



FRIDAY NEWS NOTES



Friday, November 22, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

December 13:
5th grade Safety Patrol
Pizza Party, 11:05-11:30am

K Gingerbread Day,
12:15pm-2:00pm

December 19:
Season of Sharing Ends

December 20:
Season of Sharing Pick-Up

December 23-January 3:
Winter Break
Schools CLOSED

From Principal Galindo...

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Dear Stephenson Learning Community,
Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences are next Monday and Tuesday, November 25-26. Staff have been working diligently and are prepared to share student Progress Reports next week during Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences. Please remember that students are invited to the conference. Thank you to our PTA for providing dinner to all staff on Monday evening from 4:30pm-5:30pm.

Please stop by the office during conferences to get registered on Raptor. Do you plan on 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 due to every school in PPS doing this effort the turn around time is closer to two weeks.

Our Book Fair continues through November 25th-26th. If you are unable to attend the Book Fair you can order online through Scholastic.com/fair from November 13th to 26th.

Our Run for the Arts student top prize winners for raising the most money deserve a round of applause. Congratulations to **Kindergartener Luke Dahlin** for raising \$1174.00 and **1st grader Zain Jafri** for bringing in \$989.00. The two students will be recognized during a school assembly in December.

TAG nomination forms are due **November 26th. No late applications are accepted.** All students wanting to be considered for TAG must submit a nomination form! The nomination form is necessary even if your family received a postcard informing you that your child's state testing scores qualified them for TAG. If you have questions about the nomination process or TAG in general, please contact Courtney Pawol cpawol@pps.net our TAG facilitator. Miss Pawol will be hosting TAG office hours from 1pm-2pm during both conference days (Monday November 25th and Tuesday November 26th) in room 117.

In the fast paced and craziness of life, next week will allow us an opportunity to reflect. A chance to be reminded of the fact that we have so many reasons to give thanks and to be grateful. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday week filled with family and friends or however you spend the week to reflect about the good things in life.

The next issue of FNN will be sent on Friday, December 6th, 2019. Thank you for your support and dedication to students and staff of Stephenson Elementary.

Happy Thanks "living!!"
Respectfully, Carlos

2019 Grandparent's and Special Friend's Day

We had over 350 people attend out GPSF's Day this year. The halls and classrooms were filled with joy, laughter and love. Our new format lent itself for students and their guest to spend more time together and attend the various activities.

Thank you staff and students for your enthusiasm. Thank you parent volunteers Ashley Geltosky, Katy Haley, Jessica Schimkowitsch, Carrie Hartley, Tiffany Hammer, Julie Laufer, Gretchen Toperosky, Krystal Lance, Cari Waters, Janda Rhea, Janelle Olson and the many Special Friends for your incredible dedication in stepping up and supporting the students of Stephenson Elementary.



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**Grandparent's
and
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Friend's
Day 2019**



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 Elementary School's PTA presents a

WINTER GIFT BAZAAR

SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 7
10 AM TO 4 PM

FREE
ADMISSION

seasonal treats · handmade gifts · local artists

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Stephenson Winter Gift Bazaar

Saturday, December 7th—10:00am-2:00pm

The Winter Gift Bazaar is in need of giftable treats for the bake sale table! All bake sale proceeds go directly to Stephenson PTA. Tinned candies, boxed cookies, fudge with a bow, jars of homemade jam...If it looks like a gift and is full of treats, we want it! Drop off your bake goods in the office between anytime Friday, December 6 until 7:00pm

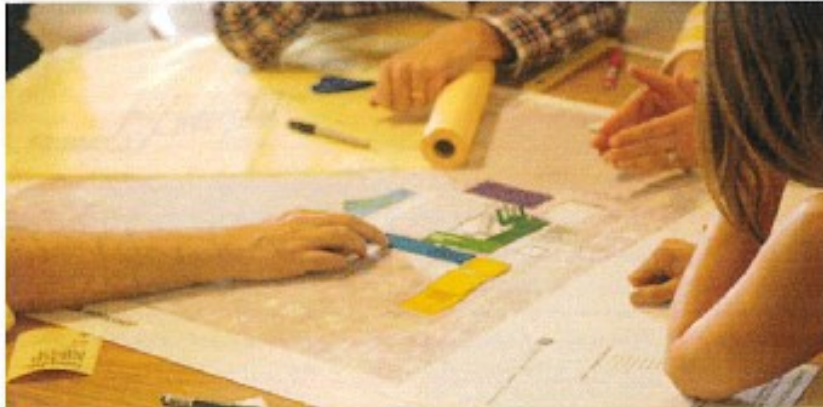
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Join the Conversation on the future of Wilson High School!

December 12th 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Please join your friends and neighbors at the upcoming Wilson Conceptual Master Planning Forum on Thursday, December 12th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Wilson High - Location TBD.

See several concepts of what a modernized Wilson campus would look like and share your thoughts with the project team and your local School Board member, Andrew Scott.

Please come and share your thoughts

Over the last several weeks members of the Wilson Conceptual Master Planning Committee (CMPC) have been working on ideas of what a future Wilson High School would look like after a modernization. This forum provides an opportunity for the greater community to weigh in on those ideas and to share their feelings and concerns with the project team and their school board representative before they are finalized and presented to the full Board.

What is Conceptual Master Planning?

The conceptual master planning process will determine each school's overall program needs, site layout, and estimated costs for historic modernization vs. new construction. The early planning effort will help us more accurately determine the cost estimates for the modernization or the rebuilding of that school. This information will help PPS in the planning of future capital improvement bonds.

More information can be found at the [Wilson CMPC website](https://www.pps.net/Page/14290).
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From the Stephenson Library....

The Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) reading competition for 3rd – 5th 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 6th 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 if you have any questions or come visit us at the **Stephenson Book Fair**.



Happy Reading!!

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 an 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.

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.



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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 Supporting our library!



Stephenson Book Fair Hours During Conferences

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

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

Foundation News...

Thank you for supporting the Stephenson Foundation by attending the TopGolf Fundraiser on Sunday, November 17th.

Lot's of fun took place and we hope you can join us next year.



Holiday Gift Bazaar

Please join Stephenson Elementary on **Saturday Dec. 7th** from **10am till 4pm** for shopping, treats & 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!

Winter Gift 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 6th until 7PM. We also need a few volunteers to help with the bake sale. If you can help, **please sign up on Konstella.**

Dining Out in December: Chez Jose

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the Pastini fundraiser this week! Our year of monthly dining out fundraisers continues in December with **Chez Jose!** Join us on **Monday, December 16th** at family favorite **Chez Jose** (8502 SW Terwilliger) starting at 4PM, where they will donate a portion of their proceeds to the Stephenson PTA. **Dine-in and to-go orders are eligible, as well as gift certificates!** So, stock up on gifts (or for yourself!) to enjoy Chez Jose anytime of the year.

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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/>.

