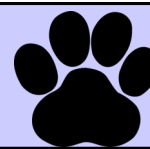




FRIDAY NEWS NOTES



Friday, December 20, 2019

STEPHENSON MASTER CALENDAR

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:
End of Quarter II

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

January 27:
Teacher Planning Day,
NO School for Students

January 28:
1st Dance Open Class
Soulas: 9:45am

January 29:
Afterschool Band, Strings,
Choir Concert, 6:30pm

January 30:
K Dance Open Class
Bussey: 9:15am
Graham: 9:50am
Evans: 10:25am

1st Dance Open Class
Batty: 12:00pm
Pawol: 12:35pm

February 7:
4th grade FT to State
Capitol, 8:30am-2:00pm

From Principal Galindo...

أهلا وسهلا • 歡迎 • Welcome • ברוך הבא • ようこそ • 환영 • Добро пожаловать • Soo dhawoow • Bienvenidos • Chào Mừng
STEPHENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Dear Stephenson Learning Community,
The last three days were filled with school spirit because of the great participation by our students, staff and parents. Please enjoy the photos of our incredible students on pages 2-4.

Thank you to our families for their participation in our Season of Sharing program. Your generosity and kindness supported 10 families this year. We were also able to provide new socks, underwear and gently used coats for the PTA clothes closet program.

On page 5 you will read a flyer containing information about our student-led Chess Club. 5th grader Rowan Green-Fishback is the organizer of the club and hoping students will sign up.

If your child is still incomplete in their immunizations, please make arrangements to obtain vaccinations and to provide this information to the school. Exclusion day for state required vaccinations is Wednesday, February 19, 2020. Students who are not current will not be able to attend school until current immunization records are provided to school staff.

In January, letters will be mailed to parents whose children are not up to date or whose records are incomplete. Should you receive a letter, please provide updated information to the school as soon as possible. If you need assistance in locating a health care provider or clinic site, please contact your school nurse.

Stephenson Elementary will be offering a new afterschool enrichment class during Winter of 2020 called Potions & Herbology. Registration has begun. See flyer on page 10 of FNN.

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.

As 2019 comes to an end the staff and I would like to wish you a wonderful holiday season filled with kindness for all. We look forward to the rest of the school year as there are many instructional days remaining for student learning. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to students and staff of Stephenson Elementary.

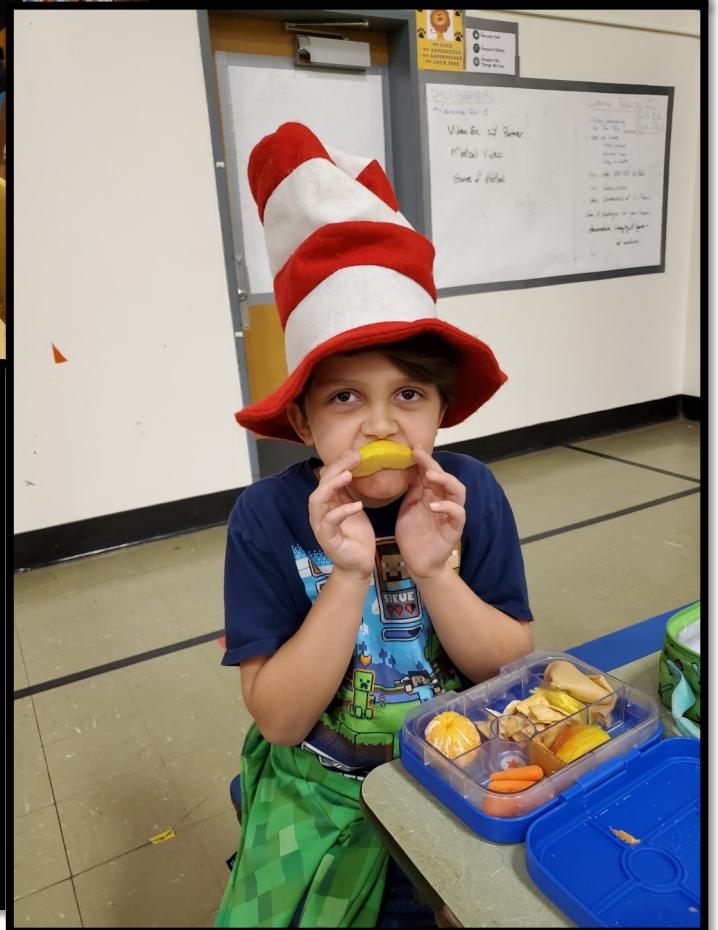
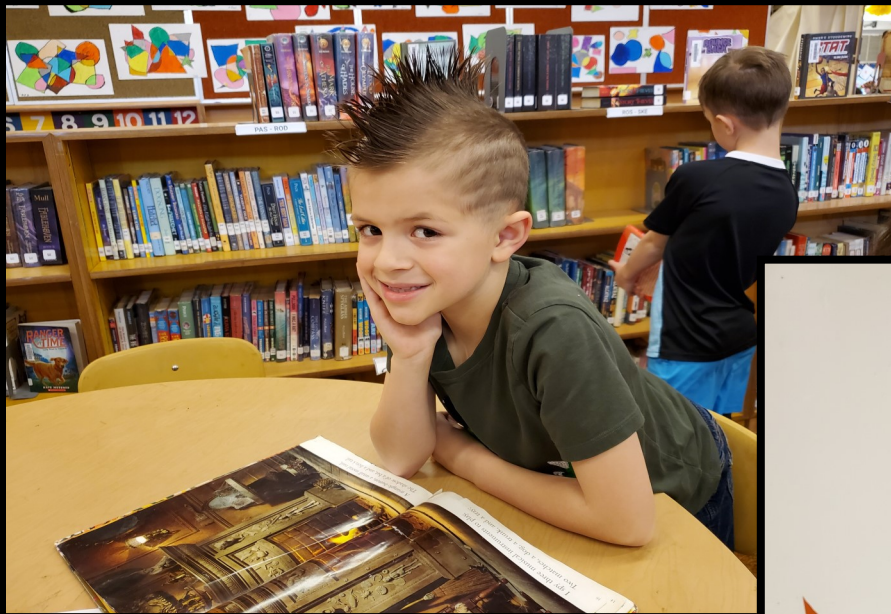
See you in the New Year!

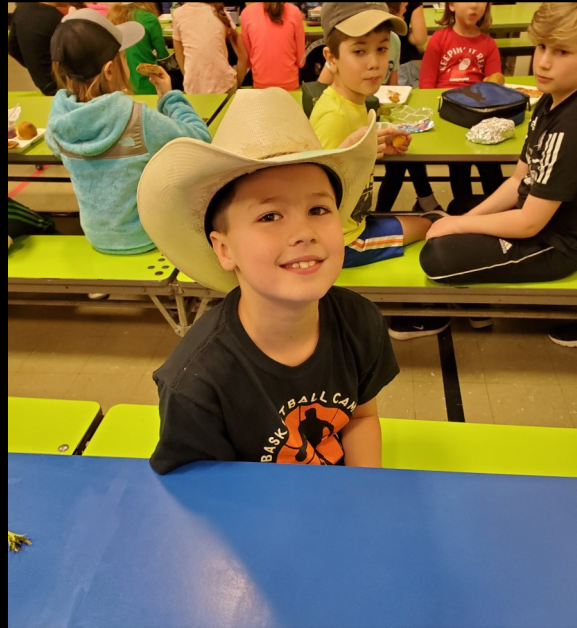
**Respectfully,
Carlos**

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Stephenson Spirit Days





“Crazy Hair Day”
“Hat Day”
“Blue and Yellow Day”

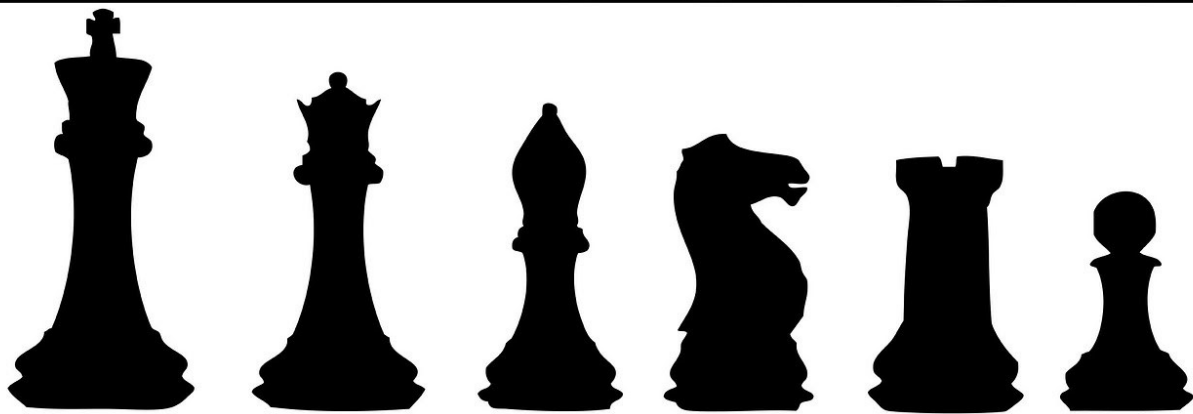
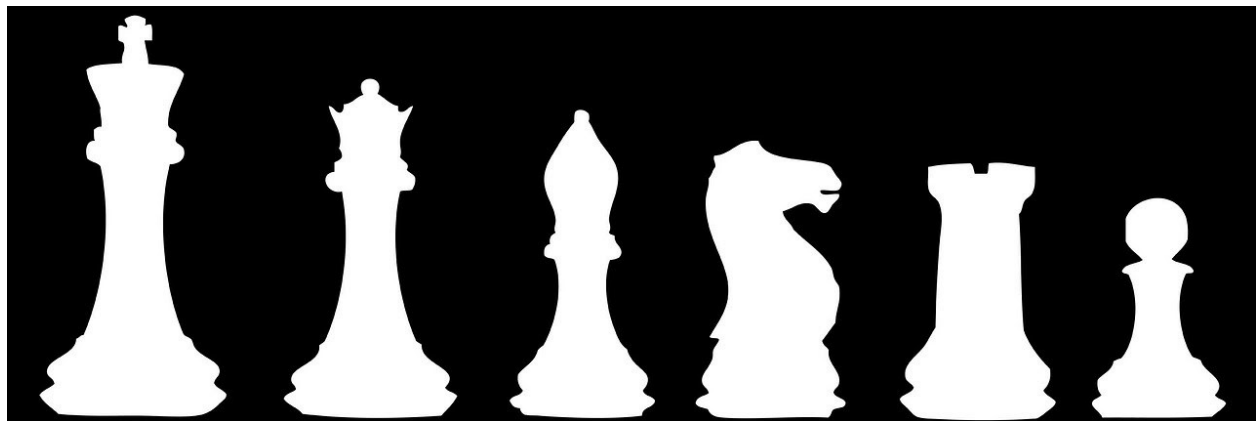
Stephenson Spirit



Stephenson Chess Club!

Want to join the chess club? Chess will be for an hour after school every Friday. All ages welcome! See office for sign-up sheets and further details.

Be quick! Sign-ups end January 17th, 2020.
Five dollar donations are appreciated but not required.



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.



Dining Out in January: Salvador Molly's

Our January dining event will be here before you know it! After all the cooking, entertaining and work over the holidays, take a break and raise money for a good cause. Join us on **Monday, January 13th** at playful and delicious **Salvador Molly's** (1523 SW Sunset Blvd) starting at 4PM, where they will donate **20% of their sales** all evening to the **Stephenson PTA**.

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. **Bags are now available in the office.** Please see the flyer at the end of News Notes for more information.

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/>.

Stephenson Foundation

**SATURDAY
NIGHT
LIVE**

Auction 2020

February 8th, 2020

Oregon Golf Club - 5:30pm

Tickets to go on sale Jan 6th, 2020



VIP tables (group of 10) or couples/individual tickets available

Theme is Saturday Night Live - come as your favorite SNL character or as a member of the "live studio audience" (costumes not required). Shuttle will be provided for additional fee from school to venue and back.

If anyone has a vacation rental, good/service they would like to donate to please reach out to Katy Haley 503.863.0211 or katy@bridalbliss.com



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.



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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saturdayacademy.org

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.