



FRIDAY NEWS NOTES



Friday, September 6, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 10:**
PTA Mtg., 8:00am
- September 18:**
Back to School Night,
6:30pm-8:00pm
- September 19:**
**Run for the Arts PLEDGE
Period Begins**
- September 24:**
Picture Day—Individual
- October 7:**
**RFTA PLEDGE Period
Ends**
- October 8:**
**RFTA Run Day,
8:00am-11:00am**

PTA Meeting, 6:00pm
- October 9:**
**RFTA Alternate Run Day,
8:00am-11:00am**
- October 11:**
No School for Students
- October 14-18:**
Missoula Week
- October 15:**
Site Council, 3:00pm
- October 17:**
**The Great Oregon Shake
Earthquake Drill - TBD**
- October 18:**
Missoula Performances,
12:45pm and 7:00pm

From Principal Galindo...



Dear Stephenson Learning Community,
Our **“Back to School Night”** is quickly approaching. The day is Wednesday, September 18th from 6:30pm-8:00pm. I’ve attached a flyer in today’s FNN. K-2 and 3-5 parents/guardians will be able to visit classrooms as well as receive information from our Enrichment and Support staff in the cafeteria. Parents/Guardians will be able to sign up for November’s Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences at the end of each teacher’s presentation.

Harvest of the Month – WATERMELONS: Every Thursday in September, all our school kitchens and cafeterias will be celebrating melons as our Harvest of the Month. Fresh watermelons from Pollock and Sons in Hermiston, Oregon will be sliced up every week. Just like all our fruits and vegetables, students and adult customers purchasing school lunch can enjoy as much as they want (unlimited).

We’ve had three Emergency Drills since school started. They have been two Fire Drills and one Earthquake Drill. The entire school building was cleared under 60 seconds both times during the Fire Drills which is our goal. The next Emergency Drill will be a Lock Down Drill on Monday, September 23 at 10:05am. We continue to practice various Emergency Drills monthly.

Picture Day is Tuesday, September 24th on the gym stage. Picture order forms will be distributed to students on Wednesday, September 18th. Students will need to return order forms back to their classroom teacher. If you do not receive an order form, please contact your child’s teacher.

I hope all families are having a good start to the school year. Please reach out to me as needed by either email or a phone call. I’m at school each morning pretty early and stay late and can adjust my schedule if needed to provide the best support I can.

Please join us for our first PTA meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 10th at 8:00am in the staff book room 171. I know for some of you this time does not work. However, October 8 and November 12 PTA meetings are in the evening beginning at 6:00pm.

Respectfully,
Carlos

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District Title VI & Title IX Contact: (503) 916-3963
District 504 Contact: Student Services (503) 916-2000 x 71016

Stephenson "Back to School Night"



Please come visit your child's
classroom. (Adults Only)

Wednesday, September 18th, 2019
6:30pm-8:00pm

- 6:30pm: - Parents/Guardians meet in the cafeteria.
Principal Galindo speaks and introduction of staff
School Video*
- 6:50pm: - PTA, Joy Franz and Jessica Schimkowitsch,
CO-Presidents*
- 6:55pm: - Foundation, Katy Haley, President*
- 7:00pm: - *3rd-5th grades visit classrooms
*3rd-5th grades sign up for parent/teacher conferences in
classrooms with teacher.
* K-2nd parents stay in Cafeteria for Enrichment and Support
Staff Presentation.*
- 7:30pm: - *K-2nd grades visit classrooms
*K-2nd grades sign up for parent/teacher conferences
in classrooms with teacher.
*3rd-5th parents return to Cafeteria for Enrichment and
Support Staff Presentation.*

**SCCA will not be providing K-5 childcare during
Back to School Night.**

Young Audiences

Run for the Arts

Coming Soon—Mark your Calendars....



Stephenson Elementary

RUN FOR THE ARTS

Run for the Arts Day

Run Day: October 8, 2019

Alternate Run Day: October 9, 2019

More Information to Come.

SUPPORT THE ARTS AT STEPHENSON!!



Stephenson After School Enrichments - 2019-2020



Here is the lists of afterschool enrichment classes so far that have made contact with our school for 2019-2020. Below are the classes, days and times for the enrichment classes. Information regarding registration is being sent out through FNN as we receive them. Questions? Call the school office and we will help you.

*K-3rd Yoga - Friday's - 2:15pm-3:15pm in room 158, **Begins: 9/20/19**

*K-3rd Spanish - Monday's or Thursday's - 2:15pm-3:15pm in room 158, **Begins: 9/16/19**

*4th-5th Band - Monday's - 2:15pm-3:15pm in room 168, **TBD**

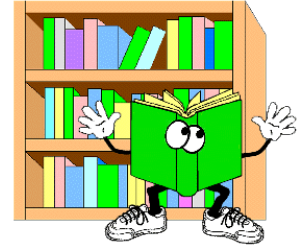
*3rd-5th Choir - Wednesday's - 2:15pm-3:15pm in room 168, **TBD**

*4th-5th Strings - Tuesday's - 11:30am-12:00pm (during recess) in room 168, **TBD**

From the Library....

Hello Stephenson Families,

Welcome back! I hope you had a good summer. I am glad to be back for the new school year. In the library, students have started the usual rules and expectations, book check out procedures and using technology resources safely. Students in grades 2nd through 5th grade have been given the "Technology and Network Acceptable Use Policy" form that will be sent home. Although some of the language might be catered more for upper grades, our students have a range of various technical knowledge and abilities. It is important to address appropriate behavior while working with technology at school. Please review the form with your child, sign it and send it back to their classroom teachers. They may also return it to the library.



Some of the topics students will learn in the library this year will be about book genre and the library classifications. With their classroom core curriculum, students will know how to research a topic. They will use critical thinking to identify good sources. I am hoping to provide some social-emotional strategies, use conflict resolution and develop a positive culture through storytelling. For technology, K-3 will have the resources from the TechSmart grant as well as opportunities to learn navigation, typing and access ebooks. Additionally 4th and 5th will discuss digital citizenship, work with HTML coding and use elements of STEM design.

I look forward to working with your children in digital and media literacy this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. You may also contact Ms. Jayne Smith, our library assistant. She is available in the library on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings. Her email is jsmith4@pps.net.
Best,

Michael Rocha

Library Teacher - Media Specialist - TechSmart Coach
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From Susan and Sarah in the Main Office...

Please call the main office at 503-916-6318 or send an email to both Susan Locey, slocey@pps.net and Sarah Gretz, sgretz@pps.net with ALL attendance related issues (illness, appointments, tardiness, vacations, etc.) and ANY changes to your student's after-school transportation or child care arrangements.

Share the Tissue! Please consider sharing a box of tissue for our enrichment and support staff. Homeroom teachers requested tissue boxes this year, but our enrichment and support staff did not. Please drop them off in the main office and we'll make sure they get distributed. Thank you for your consideration.

Student Verification Forms: Please return forms as soon as possible so we can update student information in our data base. If for some reason you did not receive a student verification form, please call the main office and we will make sure to send one home with your child or stop by the office and pick one up.

Walking Field Trip Permission Form: At times our teachers have their students go on a walking field trip. Please submit this form to office.

Thank You: To all the parents who helped stuff opening day packets for students.

Lost and Found: Don't forget to check our Lost and Found weekly. L & F is located to the left of the main entrance doors.

From the School Health Assistant...

Reminder: For the safety of our students, if you drop off any medications- both over the counter and prescription- remember to include the original packaging with the dosing instructions. This includes cough drops or syrup, antacids (like TUMS), and lactose enzyme supplements (Lactaid).



(You are welcome to change the wording if you think it needs it)

Thanks!

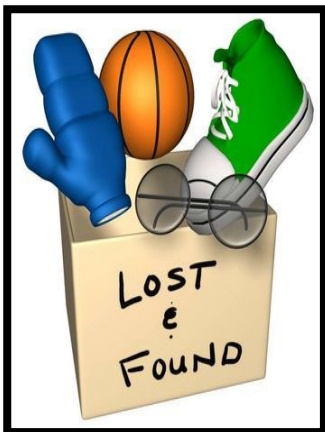
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Wilson High School Robotics Club Clothing Drive

Wilson High School Robotics Club is doing a clothing drive to raise funds to purchase supplies. Drop off your gently used clothing and linens at Stephenson Elementary School or Jackson Middle School through September , OR in November in the Wilson High School back parking lot. Donation Box is located next to the Lost and Found.



Lost and Found...

Remember to check the lost and found weekly located to the left of the main doors as you enter the building. And PLEASE label your students clothing. If items are lost and have student names on them will make sure that they get back to the student. Unclaimed items are donated to the PTA Clothing Closet.

Email Update

We have been updating our parent list-serve. If your e-mail has changed or if you left Stephenson please let us know.

Please contact Susan at slocey@pps.net or Principal Galindo at cgalindo@pps.net with either your new email or if you will need your email removed from our parent-list-serve.





VENDORS NEEDED FOR

Stephenson Elementary School's Winter Gift Bazaar

Join us in supporting the PTA

**Saturday, December 7, from 10 am - 4 pm,
the Stephenson Elementary gymnasium and hallways
will be turned into a marketplace featuring handmade,
local goods.**

**We are looking for artists and craft vendors for this event!
No direct sale representatives, please.**

Vendor Spaces

8'x4.5' space
\$50/each

8'x7' space
\$70/each

Table rental (*if needed*)
\$15

Interested?

**Email Mackenzie Moore – mackenzie@FINCHandHARE.com – for an application.
Applications due by September 20th.**





First off – a big “thank you” to everyone who helped with the Back to School picnic last week and supported your Stephenson PTA. Here’s to a great school year!

PTA Meeting on Tuesday

Join us for the first PTA Meeting of the year on **Tuesday, September 10th at 8AM**. Meet your PTA leaders and learn how you can become involved. We understand that this time might not work for all, but we alternate between morning and evening meetings so if you can’t come this month, we hope to see you next month.

Fall Fun Night – Volunteers Needed

A celebration of the season full of food, games, friends, fun and CANDY! Mark your calendars for Friday, October 25th for the festivities; come in costume if you’d like too! **Volunteers are needed** to help us keep the evening running smoothly, and our first planning meeting will be directly after the PTA Meeting, on **Tuesday, September 10th at 9AM**. We appreciate all the help we can get!

Our First Fashion Fundraiser of the Year: Evereve!

We have our first big fundraiser of the school year on **Friday, September 27th**. **Evereve**, a stylish boutique in the Bridgeport shopping center, is hosting a night of fashion to support Stephenson! Celebrate the new school season with chic new clothes. Bring your friends (they don’t have to be Stephenson moms) and leave the kids at home. **15% of the proceeds** from Evereve that evening goes directly to the Stephenson PTA. Please RSVP to stephensonlionPTA@gmail.com so we can give the shop estimated numbers in order for them to have enough stylists for the evening. You can check out their website ahead of time at www.evereve.com.

Because Evereve expedites payment to the school, purchases are subject to exchange or store credit only

Pizzicato – Dough for Dollars Fundraiser

Another year, another chance to eat delicious food to help raise money for the school. **Tuesday, October 1st** is our first ‘Dough for Dollars’ fundraiser. Eat-in, carry-out or order to-go from the **Lake Oswego Pizzicato on Bangy Rd.** and 20% of all proceeds from the entire day are sent to the school.

Konstella - PTA stuff 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. Check out the flyer attached to this week’s News Notes or email 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/>. Konstella is currently the only way to register and pay for PTA membership.

Fall Fun Night: Hello Stephenson families. We need volunteers to make Fall Fun Night a success. Fall Fun Night is your PTA’s largest fundraiser of the year and a highlight for the kiddos. Bottom line is this.... **WE NEED YOUR HELP**. Fall Fun Night cannot be the successful event that it has been in the past without volunteers and A LOT of them. We need bake sale help, help with decorating, help assembling and breaking down the carnival games, etc. We will be having a planning meeting on **Tuesday, September 10th at 9AM, right after the first PTA Meeting of the year**. We’d love to see you there! If you can’t attend, please let us know what you’d be willing to contribute (time, money, man power, etc.) and we’ll gladly accept your help. Email us at stephensonlionpta@gmail.com with any questions. Thanks!



What Does Your PTA Do??

The hard-working parent members and volunteers of the PTA accomplish a lot in a year! These efforts include:

- conducting fun events (Fall Fun Night, Missoula Student Theatre) to increase camaraderie;
- teaching in the classroom (Art Literacy and Parents Teaching Prevention) to provide additional learning opportunities;
- assisting your hard-working school staff (Book Fair, Field Day, Library, Talent Show);
- providing each classroom teacher with a financial donation for supplies and educational materials; and
- organizing a Holiday Arts and Craft Sale to include our larger community in our learning village.

Install the Konstella app on your phone or log in on a computer to pay your PTA membership, access the school directory, purchase merchandise and be aware of school community events. If you are not already registered, use **Code UIGHVT**. For help, email stephensonlionpta@gmail.com

Stephenson School PTA, as an affiliated constituent of Oregon PTA, pledges that membership in PTA shall be open, without discrimination, to anyone who believes in and supports the mission and purposes of National PTA. National PTA Unit ID: 00016897, Region 2.

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Kids Yoga

after school at Stephenson

yoga playgrounds



yoga for kids

In these fun and active classes kids will stretch and energize their bodies and minds through individual and group poses, mindfulness games and creative relaxation techniques. Packed with **playfulness, positivity and fun**, these classes give kids the tools they need to manage their behaviors to lead **happier, healthier** and more **peaceful** lives.



- * Improve focus and concentration
- * Develop strength and coordination
- * Increase confidence and self esteem
- * Learn self calming techniques
- * Get a healthy body and mind
- * Have fun!

WHO:	Grades K-3
WHERE:	Stephenson Elementary - Room #152
DATES:	Sept 20 - Dec 20
DAY & TIME:	Fridays 2:15-3:15
COST:	\$165 (11 classes)
INFO:	hello@yogaplaygrounds.com / 541-778-4541

REGISTER
ONLINE!



yogaplaygrounds.com

after school

SPANISH

Spanish Classes @ Stephenson

**Mondays or Thursdays
2:15-3:15pm* (K-3rd)**

Classes begin the week
of September 16!

*Classes are intended for the full school year. School days only. *Includes 15 min for students to gather and have a snack from home before the lesson begins.*



Our students *LOVE* Spanish!!

Each lesson is packed with songs, games, songs and lots of movement that maximize confidence! Small class sizes (max of 12) allow for individual attention and creative lessons that benefit all learning styles!

Adventures in Spanish values and appreciates all individuals, including their age, color, disability, race, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, and marital status. Each individual is treated with fairness and without discrimination in all activities and programs.

**REGISTER
ONLINE
TODAY!**

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