



# FRIDAY NEWS NOTES



Friday, November 15, 2019

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, November 17:**  
Foundation Top Golf  
Fundraiser, 12:00-3:00pm

**November 18-26:**  
Stephenson Book Fair

**November 19:**  
Site Council, 3:00pm

**November 22:**  
Grandparents and Special  
Friend's Day, 8:30-  
10:30am

**November 25-26:**  
Parent/Teacher/Student  
Conferences, AM/PM/EVE

**November 25:**  
PTA Sponsored Staff  
Dinner, 4:30pm-5:30pm

**November 27:**  
NO School for Students  
and Staff, Bldg. CLOSED

**November 28-29:**  
Thanksgiving Holiday,  
PPS CLOSED

**December 2:**  
Season of Sharing Begins

**December 6:**  
PTA Winter Bazaar  
Set-Up, 6:00pm-9:30pm

**Saturday, December 7:**  
PTA Winter Bazaar,  
10:00am-4:00pm

**December 10:**  
PTA Meeting, 8:00am

Site Council, 3:00pm

## From Principal Galindo...

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**STEPHENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



Dear Stephenson Learning Community,  
**Interested in Volunteering at Stephenson?**

Please make sure to visit: <https://www.pps.net/domain/66> and fill out a volunteer background check. The process is free and we will have results in just a couple of days. This process is required for any classroom volunteering or field trip chaperoning. Your continued support of our school is invaluable and we appreciate your understanding of the process needed to keep everyone safe. Thank you!

**Run for the Arts:** The final Run for the Arts total for 2019-2020 is **\$20,238.25** funds raised for Stephenson. This is an incredible amount for our school's effort. RFTA funds are used for classroom art activities and supplies, guest artists-in-residency workshops, school-wide Young Audience assembly performances and Day of the Child performers. Thank you to our families and community for your support, donations and contributions towards this effort. Our top prize winners will be announced next week as well as they day they will be recognized school-wide.

**Grandparent's and Special Friends' Day:** The day is Friday, November 22nd from 8:30am-10:30am. This is an important day for Stephenson as we have over 250 guests in our building. A special invitation went home on Tuesday with students.. You can read further information on pages 4-5 in this week's FNN. Please let us know if your child will need a Special Friend on this day as many times we connect classmates with each other or have adult volunteers provide support. **Thank you for volunteering to support this event.**

**Book Fair:** Our Book Fair begins on Monday, November 18th through November 26th. Please see the Book Fair information on page 6-7. If you are unable to attend the Book Fair this year you can order online through [Scholastic.com/fair](http://Scholastic.com/fair) from November 13th to 26th.

**Emergency Comfort Kits Still Wanted:** Since we love and care for your children, the Stephenson staff are asking for families to prepare an comfort kit for each child to be kept at school. A list of items to be include in each kit is on page 7. We are hoping to receive a Comfort Kit for each child by P/T/S Conferences November 25-26, 2019. Please see your child's teacher for further information.

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

**Respectfully,  
Carlos**

## From the Stephenson Library....

The Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) reading competition for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades was introduced last week. OBOB is a statewide voluntary reading motivation and comprehension program sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries. Students form teams, read 16 books and compete to answer “in which book” and content questions. One team is selected from our school to compete in the regional competition and if chosen, go onto the state tournament. In years past we have had two teams go on to the state competition.



Students will receive information about OBOB, a book list and permission forms during library classes. Team information and forms will be due on December 6<sup>th</sup> but if a student needs more time, please let me know. This year, we are requiring that each team have an adult team coach to help organize the team outside of school. The team coach would assist the team, ensure that all of the books have been read and run through practice questions. We will have 6 sets of each book in the Stephenson Library. Depending on demand, we am only allowing one OBOB book per student to be checked out at a time. Multnomah County Libraries, Lake Oswego Public Library and the Washington County Cooperative Libraries also have these books. You can also find some of these books at our Scholastic Book Fair on November 18th - 26th and at your local bookstore.

Participation forms and more information on OBOB can be found on the Stephenson Library Website at <https://www.pps.net/Page/9470>. We also need volunteers to be moderators, time and score keepers when battles begin in mid-January. We will have an informational session and a mock battle for new students, parents and volunteers in mid-December. We will send out more information in the next few weeks. Please contact Michael Rocha, [mrocha@pps.net](mailto:mrocha@pps.net) if you have any questions or come visit us at the **Stephenson Book Fair**.



**Happy Reading!!**

## Stephenson Season of Sharing...

If you know of a family who is in need of support during the holidays or if you are a family in need, please reach out to Principal Galindo directly at [cgalindo@pps.net](mailto:cgalindo@pps.net). We currently have several families in need and plan to provide support in the month of December. All information is kept confidential and family names are never shared with anyone. During the month of December we will also have our annual PTA Clothes Closet Drive in hopes of collecting new socks and new underwear for school aged children in PPS.

**Further details regarding Stephenson's SOS will be shared next week.**





# Stephenson Season of Sharing 2019

This year Stephenson will be participating in two giving activities to support our Stephenson Families in need and PPS students across the district.

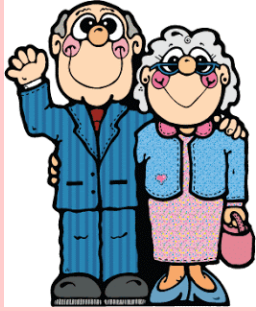
## Here is How You Can Help:

\*Select a snowman tag from the main office front window starting 12/2/19, purchase the gift and return the wrapped gift to the main office with tag attached by 12/19/19.

\*Participate in our winter wear clothes drive to support the PTA Clothes Closet by donating new underwear, new socks, and gently used coats/jackets, hats, scarves and gloves.

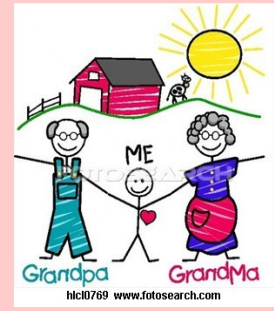
Thank You! Happy Holidays!





# Stephenson Grandparent's and Special Friends' Day

Friday, November 22nd, 2019  
8:30am – 10:30am



Your child will get to invite their grandparents or a special friend to see his/her classroom, take a photo, and visit the book fair. Invitations will be sent home in backpacks on Tuesday, November 12th. Due to limited space, please limit the number of adult guests per student to 2-3 and we ask that Stephenson students not attend other grades' sessions, since classroom space is limited. Please email Principal Galindo [cgalindo@pps.net](mailto:cgalindo@pps.net) if you are willing to help and volunteer for the event.

There will be some changes to GPSF's Day this year in hopes of simplifying the morning for everyone and especially our guests. Most important is we will no longer meet in the gym as a large group. We will now have our guests arrive and go directly to students' classrooms once they have checked in at the front door and received a special guest lanyard. We will have a stagger start which means 4th-5th grade guests will arrive at 8:30am, 2nd-3rd guests will arrive at 8:45am and finally our K-1st guests will arrive at 9:00am. Our plan will include several support staff and parent volunteers directing guests near the front hall.

Our hope is there will be a longer time for students and their guests to spend more time together attending several activity areas we have organized this year including: 1. Photo Booths in Rooms 139 and 168, 2. Book Fair in the library, 3. Classroom Tours, 4. Bingo Hall for prizes in the gym, 5. Board Game Room 171, 6. Read and Relax in Room 158 and Wet Space and finally weather permitting 7. Playground Fun with our school Counselor and PE teacher.

The overall goal is to have a GPSF Open House and to spread this important event throughout the school building which we hope will reduce long lines as we have more activities for everyone to attend and a longer time to visit each activity. The entire event will begin at 8:30am and end at 10:30am to allow for students to return to their classrooms as teachers will take attendance and prepare for the rest of the day.

The event is not a school fundraiser. However, the book fair does raise money for the library and our PTA will be selling Logo Gear during the event. There is no cost for the photo booth as each GPSF will receive a photo.





**Stephenson Elementary School  
Grandparents and Special Friends' Day  
OPEN HOUSE**

**Friday, November 22nd, 2019  
8:30am-10:30am**

**\*8:30am:** 4th/5th Guests Check-In at the Main Doors - Receive Guest Lanyards

**\*8:45am:** 2nd/3rd Guests Check-In at the Main Doors - Receive Guest Lanyards

**\*9:00am:** K/1st Guests Check-In at the Main Doors - Receive Guest Lanyards

**\*\*\*Guests who have more than one student in a different grade level may arrive at 8:30am to allow for time to visit both classrooms.**



**\*8:30am-9:00am:**

-As K-5 Guests arrive they will be escorted to 4th/5th, 2nd/3rd and K/1st classrooms by Support Staff and Parent Volunteers

**\*8:30am-10:30am:**

-K-5th grade students and their guests will have an activity map and are encouraged to visit all organized activities during the 120 minute period including:

1. Stephenson Book Fair in the library
2. Bingo in the gym - Prizes
3. Classroom Visits/Tour
4. Photo Booths in rooms 139 and 168
5. Board Games in room 171
6. Read and Relax in room 158
7. Outside Playground Fun (weather permitting)



**\*10:30am:**

-End of GPSF's Day

-ALL K-5 Students Return to Class

-All guests please exit through the main front doors.

-GPSF Lanyards will be collected.





# Stephenson Elementary Book Fair

## November 18th–26th, 2019

The Annual Stephenson Book Fair is an opportunity to shop for Scholastic books and support Stephenson Elementary School library.

### Stop by the Book Fair to:

- \* Pick up Oregon Battle of the Books selections.
- \* Contribute a book to your child's classroom.
- \* Stock up on birthday and holiday gifts.



Students will have the opportunity to attend the **Book Fair** during the regularly scheduled week-ly library time. In addition, the fair will be open during **Parent/ Teacher/Student Conferences**, after school and SCCA parent pick-up times. If you are interested in volunteering to cashier, assist children with purchases, decorate and/or set up/breakdown the **Book Fair**, please contact Michael Rocha, media specialist at [mrocha@pps.net](mailto:mrocha@pps.net)

Thank you for supporting Stephenson Elementary and your child's reading success! See you at the Book Fair!



### Stephenson Book Fair Hours

November 18th-22nd, 2019

7:45am-11:00am

12:15pm-2:15pm

2:15pm-3:30pm

4:30pm-6:00pm

November 25th-26th, 2019

8:00am-12:00pm

12:00pm-1:00pm **CLOSED** for Lunch

1:00pm-4:30pm

4:30pm-5:30pm **CLOSED** for Dinner

5:30pm-7:30pm



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

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from November 13<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your Supporting our library!

## Classroom Visit's Schedule

November 18-22, 2019

Please See Your Child's Teacher for further Info.

## Stephenson Book Fair – November 18-22, 2019

### \*Classroom Visit's Schedule:

Book Fair Hours	MONDAY November 18	TUESDAY November 19	WEDNESDAY November 20	THURSDAY November 21	FRIDAY November 22
8:05-8:35	X	ROBERT 8:05-8:50	PACK 8:05-8:50	PHILLIPS 8:05-8:50	GPSF's Day
8:40-9:10	X	BATTEN 8:55-9:40	CLEARY 8:55-9:40	X	GPSF's Day
9:15-9:45	WATKINS	X	X	X	GPSF's Day
9:50-10:20	GRAHAM	X	T. JACOBS	X	GPSF's Day
10:25-10:55	X	X	EVANS	X	GPSF's Day
11:00-11:30	DUTY	DUTY	DUTY	DUTY	DUTY
11:30-12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:00-12:30	X	X	X	X	SAUNDERS
12:30-1:00	X	BUSSEY 12:35-1:05	X	X	BATTY
1:00-1:30	X	X	X	X	PAWOL
1:30-2:00	X	X	KIM 1:25-2:10	X	SOULAS



## Girls on the Run 2020.....We Need Your Help!

Each team can have 8-15 girls, which requires 1 head coach and 2 assistant coaches. **We need all coaches by January 31.** The head coach must be female. Adam Brittle can be an assistant coach, so we will need one female head coach and another assistant. We are working towards a 5K run on May! Parent Adam Brittle is the site liaison, and interested parents may contact him at 503.544.2031 or [adam@brittle.law](mailto:adam@brittle.law).

### Coach Requirements:

- Pass Background Check (paid for by GOTR)
- Head Coach = 21+ and Female
- Assistant Coach = 18+ can be Male or Female
- New Coaches = 5 hr. National Coach Training
- Returning Coaches = 2 hr. Kick Off (in February)
- CPR/First Aid Trained - 2 coaches per team
- Preseason meeting with Site Liaison (February)
- Online training in January and mid-season

Coaches can be caregivers, teachers, school staff, parents, community members, etc.



### Pastini Pastathon – Dining Out Fundraiser – THIS MONDAY AND TUESDAY!

The Pastini Pastathon is on! Pastini in Bridgeport Village will host a **TWO DAY** dining out fundraiser for Stephenson on **Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** and **Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### Holiday Gift Bazaar

Please join Stephenson Elementary on **Saturday Dec. 7th** from **10am till 4pm** for shopping, treats and a fundraiser benefiting the PTA!

Over **30 local vendors** will be selling handmade goods. Organic bath products, art, toys, home decor, clothing, greeting cards & more! Plus treats, wreaths & seasonal tabletop decor all of which will benefit the Stephenson PTA. **Shop local & support small business** this holiday season in SW Portland!


### Holiday Bazaar- Volunteers Needed

Help this year at the **Winter Gift Bazaar!** We are looking for **treats to sell** at the PTA bake sale table. This year we are in need of **items that can be gifted** – jarred candies and sauces, tinned items, boxes of cookies, etc. Drop off your baked goods in the office anytime on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> until 7PM. We also need a few volunteers to help with the bake sale. If you can help, **please sign up on Konstella.**

### 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. 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/>.





Stephenson Elementary School's PTA presents a

# WINTER GIFT BAZAAR

SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 7  
10 AM TO 4 PM

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# Portland Social Service Fair

When: Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Jackson Middle School  
10625 SW 35th Ave.  
Portland, OR 97219



## Offerings include:

- **Urgent dental** (*call 503.331.3804 in advance for an appointment - limited slots available*)
- **Chiropractic** (*limited appointments*)
- **Acupuncture** (*limited appointments*)
- **Haircuts**
- **Fresh produce**
- **More than 25 social service nonprofits**
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