

Astor Connection



Character Trait of the Month - January

Integrity

Doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.
Doing your best at all times.

News from the Eagle's Aerie

Dear Astor Families:

It was great to see all of our students and families back at school! As I visited classrooms last week, students were engaged, participating, and collaborative. Way to start the New Year motivated and ready to learn!

Attendance:

I would like to reiterate that we are focusing on attendance. I realize that it can be challenging to come to school every day and be on time, but in order to learn everything needed, it must be a priority. Even missing a few days each month impacts student achievement. As it is, we don't have enough time to fit in all of the standards and requirements for our students. Every minute counts!

If your students are having trouble getting to school on time, please do not hesitate to call or come in, and we can problem solve together. We want ALL Astor students to have every opportunity to learn. When we make improvement as a school, we all benefit. Then we will have a school wide celebration!

As of this morning, our school wide attendance average is: 94% Let's raise our average school percentage to 98%! Everyone has a role in improving attendance.

Astor Night @ Roosevelt:

I would like to invite all Astor families to attend our first Astor Night @ Roosevelt! This is a great opportunity to support our families, former students, and our neighborhood. It will be so exciting to cheer for Roosevelt and connect with other Astor families. I hope Astor has a huge presence so we can show our amazing support. If you have not seen the new building, this is a wonderful way to experience all of the splendor of the upgrades. Hope to see you ALL there!

Important Dates

January

- 12th 6th Gr Field Trip R.E.A.L. Life Exhibit
- 15th **No School MLK Jr. Holiday**
- 17th **Late Opening School begins 10am**
- 19th Coffee Chat with Principal Zabel 8am
- 22nd Astor Spirit Week begins
- 25th PTSO General Meeting 6pm
- 26th Middle School Dance 1:50 - 2:25
- 29th **No School Teacher Planning Day**
- 30th Astor Night at Roosevelt BBall game
- 31st Awards Assembly

February

- 1st Parent Equity Meeting 6pm

Astor Night @ Roosevelt

Date: 1/30/18

Time: 7:15 pm Roosevelt vs. Benson

Wear your Astor or Roosevelt gear!

See the flyer on page 2 of this newsletter!

Astor School Race and Healing Community:

Last week, I attended a parent led meeting around creating more race and healing conversations at Astor. This group has wonderful plans to connect families, impact classrooms, members of our community, the Roosevelt Cluster, and schools across Portland. All Astor parents are invited, and more members means more perspectives to share. Please consider joining the next meeting on Feb. 1, 2018 @ 6:00pm. Also, be sure to check out their Facebook Page (Astor School Race and Healing Community) for more information about events and resources. Please call or email me if you have any questions. Meeting notes and updates will soon be added to the Astor Website. Looking forward to celebrating our students and their accomplishments all year!

With gratitude and appreciation,
Sarah Zabel, Principal

We welcome all our Astor community members to apply for a **FAST PASS**. This pass is an efficient way to enter, volunteer, or visit our building without signing in. Here's the process:

1. Fill out the **FAST PASS** [application](#).
2. If you have not passed a PPS background check within the last three years, submit a form at www.pps.net/page/144. You will be notified when your background check is complete.
3. If you have passed the background check, stop by the office and we can add you to our **FAST PASS** list.

Once these steps are complete, you'll only need to get a **FAST PASS** from staff to be in the building. When your visit is complete, simply turn the pass back in to the office.

Remember, you are welcome at Astor, even if you have not applied for a **FAST PASS!**

Sock Drive



January 16th - 26th

Bring a pair (or two) adult-sized socks to help those in need stay warm this winter. This will be a friendly class competition with each classroom collecting socks. The class that collects the most pairs will win a popcorn party!

All socks collected will be donated to Outside In, a local organization focused on helping homeless youth and other marginalized people to move toward improved health and self-sufficiency. Ms. Barnett's second grade class is sponsoring the drive as part of their study of Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and work.



ASTOR FAMILY NIGHT AT ROOSEVELT HS BOYS BASKETBALL



Astor families are invited to cheer on the Rough Riders boys basketball team vs. Benson High School on Tuesday, January 30th. Mention that you are from Astor and your admission is **FREE!**



Wear your Astor or Roosevelt gear to show your team spirit.

The game begins at 7:15 in the main gym.

GO RIDERS!



The Astor Post Office is now open!

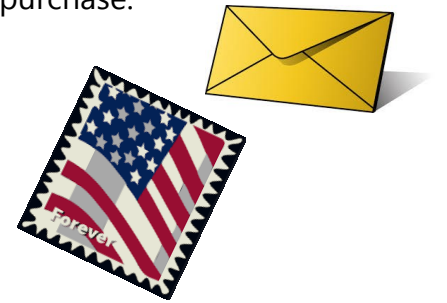
Purchase your postcards, stamps and envelopes to give to your friends and family at the Astor Post Office. Funds raised from post office sales go toward the 4th Grade Oregon Trail Overnight trip.

Several postcard designs, created by Astor students, are available for purchase.

Postcards 30 cents

Stamps 5 cents

Envelopes 5 cents



Astor's second boat was built by our STEM students under the direction of Mr. Nagle and Nate Sandal of the Oregon Maritime Museum in Astoria. Christened Okuki Maru by students at Okuki Elementary School in Japan, it was launched from Japan on December 20th, 2017. Track its progress by visiting:

<http://educationalpassages.com/boats/00-170351434/>



The end of the second quarter, January 26th, is quickly approaching. Does your student need to catch up on homework? Have questions about class work? Homework Club is your student's opportunity to get help if they need it.

7th and 8th grade Homework Club is Mondays and Thursdays from 2:30 - 3:15.

6th grade Homework Club is Mondays and Thursdays from 2:30 - 3:15.

A counselor from Roosevelt HS will be visiting 8th grade students for forecasting next week on January 16th at 10:40. Students will have the opportunity to complete their forecasting forms, and ask additional questions about RHS. Please refer to the course guide on the RHS website if you would like to review elective options beforehand. <https://www.pps.net/domain/2256>

Lost & Found

Brrr, it's COLD outside! Are you missing your coat? Check out the Lost & Found rack in the front hallway. We're getting a fair number of coats and you might find yours there.



AROUND ASTOR



Newton's First Law of Inertia in STEM class.

Capture the Rubber Chicken in PE



Kindergarteners are reading!



Learning about Rhythm in Music

Using technology in Science class



New bike racks at Astor!



Helping customers at the Astor Post Office!



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