



# FRIDAY NEWS NOTES



Friday, November 8, 2019

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 11:**  
Veteran's Day Holiday,  
PPS District CLOSED

**November 12:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Dance Open Class  
Soulas: 9:45am

PTA Meeting - 6:00pm

**November 14:**  
K Dance Open Class  
Bussey: 9:15am  
Graham: 9:50am  
Evans: 10:25am

1<sup>st</sup> Dance Open Class  
Batty: 12:00pm  
Pawol: 12:35pm

**November 15:**  
Book Fair Set-Up, 2:15pm  
in the Library

**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, 8:30-11am

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

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

**December 2:**  
Season of Sharing Begins

## From Principal Galindo...

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**STEPHENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



Dear Stephenson Learning Community,  
All of us at PPS are thankful that voters across Portland voted to renew the levy that pays for **over 800 teachers per year**, teachers in **every school** in the district, including here at Stephenson. That's about *one-third of all PPS teachers*. Thank you for your vote of confidence and for your support of our teachers. Thank you for believing in Stephenson.

It has been observed and commented by many Stephenson parents that some adults are parking in the two ADA Handicapped parking spaces including the space with lines for people with disabilities, during SCCA student pick-up after school and early evening hours. I am asking for your support knowing these spots are reserved and both have a sign stating Handicapped Parking Only. We have two parking lots where you may park while picking up students from SCCA. I understand it may be an inconvenience but unfortunately our parking spaces are limited. Your understanding is appreciated by many.

With cold and flu season upon us, our little ones may be sniffing and coughing while at school. If you choose to have a medication available in the office to relieve their symptoms, or if they need other routine medication, please keep in mind a couple of things:

1. We must have the original packaging with the medications. This includes all over the counter medications like Tylenol, cough drops, antacids, etc. Prescriptions should have the label from the pharmacy attached to the box or bottle that the medication comes in. If needed, you can ask the pharmacist to split the prescription to have a supply available at school and at home.
2. We must also have a signed consent with dosing and directions from the parent/guardian. I have attached the Authorization Medication Administration form on page 3 of FNN that the school uses. Please reach out to Shawna Carstairs, Stephenson's School Health Assistant with any questions at 503-916-6318.

**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 will go home next week. You can read further information on pages 4-5 in this week's FNN. 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 a 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.

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**Veteran's Day:** NO School for students or staff on Monday, November 11th, 2019

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

Respectfully,  
Carlos

## 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.**



### From the Office...

Please remember to inform the office when your child will be absent or missing an extended amount of school to send both Susan, [slocey@pps.net](mailto:slocey@pps.net) and Sarah, [sgretz@pps.net](mailto:sgretz@pps.net) an email with the information. Don't forget to include your child's teacher as well.

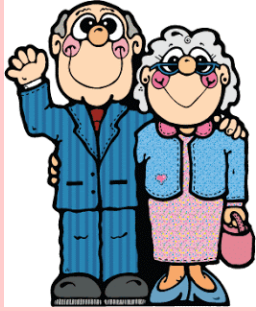
The office, counselor, nurse's station and our enrichment teachers can always use tissue boxes as our students at times spend part of their day in these places. Thank you!

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 the new Raptor visitor/volunteer management system as it may take longer to sign-in with our office staff.

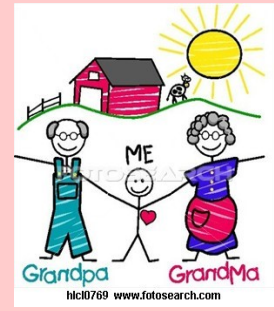
Please remember when your child is late to school after 8:00am they are considered tardy. Please take the time to walk them down to the office for a tardy slip as many teachers have completed their attendance by 8:02am. Attendance letters are sent home to parents when a student's tardiness is excessive.







# 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.

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

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

Thank you for your Supporting our library!

## 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 ASAP.**

**Thank you.....Stephenson Safety Committee**



## Meals on Wheels Thanksgiving Placemats:

For the fourth year Stephenson students have produced Thanksgiving placemats for the elderly. Meals on Wheels and Stephenson have become partners in this endeavor. Teachers have shared the concept of Community Service with their students and the importance of giving to others. The student designed placemats will accompany each warm meal delivered to Meals on Wheels adults in need during the Thanksgiving Holiday.

# 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**
- **Lunch**
- **Clothing donations**
- **Health checks/screens**
- **Oregon Health Plan enrollment**
- **Employment opportunities**
- **And many more resources!**

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## 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>



### Pastini Pastathon – Dining Out Fundraiser

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### Winter Gift Bazaar


Please join Stephenson Elementary on **Saturday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>** 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!

### Evening November PTA Meeting

Our next PTA Meeting is **Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** 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](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

**FREE**  
ADMISSION

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MONDAY & TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 18-19<sup>TH</sup>

**50%** of net proceeds goes to

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Tell everyone you know to eat at Pastini at Bridgeport Village.  
Be sure to mention Stephenson Elementary School PTA  
when you order lunch and dinner.  
Take out food counts!

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