



FRIDAY NEWS NOTES



Friday, February 14, 2020

STEPHENSON MASTER CALENDAR

February 17:
President's Day Holiday,
NO School for Students or
Staff - Bldg. CLOSED

February 19:
Immunization Exclusion
Day

February 19-20:
K-5 TAG Testing

February 25:
2nd grade FT to Oregon
Food Bank, 9:30-12:00pm

March 2:
K Music Open Class,
Bussey: 9:50am
Evans: 10:25am

March 3:
3rd grade FT to Rice Rock
Museum, 9:30-1:30pm

1st Music Open Class
Pawol: 9:45am
K Music Open Class,
Graham: 12:35pm

4th grade Oregon Trail FT
Information Night for
Parents, 5:30pm-6:30pm

March 4:
3rd grade Artist Residency
10:00am-1:00pm

1st Music Open Class
Batty: 12:00pm
Soulas: 12:35pm

March 5:
3rd grade Artist Residency
10:00am-1:00pm

March 9-13:
Missoula Week

From Principal Galindo...

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STEPHENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Dear Stephenson Learning Community,
Welcome to our New Kindergarten Families! If you attended Connect to Kindergarten Wednesday evening and gave us your email, you are now on the Stephenson parent-list-serve **Friday News Notes** is my way of communicating weekly and is shared with all families and staff every Friday. Many groups contribute to the information shared in FNN including PTA, Foundation, Staff, Media Specialist, Counselor, Nurse, Community and school district. Submissions go directly to Principal Galindo for approval. If you ever have a question or concern from what you read in FNN please email me directly.

Thank you to everyone who attended last weekend's school auction. The event was a huge success and a **BIG Thank You** goes to **Katy Haley** for her leadership and dedication to our school. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped to make this year's auction an event to remember. Katy will share further details including final amounts raised early next week.

Update #4 SW Boones Ferry Bridge & Restoration Project: In order for our 5th grade Safety Patrol program to continue during the construction months we will need adult volunteers to be present both morning and after school starting the week of March 16th. If you are able to volunteer your time please click on the link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DABAE23A0F49-5thgrade> and sign up with your name, email and phone number. Morning Patrol needs to be at their post promptly at 7:45am and after school Patrol needs to be at their post promptly at 2:12pm.

Missoula Children's Theatre Sign Ups: The spring Missoula Children's Theatre Performance is next month! A large cast of our students will be performing MCT's "The Amazing Adventures of Robinson Crusoe". Theater week will be March 9-13, with 2 performances on Friday March 13th at 12:30pm (school show) and 7:00pm (community show). Attached is an electronic version of the information flyer and registration form, as well as instructions for sign ups. We will again be using an email signup process. **Registration will be by email to stephenson.missoula@gmail.com and will begin Tues. February 18th, starting at 4:00pm.** If you have any questions or are able to house a director during the MCT week, please contact our parent coordinators (Tamela Villaca or Jessica Khalili) at stephenson.missoula@gmail.com.

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

**Respectfully,
Carlos**

Portland Public Schools recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups and their roles in society. It is the policy of the Portland Public Schools Board of Education that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups on the grounds of age, color, creed, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation in any educational programs, activities or employment.

District Title VI & Title IX Contact: (503) 916-3963



UPDATED 4th Grade Oregon Trail Overnight Fieldtrip Information

Attention Stephenson's 4th Grade Parents: We can tell you that, thanks to Stephenson's **generous PTA** and an **anonymous donor** the Overnight Field Trip will be **\$100 per student** this year. A significant savings, per family from the original **\$145 per student** cost. Also know that **no** student will be denied the opportunity of participating in this trip because of financial conditions or circumstances beyond their family's control.

The **time and place** of our trip is **Camp Kiwanis** on April 30-May 1. The Parent Informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd from 5:30pm to 6:00pm to give you the *particulars and answers to your pertinent questions*.

Parents, your overwhelming patience and support is invaluable. **Thank you!** Thanks also to the **anonymous** donor that covered the cost of our (**The Entire 4th Grade's**) buses, to and from, **Camp Kiwanis**. If **YOU** have any questions/thoughts, please see a Fourth Grade Teacher or Principal Galindo!

Thank you all again,

ReCher Kim, Rodney Robert and Carlos Galindo



Successful Schools Survey

Shape the future of your student's education!

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear the phrase "successful schools?" We believe that successful schools are safe, healthy and welcoming learning spaces that are inclusive for all students. But we want to hear your thoughts.

In 2019-2020, Portland Public Schools is again partnering with Panorama Education to gather information students and families that will help us improve student experiences across the district. We will survey students in grades 4, 5, 7-10 on their experiences in their classrooms and schools, and families about their perception of the school their child attends.

The survey will cover topics on sense of belonging, school safety, school climate, barriers to family engagement, as well as how students are thinking and feeling about diversity, equity, and inclusion in school.

The current launch date is set for January 27th. The student window is scheduled to be open until February 14th. The family survey until February 28th.

Every parent and guardian in the district will be invited to take the survey, which will be available to families in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Russian and Somali. The family survey will be active starting Jan. 27 at

surveys.panoramaed.com/portlandor/ppsfamily



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Successful Schools Survey

Shape the future of your student's education!



TAKE THE SURVEY!

Link will be active starting January 27, the survey is anonymous.

www.pps.net/sss2020



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Encuesta Escuelas Exitosas

Forme el futuro de la preparaci3n de su hijo!



LA ENCUESTA ES AN3NIMA, NADIE SABR3 QUE ES USTED. "TOME LA ENCUESTA!"

El enlace funcionar3 a partir el 27 de enero

<http://bit.ly/2UbqCPg>



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Kh3o s3t Ý ki3n v3 Trường học Thành công

Định hình tương lai của nền giáo dục của con em quý vị!



H3y l3m kh3o s3t!

Đường dẫn trực tuyến sẽ bắt đầu hoạt động từ ngày 27 tháng 1, cuộc kh3o s3t không cần ghi tên.

<http://bit.ly/2UbWjrE>



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成功学校调查 塑造学生教育的未来!

该调查是匿名的—没有人会知道这是您。



"参加调查!"

链接将于1月27日开始生效

<http://bit.ly/2RHuLNV>



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Опрос «Успешные школы»

Формируйте будущее образование вашего ребенка!



"ПОЖАЛУЙСТА, ЗАПОЛНИТЕ ОПРОСНИКИ!" Ссылка будет активна на 27 января ОПРОС АНОНИМНЫЙ – НИКТО НЕ УЗНАЕТ, ЧТО ОТВЕЧАЛИ ИМЕННО ВЫ.

<http://bit.ly/2Fict1d>



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Sahanka Dugsiyada Guulaystay

Qaabee mustaqbalka waxbarashada ardaygaaga!



Sahanku was qarsoodi - qofna ma ogaan doono inaad adiga tahay. "Qaado sahanka!"

Xiriirku wuxuu noqon doonaa mid shaqaynaayo laga bilaabo Janaayo 27

<http://bit.ly/2sHhtSI>



From the Counselor...

It's hard to believe that we are already halfway through the year. As we head into spring school counseling has continued to focus on success for all students. We want all students to feel a sense of belonging, life-long learning skills, self-confidence and believe in their abilities. Below are some areas of focus for the month:

- K- Students are learning from the Strong Start program that promotes Social/Emotional Learning.
- 1st-2nd Students are learning from the book series Say Something by Peter H. Reynolds.
- 3rd Grade just finished up our lessons on being an Ally to deal with Bullying using the book series Weird by Erin Frankel.
- 4th and 5th grade students have been learning about careers through Oregon Careers Quality Info magazine and have been surveyed about school climate.

Helpful Parent Community Resources:

<https://www.stopbreathethink.com/kids/>
<https://www.oregoncollegesavings.com/>
<https://www.211info.org/>

Thanks and let me know if I can provide any support for your students
Erik Seavey



Girls on the Run Information

Hello to all the parents and caregivers at Stephenson!
Do you have a 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade girl??? If so, keep reading. If not, keep reading for those that may not see this message to help spread the word!

As a mom of an almost four year old girl (and two boys ages 5 and 6.5 years), I'd like to tell you about a program that has immediately impacted and enriched my life. That program is Girls on the Run! This FUN non-competitive after-school program can be life-changing for the young girls in your life. It may even have an impact on your own life and perceptions! Girls on the Run teaches and helps girls realize their LIMITLESS POTENTIAL. For 10 weeks, the girls will be given fun and creative (hopefully) lessons that cover topics like loving oneself, developing healthy habits, being supporters for their peers, and even connecting with the community through a project. We also help them achieve the end of the season goal of training for a 5K. Again...non-competitive! Your girl doesn't have to be an "athlete" to participate in this program. It would be a privilege to be a coach and cheerleader for your girls and give it my best effort to make this a positive experience for them. I am SO excited to be a part of this inspiring program.

I can't do this alone though! Adam Brittle and I are going to coach your girls together. We are looking for a third coach to assist if you have any sparks of interest. Spread the word to your friends...a coach can be ANY member of the community! At present, we have 5 girls signed up. In order to keep the program we need a minimum of 8 girls signed up by February 21. This isn't meant to pressure you, but to inform. You will see fliers in your girls folders. We are also putting fliers at SCCA, at the school and Hive. You may see a big PINK sign outside the school!

Here are some details about the program:

Classes will run Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00-5:30pm.

Start Date: March 3 (no classes during spring break)
5K Date: May 17 at Blue Lake Regional Park
Final class and celebration: May 20

Registration cost: \$195 per girl (note: financial assistance is available through the application)

Register at www.girlsontherunpdx.org

Please email or call me with any questions!!!

julie.r.waters@gmail.com

503-915-8618

We really really look forward to working with your girls!
Thanks so much in advance!!!

Kindly, Julie



REGISTER YOUR GIRL FOR GIRLS ON THE RUN!

Girls on the Run is a life-changing, after-school program for girls in **3rd-5th grade**. Our mission is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using a fun, experience based curriculum which creatively integrates running. The 20-lesson curriculum combines training for a 5k (3.1 miles) with lessons that inspire girls to become independent thinkers, enhance their problem-solving skills, and make healthy decisions.

Registration Opens: January 15, 2020

Start Date: Week of March 2nd

End Date: Week of May 18th

Practice Schedule: Tuesday, Thursday 4-5:30 pm

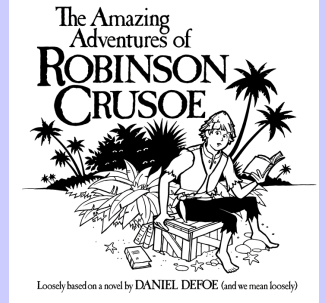
Financial assistance is available

Learn more at www.girlsontherunpdx.org

or contact ADAM BRITTLE at ADAM @ BRITTLE.LAW
JULIE JAFRI JULIE.R.WATERS @ GMAIL.COM

Coming Soon:

The Missoula Children's Theater and Stephenson presents: The Amazing Adventures of Robinson Crusoe!



Email sign-ups are Tuesday February 18th starting at 4pm.

Show week is March 9th – 13th, 2020

Performance is on Friday, March 13th at 12:30 and 7pm.

Special Note:

Missoula Coordinators Needed for the Upcoming 2020-2021 School Year:

We are currently looking for parents that are interested in taking over the role of Missoula Coordinators. With the spring show rapidly approaching now is a great time to find out what is involved in this fun and rewarding position, as an established program it is easy to maintain but also offers lots of flexibility in how the job is performed. It is an excellent position to do as a team!

If you have seen what one week of theatre can do for your kids, please consider becoming the new MCT Coordinators.

Historically we have done 2 shows per school year, one Fall and one Spring. The dates are set by the PTA and Principal Galindo once the school calendar is set. MCT picks our show titles based on their tour schedule.

Ideally, the coordinator position can be filled by a team of 2 or 3 people.

The at-school commitment during each MCT week is Mon-Thurs 2pm-7:00pm and Friday 8am-3pm and 5:30pm-9pm.

Additional time is spent prior and after show week prepping show materials, registering students, corresponding with families, arranging volunteers and with show wrap up.

If you are interested or want to find out more information please contact the current parent coordinators, Tamela Villaca, at (971) 300-7067 or Jessica Khalili at (503) 866-1253, or email at stephenson.missoula@gmail.com.

Missoula Children's Theatre has been a tradition at Stephenson enriching students' lives for almost 20 years! This amazing experience is not possible without parent coordinators. Please reach out to find out how you can help!

Coming soon to Stephenson Elementary...

The Amazing
Adventures of
**ROBINSON
CRUSOE**



Loosely based on a novel by DANIEL DEFOE (and we mean loosely)

Conceived and Written by Jim Caron Music by Greg Boris Lyrics by Jim Caron
Additional Concept Development and Dialogue by Annie Caron

Theatre Week is March 9th to March 13th, 2020
Performances on Friday, March 13th
at 12:30pm and 7pm

**Sign up via email on Tuesday, February 18th
Starting at 4:00pm**

Email: Stephenson.missoula@gmail.com

Please include name, age, and grade of child

See Registration Form for details (will be emailed via Friday News
Notes and will be available in the office)

Missoula Children's Theatre Instructions for 2019-20

- 1) Signups will be by email to Stephenson.missoula@gmail.com at 4pm on Feb. 18, 2020. Applicants will be accepted based on the time stamp on the email (emails received prior to 4PM will be discarded). Students will only be allowed to participate in one show per year. Assistant Director Positions (generally 5th graders) will be chosen by the Directors during casting and those chosen in the fall will not be able to participate in the spring production.
- 2) Each grade will have a predetermined number of spots. Once those spots are filled, a wait list will be started. In the event that a participant withdraws prior to Missoula week, wait listed students will be contacted in the order that emails were received on signup day.
- 3) Cost will be \$45, cash or check payable to the Stephenson PTA. Payment must be received by Friday, February 21st at noon, or the applicant will be moved to the waitlist. Refunds will not be provided for withdrawal after 2 weeks before the first day of the production, except in the case of illness. After casting, refunds will not be provided, under any circumstances. Please note that if your child cannot make a rehearsal, for any reason after casting, it is up to the Director's discretion as to if they can perform in the production.
- 4) Please note that Kindergartners and First graders will not have rehearsals past 4:30, but all other grades will have rehearsals until 7pm on multiple nights. All participants must be able to attend all rehearsals and shows. No exceptions.
- 5) A request for parent volunteers will be sent out prior to production week for review. Parent assistance is necessary and required in order for the week to proceed smoothly. We will also need help with post show cleanup after the Friday evening production. **We are currently in need of 2 host families for the Directors. Please let us know if you are interested!**

Questions? Please contact either Jessica Khalili or Tamela Villaca at stephenson.missoula@gmail.com

Missoula Children's Theatre Registration Form

Robinson Crusoe

Monday, March 9th - Friday, March 13th, 2020

On March 9th to March 13th, a cast of Stephenson students will be rehearsing and performing MCT's version of "Robinson Crusoe". Up to 64 students (grades K-5) who pre-registered on February 18th will be part of this production.

Students will audition for their parts on Monday, March 9th from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM, followed by the first rehearsal on Monday at 5pm for some characters. Additional rehearsals will be conducted Tues. - Thurs., after school, for 2-4 hours. Although not all cast members will be needed at every session, those auditioning must have a clear schedule for the **entire week and be able to attend all rehearsals required for their role**. A detailed rehearsal schedule, by cast part, will be distributed at the conclusion of the Monday auditions.

Performances will be Friday, March 13th, 12:30 PM (school show) and 7:00 PM (community show).

Please fill out this registration form and include a \$45 check made payable to Stephenson PTA. Scholarships available through the office (contact Mr. Galindo). T-shirts will be available the week of the show for \$16. Please note that we need two weeks written notice prior to audition day if you choose not to participate for any reason other than illness, or we will need to keep your check. Once your child has attended tryouts, refunds will not be available.

Questions? Contact our parent coordinators, Tamela Villaca, at (971) 300-7067 or Jessica Khalili at (503) 866-1253, or email at stephensonmissoula@gmail.com

Student's Name _____ Student's Age _____ Grade/Teacher _____

Parent Name _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Parent Name _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email (please print legibly) _____

Emergency Contact Name and Phone (other than parent):

Medical/Special Needs: _____

Please read and sign below noting information is correct:

____ I promise that my child's schedule is cleared from March 9th to March 13th, (Mon-Fri) and he/she will be able to attend ALL rehearsals and productions.

____ I will review the list of volunteer tasks and sign up for a job (~ 30 different jobs)

____ I am interested in being a host family for one of the MCT directors.

Parent Signature _____

Check # _____ Amount _____

Kinder Time



Kinder Story Time & Tour

Where: Stephenson Library

When: 9:45am-10:30am

Dates: Tuesdays: March 10th, April 14th, May 19th, 2020

Who: Incoming Kindergarteners and Parents/Guardians

Kindergarten Summer Connection



An informal play-time set aside for your child to meet with other incoming Kindergarteners before school starts in September. Just show up to chat with other parents while your child plays.

Where: Stephenson Play Structure/Covered Area.

When: Thursday's @ 10:00 am

Who: Incoming Kinders & Families

Stephenson www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/stephenson
Phone 503-916-6318





February Dining Out Fundraiser

Our next monthly dining out fundraiser has been scheduled! This time it's at **California Pizza Kitchen** in Bridgeport Village on **Wednesday, February 26th**. Grab your family and friends and take a day off from cooking, just make sure to **mention the fundraiser** for Stephenson! CPK will donate **20% of their proceeds from dine-in or take-out, lunch or dinner!** Hope to see you there!



BottleDrop Give Program

Thank you to the Stephenson community for your support in our new **BottleDrop Give program**. We have **raised over \$300** just by collecting Oregon 10-cent deposit containers. Our goal is to raise \$500 through this program for PTA-funded programs like the **4th grade overnight field trip**. Please keep collecting those refundable cans and bottles in our special blue bags and turn them in as soon as you're able. **Bags are now available in the office.**



Konstella - PTA information 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 so just shoot us an email at 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/>.

Foundation News...

Thank you for attending last Saturday Night's Live Stephenson Auction. We are still finalizing numbers, but want everyone to know we still have a few Party Boards remaining. Please click on the link to sign up if you are interested.

<https://stephenson.schoolauction.net/snllionauction/catalog>

- *Parent-Child Dance
 - *K-3 Pump it Up with the Kindergarten Teachers
 - *1st Grade After School Party
 - *Yoga and Wine Night
 - *Burn for Stephenson
- and more!**



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.



camp read s'more

The Reading Fair is a free event filled with crafts, games, and educational opportunities for the whole family! Each child gets to pick out a book to take home!

February 23rd, 11am-3pm
Chiles Center, University of Portland
5000 N Willamette Blvd



**For ADA accommodations:
please contact soed@up.edu**

