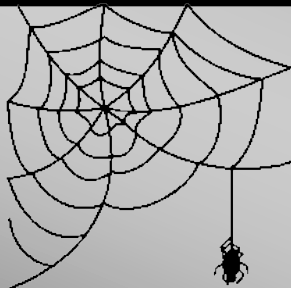
1<sup>st</sup> session  
 Tuesday, October 15th  
 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
 BESSC – 501 N. Dixon  
 Level 1 WyEast

Additional workshops: December 3<sup>rd</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>



**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 it will make sure that they get back to the student. We will box up the current Lost and Found Items on Friday, October 4th and keep them at school for 1 month. On November 1st we will donate the items to the PTA Clothing Closet.

We need bag candy donations for Fall Fun Night. Please bring all candy donations to the main office.



Mark Your Calendars...

**FALL FUN NIGHT**

Friday, October 25th, 2019  
6:00pm-8:00pm



## 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.**

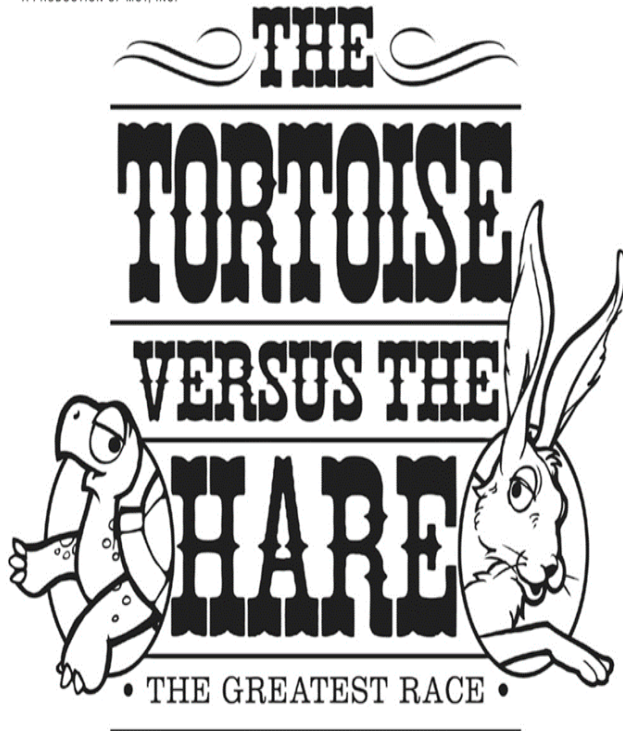


**TOPGOLF**

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

MISSOULA  
**CHILDREN'S**  
THEATRE

A PRODUCTION OF MCT, INC.



Conceived and Written by  
Jim Caron

Music by  
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Thank you to all who signed up for the upcoming Missoula Children's Theatre production of **The Tortoise Versus the Hare** the week of October 14th through the 18th. We still have a few spots open for 3rd, 4th, or 5th graders, so please send an email to [stephenson.missoula@gmail.com](mailto:stephenson.missoula@gmail.com) if your child is interested.

And finally, we are actively looking for parents to take over the Parent Coordinator roles for the coming years. Now is a great time to find out what is involved in this fun position so that Missoula Children's Theatre can remain a part of the Stephenson community in the future.

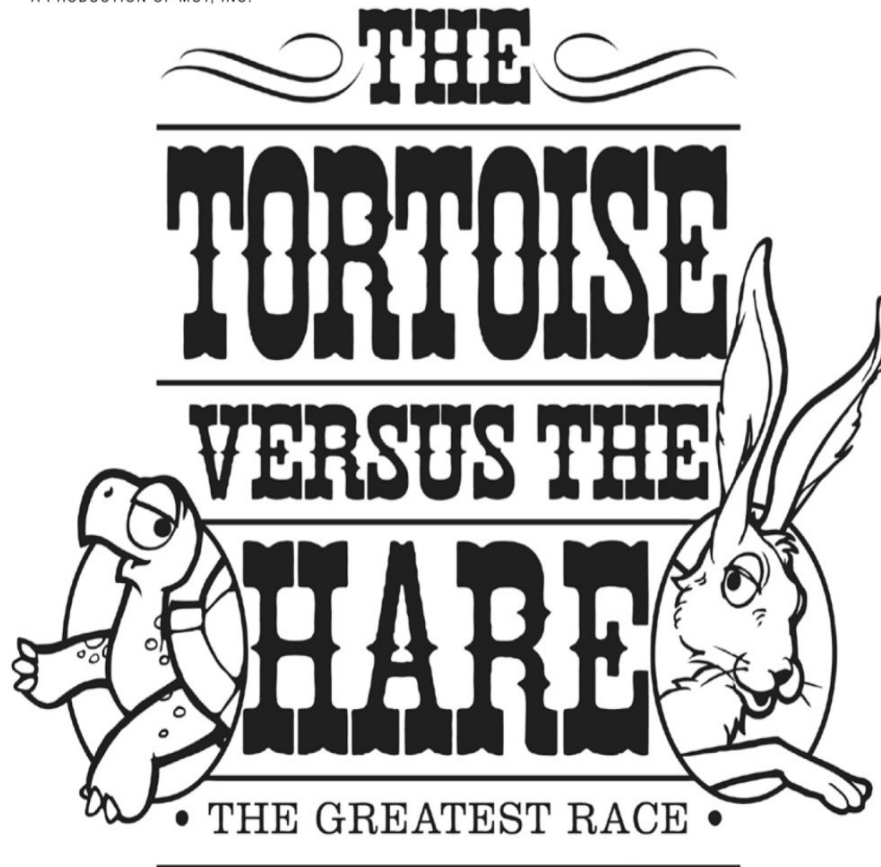
If you are interested, please contact **Tamela Villaca and Jessica Khalili,**

**Missoula Parent Coordinators for more information.**

**Don't Miss the Show...**

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**Stephenson Elementary**  
**Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**7 PM**

Tickets: \$5





***Next PTA Meeting will be this Tuesday,  
October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in the Library.***

**Pizzicato – Dough for Dollars Fundraiser**

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**Chinook Book Fundraiser – ONE MORE WEEK - Runs through October 11<sup>th</sup>** The easiest way to help is to go to this link on your mobile device and the entire sale will be handled by Chinook Book with Stephenson PTA benefitting:

<https://chinook.co/stephensonelementary>

Please share the link above with your family, friends, and co-workers to help us reach our goal of raising \$700 dollars. The Chinook Book offers many great coupons to help you save while also helping our school. The App has a feature of finding coupons nearby and can be used anywhere Chinook has offers (Portland, Seattle, Bay Area, Sacramento, Denver, and Minneapolis). If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Bryan Robb ([bryanrobb92@gmail.com](mailto:bryanrobb92@gmail.com)) Physical Chinook Books (which include App) and individual App cards can still be purchased by contacting Bryan directly.

**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**

A celebration of the season full of food, games, friends, fun and CANDY! Mark your calendars for Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> for the festivities; come in costume if you'd like too! **Volunteers are needed** to help make the evening, the PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year, a success. We appreciate all the help we can get! We need bake sale help, help with decorating, help assembling and breaking down the carnival games, etc. If you are able to help with your time, money or man-power, please contact Ashley Geltosky ([geltosky.ashley@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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/>.

# Chinook Book



Our Chinook Book Fundraiser is about to LAUNCH!

Works in  
Seattle &  
Boy Area

Invite friends and family to  
save all year at local,  
sustainable places you love:



App can be  
shared on  
up to 9  
devices

Laughing Planet – Miller Paint – Hot Lips Pizza  
Grand Central Bakery – Salt and Straw – OMSI – Oregon  
Zoo – Portland Art Museum - Plus Many More!!

Share link  
with friends

Stephenson PTA Fundraiser ends

Oct 11th

Follow this link to install App and buy/renew 12-month subscription for \$15:

<https://chinook.co/stephensonelementary>



Our PTA will get \$7.50 for each App sold during the Fundraiser  
dates. Our Goal is to raise \$700.

Buy an App (or Renew) and start saving today! Contact Bryan Robb  
([bryanrobb92@gmail.com](mailto:bryanrobb92@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.

# YOUTH CHEER CHAMP

October 11th 2019  
8am - 4pm

Looking for something fun to do during the Statewide  
In-service?

Spend the day with Wilson Varsity Cheer during a  
special Youth Cheer Camp!

**ALL KIDS IN GRADES K THROUGH 8TH ARE  
WELCOME**

**\*Play fun games\***

**\*Learn Wilson Cheers and a cute dance\***

**\*Try stunting\***

**\*Special Cheer arts & Crafts\***

\$60 per child (includes camp shirt)

\$75 for late pickup 4- 6pm

Register at <http://bit.ly/whscheercampsignup>

