



FRIDAY NEWS NOTES



Friday, February 7, 2020

STEPHENSON MASTER CALENDAR

Saturday, February 8:
**Stephenson Auction @
The Oregon Golf Club —
5:30pm**

February 11:
Site Council, 3:00pm
PTA Meeting, 6:00pm

February 12:
**Connect to Kindergarten
6:30pm-7:30pm**

February 13:
2nd grade FT to Oregon
Children's Theater,
9:00am-11:30am

February 14:
3rd grade Big Important
People Event in the gym,
12:45pm-2:00pm

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

From Principal Galindo...

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STEPHENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Dear Stephenson Learning Community,
Update #3 SW Boones Ferry Bridge & Restoration Project: Planning with the school district and city continues to take place. I will continue working with Site Council to finalize a plan to support student safety during the construction window. It is my hope to share our school plan focusing on student safety including arrival drop off and pick up times during school hours with all families in the next couple of weeks. Most important is if we will be able to continue 5th grade Safety Patrol or not. It would depend on adult support at the crosswalks. If we do not have a strong support system than more than likely we would stop 5th grade Safety Patrol for the rest of the school year. Please see page 2 of FNN this week. The new date is **starting March 19, 2020 and lasting for up to seven months, SW Boones Ferry Road will be completely closed from SW Arnold to SW Comus Ct.** Please reach out with any questions you may have by either email or phone call.

Wednesday, February 12th is our **Connect to Kindergarten** event for current and new families who will have an incoming K child enrolling at Stephenson. If families are not able to make the event we will have registration packets in the main office. Thank you to PTA for supporting child care that evening for students older than 4 years old from 6:15pm-7:45pm in the Music room 168.

Full School Closure this Summer 2020: Our school building will be **CLOSED** from June 12th to August 14th this summer for several construction projects including new tile flooring in all hallways and a few classrooms. Both fire alarm wiring work and our new security system which will include additional cameras, tv's, speakers and a one way entrance and exit alarm system. Currently, we are updating a small room to house our school's kiln which has been sitting for years unused. This is exciting news for our school. I will share a full detailed list of all our summer projects as I receive confirmation from PPS Facilities.

Excitement is in the air for the Stephenson Auction on Saturday, February 8th at Oregon Golf Club from 5:00pm-10:30pm. This year's theme is "**Saturday Night Live**" Tickets are still on sale for the event. The night will be filled with fun and entertainment. Money raised will support our school in many capacities. Thank you to the Stephenson Community for your continued support of our students and staff!! A huge Thank You goes out to **Katy Haley** for her leadership and organization of this year's Auction.

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

**Respectfully,
Carlos**

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

SW Boones Ferry Bridge & Restoration Project Update: January 30, 2020

City of Portland Environmental Services—your sewer and storm water utility—is beginning construction of a new bridge on SW Boones Ferry Road where it crosses Tryon Creek. The new bridge will improve water flows by replacing an existing small culvert. This culvert cannot handle large flows of water during storms, and it blocks fish and wildlife. The SW Boones Ferry Bridge & Restoration Project will create and restore important connections for fish, wildlife, and people. It will connect trails and pedestrian facilities in the area, help reduce flooding risk, and restore important habitat.

SW BOONES FERRY ROAD CLOSING ON MARCH 19, 2020

Starting March 19, 2020 and lasting for up to seven months, SW Boones Ferry Road will be completely closed from SW Arnold to SW Comus Court.

In order to build the new bridge, crews will need to completely excavate a large section of Boones Ferry Road. SW Boones Ferry Road will be **COMPLETELY** closed to all traffic, including for people driving, walking, or biking. Electronic reader boards and signage will be placed ahead of time to warn travelers of the upcoming closure and to guide people to the recommended detour route. Flaggers will be located at the closure area to direct traffic. Please plan ahead to find alternate routes. The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) has approved a traffic control plan. In addition, PBOT and Environmental Services have installed traffic and pedestrian safety improvements along the detour route to make traveling safer and easier during this project.

The map shows the recommended traffic detour route. Map is at www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/BoonesFerry. We encourage people to plan ahead. You may want to find alternate routes or consider alternative work options such as teleconferencing or changing your schedule to avoid traffic, especially during rush hour.

If you use the recommended detour, **please be aware of other travelers, especially people walking or biking**. PBOT Traffic Control Engineers will be monitoring traffic in the area once the road closure begins and will make any necessary adjustments to the traffic control plan. We appreciate your patience and understanding during construction as we work on this important project to restore connections for fish, wildlife, and people.

SCHEDULE

Crews will begin pre-construction activities starting February 7. Major construction activities and the closure of SW Boones Ferry Road will begin on March 19, 2020. Work will be completed in late 2020 or early 2021. The schedule may change due to a variety of factors, including weather, conditions underground, availability of materials and labor, and other unforeseen events. In general, work hours will be from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and Saturdays as needed.

WHAT IS HAPPENING NEXT?

In order to build the new bridge, help ensure public safety, and accommodate large and heavy construction equipment, arborists will be clearing brush and removing trees from the project area between February and March 2020. Other pre-construction activities may include marking underground utilities, installing tree protection, installing erosion control measures, staging equipment and materials, and setting up traffic controls. Visit www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/preconstruction for more information about pre-construction activities.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Because we have received a number of questions regarding the project, we have developed a FAQ page to address those questions. You may view the FAQ by visiting the project webpage at www.portlandoregon.gov/BoonesFerry.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To be part of the project update email list, email Stefanus.Gunawan@portlandoregon.gov with “Boones Ferry” in the subject line. You can also sign up for project email updates on the project webpage at www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/BoonesFerry and by clicking on the sign up button.

Stefanus Gunawan
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TAG News.....

Dear Stephenson Families,

The TAG testing for our school will take place on **Wednesday February 19th and Thursday February 20th**. Please make every effort to have your child at school on these days. Our testing proctor is currently developing the schedule so we do not know exactly what time specific students or grade levels will be tested, thus it is important for your child to arrive on time and to be present for the entire school day. Please remember to encourage your child to eat a big healthy breakfast and lunch on these days. We do know that testing will occur in the morning and afternoon.



All of the TAG testing will be paper and pencil this year. Testing can be stressful and some students may not react well to hearing that they will be taking a test. If your child appears stressed about the testing the TAG office suggest telling them that the school needs some students to help try out a few special puzzles and activities to help teachers better understand student problem solving strategies or that they will be taking part in an activity to help teachers see how much Stephenson students know about certain subjects. You know your child best, so please share as little or as much as you believe they need to know. Please remind them to relax and try their best!

The results may take 2 months to come back. You will be notified once we receive the results. Score reports are also mailed to the primary address listed for the student. When the results come back, if your child does not qualify for TAG identification, please tell them that we appreciate their participation in the process. Also, the fact that they were asked to participate tells us that they are incredibly bright students (regardless of the testing results).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Best of luck!

~Courtney Pawol
cpawol@pps.net
Stephenson TAG Facilitator

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

 **Welcome to
Kindergarten**

**Stephenson Elementary
"Connect to Kindergarten"**

**Wednesday - February 12th, 2020
6:30pm-7:30pm**

Parents/Guardians Only ☺

Evening Care

**Provided by our PTA for children
over 4 years old.**

**If you are unable to attend, please stop by the main office,
pick up a registration packet, complete the contact information
form and leave with Sarah or Susan.**

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

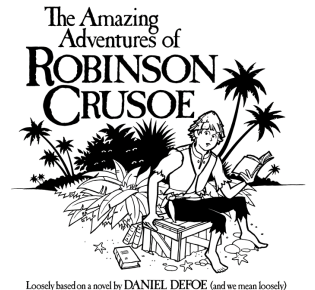
Who: Incoming Kinders & Families

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



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 _____



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/>.



**Join us for the next PTA Meeting on
Tuesday, February
11th at 6:00pm
in the school library.**



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.



Stephenson Foundation

**SATURDAY
NIGHT
LIVE**

Auction 2020

February 8th, 2020
Oregon Golf Club - 5:30pm
Tickets On Sale NOW!!



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.

\$60 per person - \$120 per couple - \$700 VIP tables

All tickets include access to event, silent and live auction. Dinner and 2 drink tickets. VIP tables include (2) wine bottles on tables plus additional drink ticket per person. Shuttle tickets for sale. Round trip from Stephenson to Oregon Golf Club and back for \$20.00.

Vacation Rentals!:

Brasada Ranch, Catalina Island, and Pacific City

Party Boards:

Parent-Child Dance, Parent-Child Kickball , Cocktail Party, Wine Crawl , and Burn for Stephenson with BurnCycle

Silent Auction Items:

Hotel Stays (Local and Sisters), Gym Memberships (Bay Club, MJCC, Barre 3 and more!), and Restaurant Gift Cards

<https://stephenson.schoolauction.net/snllionauction/homepages/show>

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

