



# FRIDAY NEWS NOTES



Friday, February 28, 2020

## STEPHENSON MASTER CALENDAR

### March 2:

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

5th gr. Afterschool Band  
2:15pm-3:15pm

### 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

3-5 Afterschool Choir,  
2:15pm-3:15pm

### 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,

We are lucky to have such an amazing team of support staff at Stephenson to support our students and classrooms. The first week of March is Classified Staff Appreciation and I want to ask families to take a moment to say thank you to the many people who make Stephenson better every day. We will end the week with coffee, juice and pastries to say thank you for all they do. **Who are our Classified Staff and what do they do?**

- Educational Assistants and Para educators work with students in the classroom, leading small groups, working one to one and supporting school behaviors. **Thank you Jamie, Ian, Kylan, Fiona, Sarah, Leah, Mike, Andrea and Nicole.**
- Custodial staff help to keep our school clean and organized. **Thank you Fermin and Mario.**
- Office staff are often the first smile kids see in the morning and the ones that care for kids when they need support or need to call home. **Thank you Ms. Susan and Sarah.**
- Nutrition services staff not only prepare and serve the foods our kids eat each day but introduce students to new foods and encourage them to eat healthy. **Thank you Rebecca**
- Library Assistant who helps students in the library with checking out books. **Thank you Ms. Jayne.**
- We are also lucky enough to be supported by outside programs like MESD. **Thank you Mitchell and Shawna.**

**From Mr. Pierson, PE teacher:** With the approaching warmer weather, please remember that sandals and other open toed shoes are a safety concern and hazard for a variety of activities in physical education. Lace up shoes with a soft rubber out-sole tend to work best for providing traction on the gym floor. Thank you!

**From Ms. K. Jacobs, Music teacher:** Afterschool band and choir resume on March 2nd and 4th, respectively. Recess violin resumes on March 3rd. I am looking forward to a wonderful remainder of the school year. Email [KJacobs@gmail.com](mailto:KJacobs@gmail.com) with any questions.



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. See page 5 for more information.

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

**Respectfully,  
Carlos**



# Mardi Gras Celebration and Mask Parade by Kindergarten Classrooms

**Mr. Graham**  
  
**Mrs. Bussey**  
  
**Mrs. Evans**



# Kindergarten Story Time and Tour



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

Where: Stephenson Library

Time: 9:45am-10:30am

Who: Incoming Kindergarteners and Parents/Guardians



## 5th Grade Safety Patrol Adults Volunteers Needed!

**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!



**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



## Music Notes from Ms. K. Jacobs

Students have been working hard and having fun in the music room! Kindergarten and first graders have been working on playing the Orff instruments. We have open classrooms on March 2-4. See the first page of FNN for your child's music class times.

2nd graders have begun working on their performance piece for our April assembly. They have also sung the Australian song Kookaburra while playing a game.

3rd and 4th graders are hard at work learning to play the notes B A and G on the recorder. They are learning to play Hot Cross Buns and Au Claire de la Lune.

5th graders have either finished or are still working on a composition project using Chrome Music Lab.

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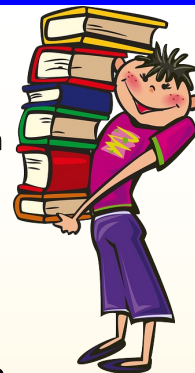
I am looking forward to a wonderful remainder of the school year. email [KJacobs@gmail.com](mailto:KJacobs@gmail.com) with any questions.



## From the Library...

Hi Stephenson Families,

Thank you again for your support for the Oregon Battle of the Books program this year. We wish our 4<sup>th</sup> grade team the best at regionals on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Our next library program are voting for the Beverly Cleary Children's Choice Award (BCCCA) (<https://ola.memberclicks.net/bccca-home>) in 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades, the Oregon Reader's Choice Award (ORCA) <https://www.olaweb.org/orca> in 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades and the Patricia Gallagher Awards for K- 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Students read the nominated books and then vote for their favorite book. Our vote is submitted to the Oregon Library Association and the books with the most votes, submitted by the students in Oregon, will receive the annual award. Students can find these books in the library. These programs are another way to discuss book awards, book selection and a fun way to encourage reading.



During library and TechSmart visits, students are also working on research skills (1<sup>st</sup> grade), studying non-fiction (most grades) and using the Google Suite applications (2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>). In Kindergarten, students continue to work on Lexia, an online literacy reading program. In 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students also have a choice to work on Coding, learning a language on Duolingo, practice typing, create stories on My StoryMaker and BookCreator, and reading online books on MyOn. All programs are accessible through Clever and can be found on the PPS Student Portal page <https://sites.google.com/apps4pps.net/portal/pps-student-portal?authuser=0> . Students will need their school email and password.

If you need this information or have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best,

**Michael Rocha**

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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 [stephen-sonlionPTA@gmail.com](mailto:stephen-sonlionPTA@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...**

We are still finalizing numbers for a final amount raised. However, currently we are estimating **\$82,000.00** raised from the auction. We still have funds coming in from matching funds and donations. 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**

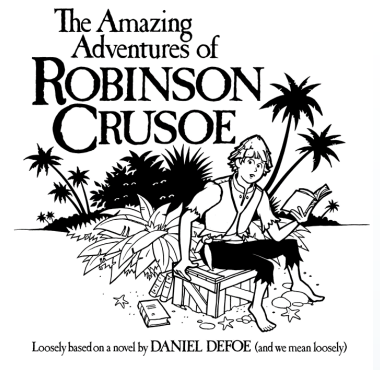
**\*K-3 Pump it Up with the Kindergarten Teachers**

**\*Yoga and Wine Night**

**\*Burn for Stephenson  
and more!**



# The Missoula Children's Theater and Stephenson Presents: "The Amazing Adventures of Robinson Crusoe!"



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 8-15. 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 [stephenson.missoula@gmail.com](mailto:stephenson.missoula@gmail.com).

## 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.

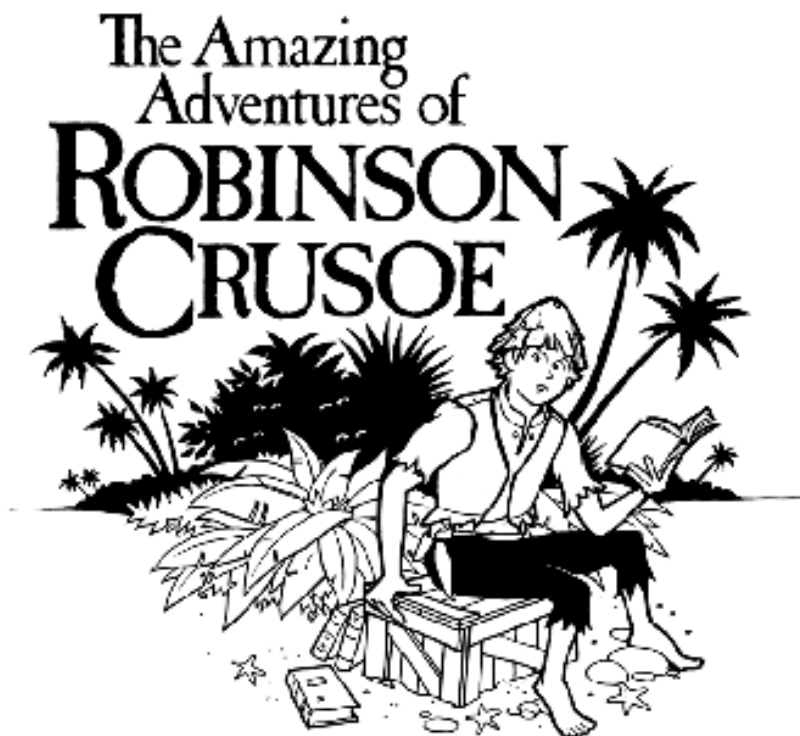
The at-school commitment during each MCT week is Monday-Thursday 2:00pm-7:00pm and Friday 8:00am-3:00pm and 5:30pm-9:00pm.

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**