



FRIDAY NEWS NOTES



Friday, March 6, 2020

STEPHENSON MASTER CALENDAR

March 9-13:
Missoula Week

March 10:
PTA Meeting, 8:00am

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

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

5th grade Artist Residency,
10-11am & 12-1pm

Site Council, 3:00pm

March 11:
3rd grade Artist Residency,
10:00am-1:00pm

March 13:
Missoula Performances
Student: 12:30pm
Parent: 7:00pm

Saturday, March 14:
OBOB Regional Battle @
Forest Park Elementary
8:00am-12:00pm

March 16:
OBOB Pizza Parties,
11:05am & 11:30am

March 17:
5th grade JMS forecasting
9:00am in the library

March 18:
5th grade FT to PYP,
8:30am-12:00pm

Seavey/Pierson March
Madness Foundation
Event, 5:30pm-7:30pm
In the gym

From Principal Galindo...

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STEPHENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Dear Stephenson Learning Community,
Our first “Kinder Story Time and Tour” is Tuesday, March 10th from 9:45am-10:30am. New Kindergarten students and their families are invited to visit school and participate in our story time in the library with Mr. Rocha and a tour of our three K classrooms. There is no need to RSVP. Please just show up and sign in the main office.

I recently received staffing numbers for the 2020-2021 school year. The good news is that we did not lose any staff reductions. In fact, we received additional staffing by adding a .20 Speech Language Pathologist, (1) 2nd grade teacher and a .5 school counselor. During staff meeting time the staff and I have been discussing various classroom scenarios with the amount of FTE (full time employee) Stephenson received. I’ve also met with Foundation, Site Council and PTA to share and discuss our FTE as well as to share several options in spending the foundation funds. It is my hope to spend Foundation funds to increase our media specialist from .5 to full time and offer both library and technology to our students. Once one-third of the Foundation funds are removed from our school’s account to support the PPS Equity fund, I will use the remaining funds to hire two or three limited-term educational assistants as we did this past year to support students in large size classrooms.

Gen Ed Classrooms for 2020-2021: (3) Kindergarten teachers, (3) 1st grade teachers, (3) 2nd grade teachers, (2) 3rd grade teachers, (2) 4th grade teachers and (2) 5th grade teachers.

We will conduct interviews for our 2nd grade vacancy the week of March 16th. Ms. Saunders and Ms. T. Jacobs along with a 1st grade parent will provide support in hopes of making a final recommendation to Human Resources within the same week.

March 9-13 is Spring Missoula Week and it will be a busy one for 64 K-5th grade students. Two performances will take place on Friday, March 13th. 12:30pm for students and 7:00pm is the evening performance for families.

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

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to students and staff of Stephenson Elementary. **Don’t forget to set your clocks one hour ahead on Saturday evening.**

**Respectfully,
Carlos**

Dance with Teacher Taryn...

Grades 2 and 5th grades are working on their recital piece for our upcoming Spring Performances. Here is Ms. Saunders' second grade class working hard on their jazz choreography! These students are almost halfway through their dance.

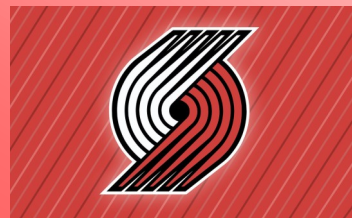
While our 5th graders have been focusing on their modern choreography. We took a break from learning new material this week so students could collaborate and create together to create their own small dance around our theme of *Compassion*.



March "Spirit Days" Coming Soon

Thursday, March 19: "Portland Trail Blazer's Day"

Friday, March 20: "Portland Timbers/Thorns Day"



March Madness at Stephenson

*March 18 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm
in the Stephenson Gym.*



- *Join **Mr. Pierson** and **Mr. Seavey** for a Basketball Fun Night.
- *Open to all grade levels both boys and girls. Maximum of 36 students.
- *Students will learn basketball skills, team building skills, play 3 on 3 games and have a shooting contest.
- *Students will be served pizza and soda.
- *Students will have the chance to win door prizes.
- ***Sign Up at:**

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

Kinder 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



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. 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 10th 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.

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***Parent-Child Dance**

***March Madness**

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

***Yoga and Wine Night
and more!**

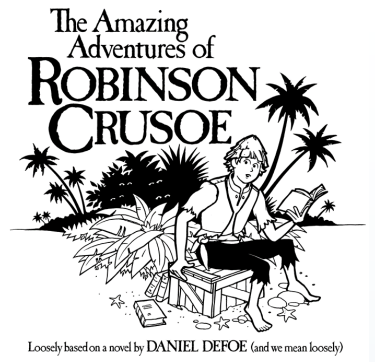


**A special Thank You to parents
Steph and Lianne for hosting
the Ride which raised over
\$2000.00.**



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.

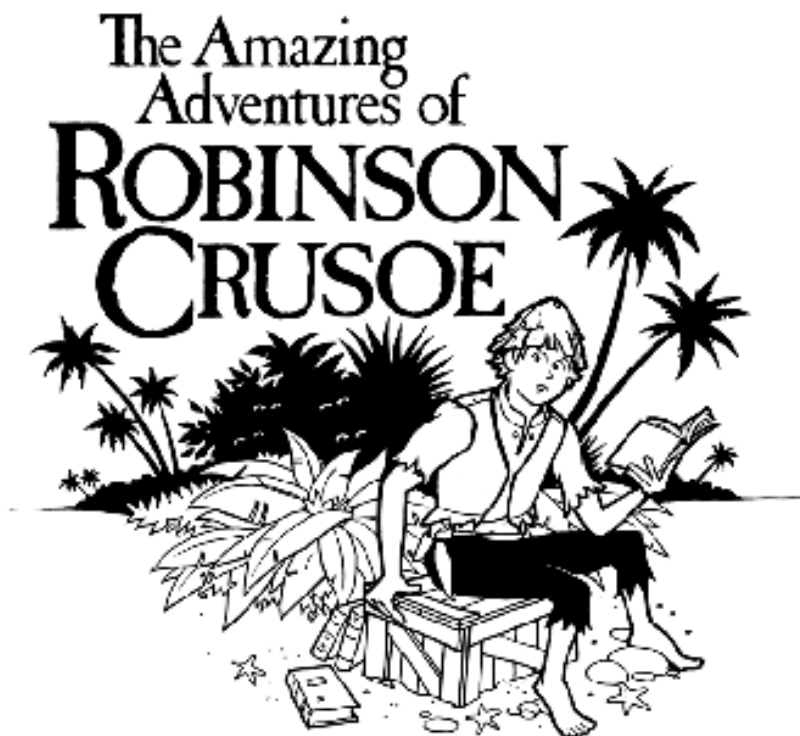
The at-school commitment during each MCT week is Monday-Thursday 2:00pm-7:00pm and Friday 8:00am-3:00pm and 5:30pm-9:00pm.

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.

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 13th, 2020

7:00 PM

Tickets: \$5