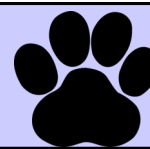




# FRIDAY NEWS NOTES



Friday, February 21, 2020

## STEPHENSON MASTER CALENDAR

**February 25:**  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade FT to Oregon  
Food Bank, 9:30-12:00pm

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

**March 3:**  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade FT to Rice Rock  
Museum, 9:30-1:30pm

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

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

**March 4:**  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade Artist Residency  
10:00am-1:00pm

1<sup>st</sup> Music Open Class  
Batty: 12:00pm  
Soulas: 12:35pm

**March 5:**  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade Artist Residency  
10:00am-1:00pm

**March 9-13:**  
Missoula Week

**March 10:**  
PTA Meeting, 8:00am

K-Story Time/Tour  
9:45am-10:30am

3<sup>rd</sup> grade Artist Residency  
10:00am-1:00pm

**Site Council, 3:00pm**

## From Principal Galindo...

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**STEPHENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



Dear Stephenson Learning Community,  
Congratulations to all of the participants in the Stephenson 2019-2020 Oregon Battle of the Books this year. We had a strong tournament and everyone showed dedication, persistence and dedication to the program. Congratulations to **The Golden Medals: Kai Ingle, Olivia Dulak, Reid Nesse, Bailey Lutz and Gavin Martin** for winning the school tournament last week. The Golden Medals will compete with 20 other schools in the regional competition at Forest Park Elementary on March 14th. We wish them the best of luck.

A gentle reminder: **PLEASE** do not park on the crosswalks as students and parents need to be able to cross the street safely. Also, dropping off students in the morning in the lower drive way is prohibited during the hours of 7:45am-8:00am and 2:00pm-2:30pm due to bus student drop-off and PPS deliveries. Thank you for complying with this request.

Our next monthly dining out fundraiser has been scheduled! This time it's at **California Pizza Kitchen** in Bridgeport Village on **Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**. 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!

We are still in need of one host family to provide a place to stay for one of our Missoula Directors during our Spring Missoula week. The dates are March 9-13. If you are able to host or want to find out more information please contact Missoula parent coordinators, **Tamela Villaca**, at (971) 300-7067 or **Jessica Khalili** at (503) 866-1253, or email at [stephen-son.missoula@gmail.com](mailto:stephen-son.missoula@gmail.com).

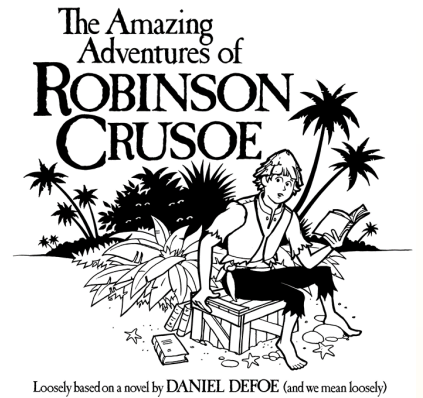
**Parent/Guardian Adult Support Needed:** In order for our 5th grade Safety Patrol program to continue during the construction months we will need adult volunteers to be present both morning and after school starting the week of March 30th. If you are able to volunteer your time please click on the link <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.

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

**Respectfully,  
Carlos**

# The Missoula Children's Theater and Stephenson Presents:

## “The Amazing Adventures of Robinson Crusoe!”



### 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 Monday-Thursday 2:00pm-7:00pm and Friday 8:00am-3:00pm and 5:30pm-9:00pm.

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](mailto: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!**

**Don't Miss the Show...**



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

**Stephenson Elementary School**

**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**7:00 PM**

**Tickets: \$5**

# Kinder Time



## Kinder Story Time & Tour

**Where:** Stephenson Library

**When:** 9:45am-10:30am

**Dates:** Tuesdays: March 10<sup>th</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup>, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/stephenson)  
Phone 503-916-6318





## 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](https://surveys.panoramaed.com/portlandor/ppsfamily)

## Lost and Found...

The next day to bag up our current Lost and Found items will be March 2nd. We will save the items for one month in the school office. After that time we will forward to PTA Clothes Closet at Marshall Campus. Please have your children take a look or parents when you have a chance. Items with students' names will be returned to students.



**PPS District Calendar for 2020-2021:** The School Board approved the the [2020-21 District Calendar](#) earlier this year.

### Important Dates for 2020-2021:

- \* **School Building FULL Closure:** June 12th-August 14th, 2020
- \* **1st Day of School for 1st-5th grades:** Wednesday, September 2nd, 2020
- \* **1st Day of School for Kindergarten:** Monday, September 8th, 2020



## 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 thRun 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 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](http://www.girlsontherunpdx.org)

Please email or call me with any questions!!!

[julie.r.waters@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.girlsontherunpdx.org)

or contact ADAM BRITTLE  
JULIE JAFRI

at ADAM @ BRITTLE.LAW  
JULIE.R.WATERS @ GMAIL.COM



## February Dining Out Fundraiser

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## BottleDrop Give Program

Thank you to the Stephenson community for your support in our new **BottleDrop Give program**: keep those bags coming! Just collect 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](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/>.

## PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting will be a morning meeting on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 8am in the staff book room 171. **We hope to see you there!**

## **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!**





# 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](mailto:soed@up.edu)**

