



# FRIDAY NEWS NOTES



Friday, February 5th, 2021

## STEPHENSON MASTER CALENDAR

### February 8:

3rd-5th OBOB Begins,  
2:30pm-3:30pm

### February 9:

Principal Chat - 5:30pm-  
6:30pm

[meet.google.com/xtn-nzhs-yxu](https://meet.google.com/xtn-nzhs-yxu)

### February 10-12:

Stephenson Kindness  
Days - See Flyer, Pg. 3

### February 12:

3rd-5th OBOB Book  
Checkout,  
9:00am-12:00pm

### February 15:

President's Day,  
NO School for Students  
and Staff - School  
Building Closed

### February 16-19:

3rd-5th grade MAP  
Testing - See Pg. 2

### March 1:

LIPI Instruction Starts at  
Stephenson

### March 22-26, 2021:

Spring Break  
NO School for Students  
and Staff - School  
Building Closed

### April 8:

End of Quarter II

## From Principal Galindo.....

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**STEPHENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



Dear Stephenson Learning Community,

This week officially was the start of the second half of our school year as well as the Black History Month in our schools and across the nation. At Stephenson we work as a school to try and keep a multiple perspectives in student learning and integrate this effort in all of our work, this however is always a reminder about how intentionally we are accomplishing that and what we can do to improve.

We wrapped up our 2nd quarter of CDL and teachers used their planning day to review assessments, double check their records of completed assignments and get started on report cards. Whether we are providing instruction virtually or in-person, we are still responsible to teach grade level's standards and record students' progress toward those standards. I know some of you have questions about the grading process and report cards as it relates to CDL. Since this will be our first report card this year, I wanted to clarify the process. All students enrolled at Stephenson have attended their homeroom and/or learning center classes on some level. Therefore, ALL Stephenson students will receive a report card in the mail.

- If a student has been participating regularly in CDL then his/her/their teachers will have information to evaluate their progress toward the grade level standards for each subject area and will communicate their strengths and challenges for each subject area at this time.
- Students will only receive a progress mark for the subject areas in which they DID participate.
- Students will receive an "NE" for classes they did not attend. This indicates that the teacher has no evidence (or too little evidence) to adequately evaluate progress. This does not penalize your child but does allow you to know why they did not receive a grade.
- Students are receiving grades for PE, Music, Dance and Library/Technology at this time.

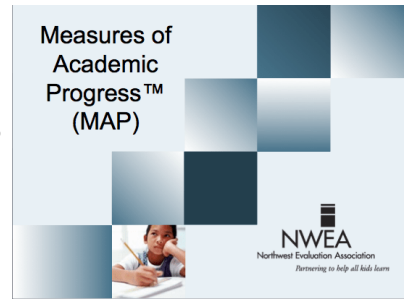
**Principal Chat Link:** [meet.google.com/xtn-nzhs-yxu](https://meet.google.com/xtn-nzhs-yxu) on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 from 5:30pm-6:30pm. All Stephenson families are invited to attend. We will also have time for any questions you may have about school and the next steps for the second half of the school year.

**Thank you for supporting the students and staff of Stephenson Elementary.**

**Carlos Galindo, Principal  
Stephenson Elementary  
Go Lions!**



# 3rd-5th Grade MAP Testing...



**Stephenson 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade District Testing February 16th to 19th:**  
 During the week of February 16th, students in grades 3 to 5 will take the MAP Growth test, which is a low stakes District assessment administered by individual teachers. It will cover both reading and math. This test measures growth of a student over time, and at Stephenson our students start taking MAP Growth in 3rd grade. Students cannot pass or fail this test -- rather, the test is designed to adapt to a student's learning level. The test will tell teachers what students know today, and what they are ready to learn. Given the challenges of learning from home, MAP Growth test results will be especially helpful for us this year.  
**This test will not affect grades.**

Students will begin preparing for the test during the week of January 19th. We will work to make sure their devices are ready for the test, and that they know how to log on and navigate through the test questions. The district is asking that parents play a role in administering this test by being available to help troubleshoot for students experiencing difficulties logging into the test. Teachers will send out their testing schedule to you in advance so you can plan accordingly. **Please do not help students answer any content questions.**

Here is the link to the [PPS Parent Guide for Remote MAP Testing.](#)

## MAP Reading



### Word Recognition, Analysis, Vocabulary

- Below 171
- 171-180
- 181-190
- 191-200
- 201-210
- 211-220
- Above 220

### Comprehension: Informational

- Below 181
- 181-190
- 191-200
- 201-210
- 211-220
- 221-230
- Above 230

### Comprehension: Narrative

- Below 181
- 181-190
- 191-200
- 201-210
- 211-220
- Above 220

### Literature

- Below 181
- 181-190
- 191-200
- 201-210
- 211-220
- Above 220

## MAP Math



### Number & Operation

- Below 161
- 161-170
- 171-180
- 181-190
- 191-200
- 201-210
- 211-220
- 221-230
- 231-240
- Above 240

### Algebra

- Below 171
- 171-180
- 181-190
- 191-200
- 201-210
- 211-220
- 221-230
- 231-240
- Above 240

### Data Analysis

- Below 171
- 171-180
- 181-190
- 191-200
- 201-210
- 211-220
- 221-230
- Above 230

### Geometry & Measurement

- Below 171
- 171-180
- 181-190
- 191-200
- 201-210
- 211-220
- 221-230
- 231-240
- Above 240



## Mark Your Calendars... Important Dates to Remember



### February:

- \*Quarter II Report Cards Mailed Home - February 5, 2021
- \*3rd-5th OBOB Begins - February 8, 2021
- \*OBOB Book Checkout - February 12, 2021
- \*Principal Chat with Mr. Galindo - 5:30pm-6:30pm February 9, 2021
- \*Kindness Days - February 10, 11, and 12, 2021
- \*3rd-5th grade MAP Testing - February 16-19, 2021
- \*Lottery Transfer Applications - Starts: February 17- March 18
- \*Kindergarten Registration Begins - February 18, 2021

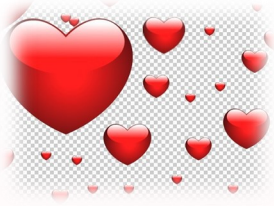
### March:

- \*LIPI - Limited-In-Person-Instruction starts at Stephenson - March 1, 2021
- \*City Wide "Connect to Kindergarten" Kick Off Event - March 4, 2021

### April:

- \*Proposed Hybrid Start at Stephenson - April 12, 2021





# Stephenson Kindness and Love Spirit Days!

Stephenson Students,

Spread kindness and love next week on **February 10th, 11th, and 12th!** We will be showing kindness and love to ourselves, a special person or people in our life, and the world. (Classes may participate in one or more of these activities if time permits, but students are invited to participate on their own too!)

**Wednesday February 10th:** Show yourself some love. Love and kindness begins with you! Make a positive message mask selfie. Check out this video for directions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TgaQUGo3AUM>



**Thursday February 11th:** Send some love to someone special. Write a message or letter to let someone know you care and give it to them!



**Friday February 12th:** Wear a heart with a word or message to the world.



*\*Share your messages with the Stephenson Community!*

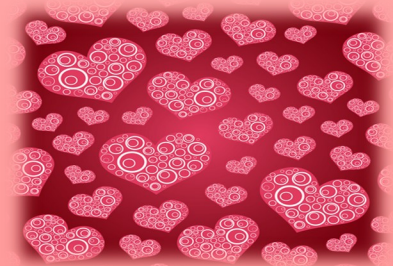
*\*Post on Flipgrid your messages of love and kindness!*



**Parents:** Flipgrid is an online program that empowers every student's voice by sharing short videos. We hope you'll help your child participate in this fun, and share their messages of kindness and love!

**Steps to create a video:**

1. Login on to <https://info.flipgrid.com/>
2. **Choose Google login using your student PPS email**
3. Enter the flip code: 5eb5fb82
4. Create a response



# Stephenson Chess Club



**"Come Join the Weekly Stephenson Chess Club!"**

The Stephenson Chess Club provides a place for youth to play and learn about chess. We will meet each Friday after school (**2:30pm - 3:30pm**) on the Zoom link provided below. All student groups and playing levels are welcome at the casual weekly meetings.



Using Chess.org students should not need to register or download anything in order to play. Students can join the Zoom meeting with other Stephenson students to connect with others that want to play. Players simply share a link in the chat and it will take them to a shared gameboard on Chess.org. This is a 5th grade student effort but Mr. Phillips (5th Grade) will be monitoring the Zoom meeting and helping facilitate matches when needed. Our goal is for players to enjoy themselves." <https://pps-net.zoom.us/my/phillips5>



## OBOB Information for 3rd-5th grade Students...

Hello Stephenson OBOB participants,

We are now able to begin the **Oregon Battle of the Books** (OBOB) program. Our school building is still under construction but the library portion is complete. We can start library services. Thank you for your patience.



We will be checking in with the 3rd - 5th grade students this week to begin organizing teams and accessing which OBOB books they need. We do have some of the books available in the Stephenson library. Next week during technology and library classes, We will demonstrate and explain how to place library holds for checkout. We will also email you with this procedure and how pickups will be arranged. Due to current circumstances, books will be checked out for at least 2 weeks and when they return, will be quarantined for at least a week. Book pick up, drop off or exchanges will probably occur through a window, outside or at a designated area at a scheduled time. You can also email us your book requests and questions. There will be more about this subject soon.

### Things to consider and need to know:

- Students should be forming teams with 2 - 5 members. We can also help with this process.
- Each team will need a parent coach or an adult to organize outside of school online meetings, manage the team's reading, book needs, track their progress and eventually practice battle questions.
- Once teams are formed, the teams should meet (online) together to discuss the books and their progress.
- Students should be reading the books from the booklist: [OBOB 2020-21 3rd-5th Division Book List](#)
- We should determine which books you have or still need. Please let me know.

We are hosting an OBOB after-school book club for **3rd-5th grade students** to get the students started . Any student who has an interest is welcomed. The meetings will be on Mondays from 2:30pm-3:30pm on school days. There is no meeting on Monday, February 15th due to President's holiday. Here is the **Zoom Meeting Link**:

<https://pps-net.zoom.us/j/86206871985?pwd=T3NPZ3prVWpiSkRNY2NjVmt0VnFMdz09>

Our school tournament and battles will probably occur during the month of May. Once the teams have been created, we will send everyone a schedule. Please let us know if you have any questions or if there are any changes. If you need additional OBOB information, you can also refer to the Stephenson library [website](#).

Best,

**Michael Rocha**

**Library and Technology Teacher,**

[mrocha@pps.net](mailto:mrocha@pps.net)

# 2020-2021 OBOD Book Title List

## 3rd to 5th Grade Division



- ♦ **Before They Were Authors** by Elizabeth Haidle
- ♦ **Bob** by Wendy Mass & Rebecca Stead
  - ♦ **A Boy Called Bat** by Elana K. Arnold
  - ♦ **Changeling** by William Ritter
- ♦ **The Dragonet Prophecy** by Tui T. Sutherland
  - ♦ **El Deafo** by Cece Bell
- ♦ **Fatty Legs** by Christy Jordan-Fenton & Margaret Pokiak-Fenton
  - ♦ **Front Desk** by Kelly Yang
  - ♦ **The Night Fairy** by Laura Amy Schlitz
- ♦ **Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story** by Nora Raleigh Baskin
  - ♦ **Power Forward** by Hena Khan
  - ♦ **Small Spaces** by Katherine Arden
  - ♦ **Space Case** by Stuart Gibbs
- ♦ **Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer** by Kelly Jones
  - ♦ **The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street** by Karina Yan Glaser
  - ♦ **A Wolf Called Wander** by Rosanne Parry





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## 2020-21 Resources & Updates



Welcome to the Resources & Updates page for Portland Public Schools. You will find the latest updates as we start 2021 under distance learning, as well as resources we've gathered to help students and families deal with the challenges of education during the COVID-19 pandemic. Click on the link for more information: <https://www.pps.net/page/16774>

**ParentVUE/StudentVUE Information:** <https://www.pps.net/Page/2341>

ParentVUE is a secure website and mobile app which offers parents, guardians real time access to: School Messages, Calendar, Attendance, Grades, Class Schedule, Course History, Grade Book and School Information. Additionally, parent/guardians can complete their yearly verification of student data through ParentVUE

To sign up for ParentVUE, you'll first need an *Activation Letter* from us. If you have not already received a copy of your activation letter or having trouble activating your account, please contact Susan Locey at [slocey@pps.net](mailto:slocey@pps.net).

## Enrollment and Transfer Office... Thinking Ahead and Mark Your Calendars

### Lottery Applications:

**Start:** February 17, 2021 at 8:00am

**End:** March 18, 2021 at 5:00pm



For more complete Lottery Information, visit: <https://www.pps.net/Page/2343>

For more Enrollment Information, visit: <https://www.pps.net/Page/2899>

[Student Registration Information](#)

## Connect to Kindergarten...

### Kindergarten information from the School District

The PPS Early Learners Department is excited to welcome your family to PPS Kindergarten! For more information about Kindergarten programming, registration, and frequently asked questions, please visit our [Kindergarten webpage](#).

### Connect to Kindergarten Video

Welcome to Stephenson Elementary School Kindergarten!

Watch this video to meet our principal and learn more about kindergarten at our school.

(Video Coming Soon!)

To register for Kindergarten online, visit [www.pps.net/kinderenroll](http://www.pps.net/kinderenroll).



PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS



# Your Benson Wellness Center is **OPEN**

## I need a medical appointment

**Step 1:** Register if you are a first time patient at 503-494-8505.

**Step 2:** Call to schedule an appointment in person or virtually at 503-418-0409.

## I need to talk to:

### My School Nurse

Patty Locke  
e: plocke@mesd.k12.or.us

### My School Therapist

Martha Ochoa p: 503-310-0015  
Call or text in English or Español

### My School Social Worker

Caroline Bleckmann  
e: cbleckmann@pps.net  
p: 503-729-3486

## OHSU Hours:

### In person appointment:

Tuesday & Thursday: 1-5 p.m.

Wednesday: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Virtual appointment

Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**We see all students, regardless of ability to pay. We accept all insurance plans and uninsured students.**

## Health Services:

- Regular Check-up
- Sports physical
- Primary Care
- Immunizations
- Injury evaluation
- Evaluation & treatment of mental health and substance use disorders

**Masks are required for any in person appointment.**

## Health Services continued:

- Sexual health and education  
STI & pregnancy testing and contraception
- Questions about your body

**Masks are required for any in person appointment.**



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Multnomah Education Service District

**Meet your  
team providers:**  
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Valerie Cecil, FNP  
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