



FRIDAY NEWS NOTES



Friday, December 13, 2019

STEPHENSON MASTER CALENDAR

December 16:
Chez Jose—PTA Dine
Out, 4:00pm-9:00pm

December 18:
**Spirit Day “Crazy
Hair Day”**

December 19:
**Spirit Day “Hat
Day”**

Season of Sharing Ends

December 20:
**Spirit Day “Blue/
Yellow Day”**

Lion Pride Assembly,
1:30pm-2:00pm

**Season of Sharing Pick-
Up**

December 23-January 3:
Winter Break
Schools CLOSED

January 6:
School Resumes

January 14:
Site Council, 3:00pm

PTA Mtg., 6:00pm

January 20:
Dr. Martin Luther King
Holiday, PPS Schools and
District Offices Closed

January 24:
5th grade FT to JA Biz
Town, 9:15am-2:00pm

From Principal Galindo...

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STEPHENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Dear Stephenson Learning Community,
Grandparents and Special Friends Day: Click on the link to see Stephenson School being showcased for our annual event. Enjoy! <https://youtu.be/hjxu8b7nYIU>

Stephenson Elementary will be offering a new afterschool enrichment class during Winter of 2020 called Potions & Herbology. Registration has begun. See flyer on page 7 of FNN.

Stephenson Elementary Spirit Days: Stephenson students are encouraged to participate in our Spirit Days on December 18-20, 2019. The three days will include **Crazy Hair Day**, **Hat Day** and **Blue and Yellow Day**. Further information is on page 2 in today's FNN.

Season of Sharing: Thank you for the support this year . (There are snowmen remaining). Our community has generously given to ten families in need. All the families are from Stephenson. If you participated, please drop off wrapped gifts with snowman tag attached to the main office by Thursday, December 19th. We are still collecting brand new socks and underwear and gently used coats for the PTA Clothes Closet until Friday, December 20th in the main hallway near the office. Please direct any questions you may have to Principal Galindo at cgalindo@pps.net.

Student ID Cards: We will continue selling Student ID cards each morning and afterschool near the front doors. 4th grade students will lead the activity along with support from Principal Galindo. Student ID cards are \$2.00 each. All proceeds and funds raised will benefit the 4th grade Oregon Trail Overnight Field Trip. See flyer on page 4 in FNN for further information.

Donations – Student Meal Accounts: Many generous people and organizations in the community have made donations towards student meal accounts. If you are interested in making a donation towards student meal accounts, you can visit the Nutrition Services website, <https://www.pps.net/nutrition>, and click on Donate Here.

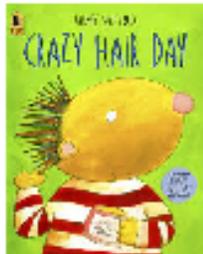
Lion Pride Assembly: Our first Lion Pride school assembly will take place on Friday, December 20. As we continue to focus on positive school climate we will be celebrating our school and students as a large group together before winter break.

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

**Respectfully,
Carlos**

**SPIRIT
DAYS**

Stephenson SPIRIT DAYS



***Wednesday,
December 18th:**



Crazy Hair Day



***Thursday, December 19th:**

Hat Day



***Friday, December 20th:**

Blue and Yellow Day



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.

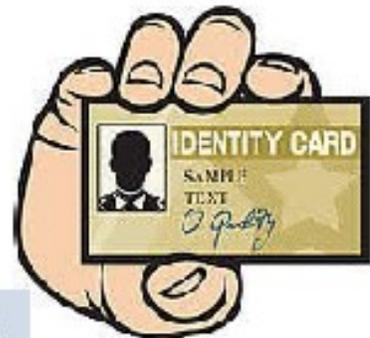
*Participate in our winter wear clothes drive to support the PTA Clothes Closet by donating new underwear, new socks, and gently used coats/jackets, hats, scarves and gloves.

Thank You! Happy Holidays!



Stephenson

Student ID Cards—\$2.00



On SALE before or after school in the main hall near the front doors.

STARTING MONDAY, December 9, 2019

ALL proceeds raised will benefit the 4th grade Oregon Trail Overnight Field Trip in the Spring.

When Inclement Weather Hits, Here's How PPS Keeps You Posted...

The long-range weather forecast for Portland is calling for a mild winter, but if you've been in Portland for any length of time, you know forecasts can be, well, only so accurate. If you have students in Portland Public Schools, please get to know the ways we inform you when weather forces closures and delays.



Three ways we send messages to families about delays, closures and other weather-related decisions:

- ☐ **Phone calls:** Automated calls, in all supported languages (Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Russian and Somali), will be placed to the primary number listed on each student's registration. If you've changed your number recently, please update it with your school.
- ☐ **Email:** An automated message will be sent to the email address you listed in your child's registration. The message will be translated into our five supported languages.
- ☐ **Text message:** You will receive a text message on your cell phone, but first you'll have to opt in to the SchoolMessenger system by texting "Yes" or just "Y" to 68453. Note: If you opt in, you will still receive an auto-dialer call.

We also post updates online:

Twitter: Follow our account, [@PPSConnect](#).

Facebook: Connect with us at [facebook.com/pps.homepage](#).

PPS Website: Go to [net](#) and look for a yellow bar across the top of the page. That's where you'll find more detailed information, such as snow routes for buses. Messages will be translated.

2020 STATE TESTING

As we close out the calendar year it is time we think about **STATE TESTING**. All 3rd-5th grade families will be given a copy of the **2019-2020** Annual Notice for Statewide Tests which has all the information you will need. A number of tests are administered to students each year.

They Include:

- ***English Language Proficiency Tests (ELPA)** - given to students who receive English as a Second Language services in grades Kindergarten – Fifth Grade.
- ***Oregon Summative Assessments English Language Arts (OSAS)** - given to all students in grades 3-5.
- ***Oregon Summative Assessments Mathematics (OSAS)** - given to all students in grades 3-5.
- ***Oregon Science Assessment** – given to students in grade 5

Oregon House Bill 2655 allows parents to "opt" their child out from all or some of the testing.

Where can I learn more about this?

Contact our testing coordinator Sarah Batten sbatten@pps.net, PPS Testing website or Principal Galindo.



STEPHENON
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

PRESENTS

OPEN CLASSROOM

Your child's first step towards performance!

Music : March 2nd, 3rd, & 4th
Dance : January 28th & 30th

Kindergarten and First
grade families are
invited to join us for
dance and music class.

• Additional Spring Open
Classroom Dates To Be
Announced

Contacts:

Music: Kelly Jacobs
KJacobs@pps.net

Dance: Taryn Johnson
TJohnson6@pps.net

Potions and Herbology Class!



Mondays, February 3rd- March 16th, 2020 (no school 2/17) 2:15-3:15pm, room tba

Grades 1-5 \$175 for 6 weeks 10 min- 24 max students

In this magical, hands-on class kids will spend part of their time working with plants or preparing real potions for the home and body, using dried herbs and flowers, essential oils and other high quality ingredients. The rest of the class they'll be using a variety of art materials to decorate the potion containers and create their spell (recipe) books. We also use inks to create mysterious labels and cards. This class will be enchanting for kids who love to make handmade gifts and who after a full day of school can still carefully work with measuring and mixing ingredients, gently handling glass containers and sometimes fragile materials. Parents can see photos from prior classes at www.facebook.com/AllisonHowardJewelry.

To register, email Allison at allisonhowarddesigns@yahoo.com

Allison Howard teaches after-school classes at Laurelhurst, Abernathy, Irvington and Stephenson schools. Allison has been putting on a fundraising series for the Oregon Symphony for 12 years, Parties of Note.

follow your curiosity



Winter Break Classes

Multiple Locations

LEGO® Camp (Grades 3-5)

Days: Dec. 30 - Jan 3 (No class Jan. 1), 9 AM - 4 PM,
Four meetings, Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.

Location: Saturday Academy Beaverton

Comic Book & Improv Camp (Grades 5-7)

Days: Dec. 30 - Jan 3 (No class Jan 1), 9 AM - 4 PM,
Four meetings, Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.

Location: Saturday Academy Beaverton

Electronic Music (Grades 5-9)

Days: Dec. 30 & 31, 9 AM - 4 PM, Two meetings, Mon.
& Tues.

Location: Saturday Academy Beaverton

Blender: Intro to 3D Modeling (Grades 7-10)

Days: Jan. 2 - 3, 9 AM - 4 PM, Two meetings,
Thurs. & Fri.

Location: Saturday Academy Beaverton

Animation Academy (Grades 7-12)

Days: Dec. 30 - Jan 3 (No class Jan. 1), 9:30 AM - 4
PM, Four meetings, Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.

Location: Saturday Academy Beaverton

Photography: The Artistic Portrait (Grades 8-12)

Days: Dec. 30 & 31, 9 AM - 4 PM, Two meetings, Mon.
& Tues.

Location: Shabu Studios

Photography: Art of the Darkroom (Grades 8-12)

Days: Jan. 2 - 3, 9 AM - 4 PM, Two meetings, Thurs. &
Fri.

Location: University of Portland



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IS AVAILABLE**

visit our website for specific information & to register

saturdayacademy.org

The logo for the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) features the letters "PTA" in a large, bold, blue, sans-serif font. A registered trademark symbol (®) is located to the upper right of the letter "A".

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Dining Out in December: Chez Jose

Our December dining event is **THIS MONDAY**, and the timing couldn't be more perfect! We all need a break from cooking this time of year, and **Chez Jose** has you covered! 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.

New BottleDrop Give Program

Stephenson PTA has started our own **BottleDrop Give program** where proceeds from all Oregon 10-cent deposit containers go directly to our school. Here are the basics: pick up your pre-labeled blue bags from school, fill the bags with recyclable deposit containers, and drop them off at a nearby location to scan the deposit to Stephenson PTA's account. To kick the program off, we will be handing out bags next week, 12/16-12/19 after school (2-2:30pm) at the main entrance. After that, bags will be available in the office in a special container. Please see the flyer at the end of News Notes for more information.

Holiday Shopping for Stephenson

Help raise money for Stephenson this holiday season by joining our two merchant partners: **AmazonSmile** and **Fred Meyer Rewards**.

Every purchase you make this holiday season (and all year round!) through these two programs will help benefit our school. Just go to **smile.amazon.com** and assign your charity to **Stephenson Elem PTA**, and for Fred Meyer Rewards, go to **fredmeyer.com**, log into your rewards account and link your Community Rewards to **Stephenson PTA**. For more information, please email geltosky.ashley@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting our school!

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/>.

Don't Forget to Check the Lost and Found before Winter Break.

BOTTLEDROP GIVE

PURPOSE:

We all try and do our part to keep our environment healthy. We reduce, reuse, and recycle. Well, what if you could help your child's school benefit directly from what you're already doing?? **Well now you can!** Stephenson PTA has started a BottleDrop Give program where proceeds from all Oregon 10 cent deposit containers go directly back to the school. With your deposits, the Stephenson PTA can continue to make an impactful difference in the school experience for all students. Every container you recycle and bag you drop makes a difference.

WHAT CONTAINERS CAN I GIVE?:

Water	Soda/Pop	Fruit Juice
Beer	Hard Cider	Energy Drinks
Tea or Coffee	Coconut Water	LaCroix/Polar or other carbonated water

If you have questions as to what containers should be included, please see the BottleDrop website (<https://www.bottledropcenters.com/customer-service/general/>) for details.

FILL YOUR BAGS:

Fill the blue bags with Oregon 10 cent deposit containers. Your bags are pre-labeled with a unique barcode so that your bag drop will directly benefit the Stephenson PTA. Plastic, aluminum, and glass can go in the same bag – no need to separate. Try to keep the bags under 20 lbs. Ensure the containers are not crushed or smashed.

GET THE APP:

Download the BottleDrop app (<https://www.bottledropcenters.com/download-app/>) and get quick access to all nearby redemption locations.

RETURN YOUR BAGS:

You don't have to go to the redemption centers, go inside, and wait in line. You simply find a location nearby (Burlington Fred Meyer, on Barbur, for example) and return your filled blue bag(s). When at the location, simply scan the barcode (already attached to your bag) to unlock the outside secure drop door, place your bag(s) inside, close the door, leave, and feel better about not only recycling, but for donating to your child's school through Stephenson PTA. You don't need an account, card, or pin. Simply collect, drop, and go.

HOLIDAYS:

Think of all the space you will save in the recycle bin this holiday season by utilizing the new BottleDrop Give bags. And think of all the \$\$ you can donate with your influx of containers this holiday!

PICK UP YOUR BAGS:

Pick up your blue bags at the school.

12/16 – 12/19: after school (2:00-2:30pm) at the main entrance.

12/20 and beyond: bags will be available in the office in a special container.

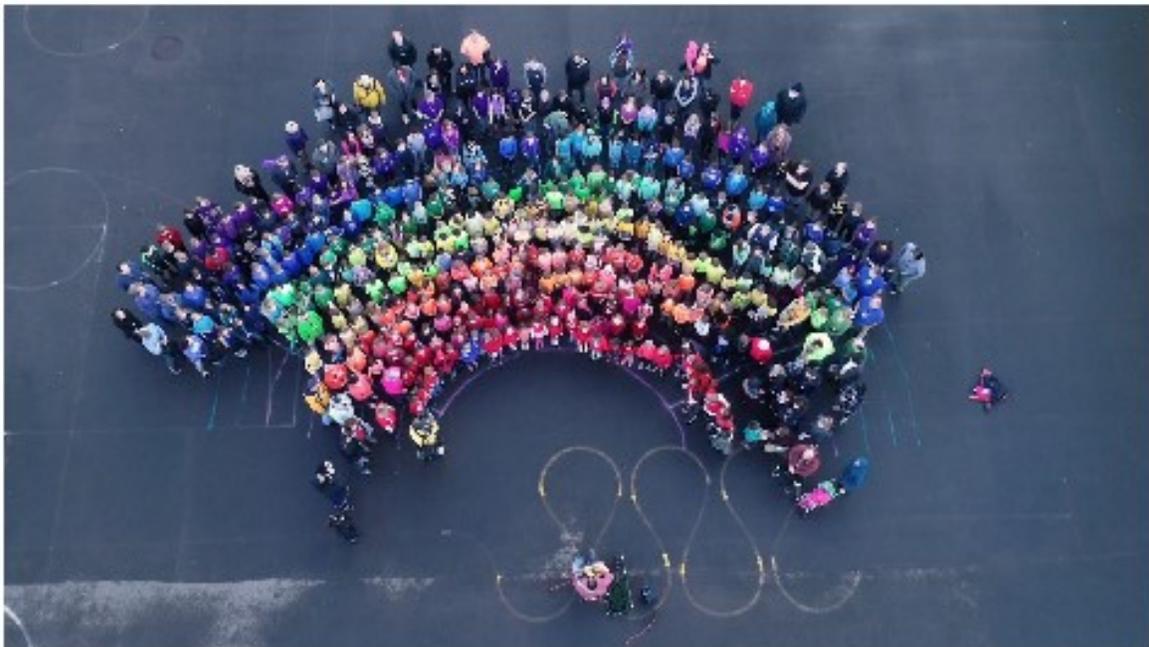


CHEZ JOSE PRESENTS!

MONDAY NIGHT DINE OUT FOR SCHOOLS!

Ten percent of all dine-in, to-go and gift certificate sales on
Monday, December 16th, 2019 will be donated to
Stephenson Elementary School PTA.

This is a great opportunity to show support for a great neighborhood school.
Buddy up with another family (to make a party of 6 or more) and we'll reserve a
table for you. We have limited tables to reserve, so call soon!



**Stephenson Elementary School PTA Fundraiser -
Monday, December 16th, 2019 4pm-9pm**

Chez Jose Mexican Café, 8502 SW Terwilliger Blvd., Portland, OR 97219

www.chezjoserestaurant.com (503) 244-0007

Do you shop at Fred Meyer? Sure, we all do! Did you know you can be raising money for Stephenson with the things you are buying anyway??? Join the 43 households that are already fundraising!

Here are the easy steps to setting up your Community Rewards account.

Log onto <https://www.fredmeyer.com>

At the top of the home page, look for the Savings & Rewards pull down menu



Click on "Fred Meyer Community Rewards", then Click on "Re-Enroll or link your Rewards Card now".

Community Rewards

At Fred Meyer, you can raise money for Stephenson with every purchase.

When Shopping & Giving Units

When you shop at Fred Meyer, you can raise money for Stephenson with every purchase. You can raise money for Stephenson with every purchase. You can raise money for Stephenson with every purchase.

Are you a Fred Meyer Customer?

When you shop at Fred Meyer, you can raise money for Stephenson with every purchase. You can raise money for Stephenson with every purchase. You can raise money for Stephenson with every purchase.

Learn more about Community Rewards.

Re-enroll or link your Rewards Card now.



You will be prompted to sign in to an existing account, or create a profile if you are a new user. You can now enroll with an organization.

You will need to enter Stephenson's organization number: **DY996**

Presto! Now every time you shop at Freddie's, you are raising money for Stephenson!

Community Rewards

You have successfully enrolled in Community Rewards.

Donation Summary

Status:

Currently Enrolled

Organization Name:
Stephenson P/A

Enrollment Date:
09/11/2018

Organization Number:
DY996

*****If you are already enrolled, please log in and double check that you are still connected to Stephenson. Kroger recently issued a NEW account number so we need everyone to verify that they are correctly enrolled!!!*****

Did you know that every time you shop Amazon, you could be fundraising for Stephenson? Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of every purchase to once you have linked your account.

The tricky part... you have to access the special homepage: <https://smile.amazon.com>

This page is only accessible via a browser (google, safari, explorer etc.) not via an app. They make you jump through an extra hoop but it's worth it to fundraise for Stephenson, right?

Easy tips to make Amazon Smile work best in your life:

*On your desktop, visit smile.amazon.com and bookmark this page so you land on it every time you shop.

*Sign into your account and choose Stephenson Elem PTA as your charity of choice:



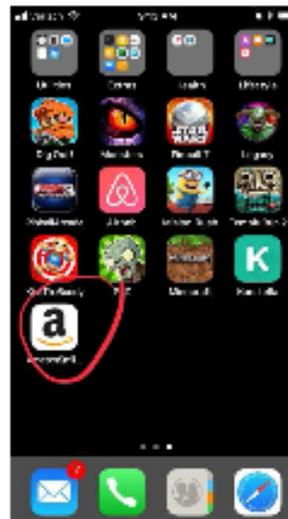
*IF YOU ARE A PHONE/TABLET PERSON (I get it), You have to visit the site via a browser! To make it simpler you can create an easy-peasy shortcut to the Amazon Smile page:

*On your phone, navigate to smile.amazon.com via your browser (Safari for example)

*Hit the Share button on the bottom middle of your screen 

*Click "Add to Home Screen"

*Click "Add". Presto! you have made a direct link button on your phone or tablet's homepage!



THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO SET THIS UP! WE SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS!