

Astor



## Connection

### Character Trait of the Month - Responsibility

Acting in a dependable, reliable, and trustworthy way.  
Letting others see that they can depend on you.

### News from the Eagle's Aerie

Hello Astor Families,

Summer is over, fall is in the air and we are off to a great 2017-2018 school year! Teachers are establishing relationships with their students and building communities in their classrooms. As a staff we are also working hard to deepen our relationships with one another, and our new leader Ms. Zabel. Thank you to all our families who attended our Back to School Night. It was great seeing you all and reconnecting to families who have been here, and starting a connection with our new families.

I'm very excited about our upcoming Run for Astor on October 12th. K-2 will run at 8:30, 3-5 will run at 9:30, and 6-8 will run at 10:30. In the case of rain, the run will take place on October 19th. The students love to be cheered on by family and friends so if you have time come on down. You can run too if you'd like. Volunteers to help with recording the laps the students run are always appreciated. All funds raised will be used to enhance the educational program at Astor.

### Organized all day long

Being organized can reduce stress and make the school day go more smoothly. Here's a checklist that will help:



#### Morning

- ❑ Show your child how to set an alarm that will wake him up in time to get ready for school.
- ❑ On a sheet of paper, help him draw or list morning tasks, such as "make bed" and "brush teeth." Let him post the list where he can see it (say, by his bed or on the bathroom mirror).

### October

- 10th 5th Gr Pie Fundraiser orders due
- 11th Free/Reduced Meal applications due  
5th Gr FT - Starbase
- 12th Run for Astor  
K-2 @ 8:30; 3-5 @ 9:30; 6-8 @ 10:30
- 13th **No School - Statewide Inservice Day**
- 18th Late Opening/School begins 10am
- 20th Coffee Chat w/Principal Zabel 8:00am
- 23rd Picture Retake Day
- 26th PTSO General Meeting 6:00pm
- 27th Responsibility Awards Assembly
- 30th PTSO Book Fair begins

#### After school

- ❑ Have your youngster go through his backpack to take out homework and throw away trash. To store work he wants to save, he might use folders or a shoebox.
- ❑ Ask him to place papers for you in a special spot, perhaps a basket. Look them over, and sign papers as needed.

#### Nighttime

- ❑ Before bed, your child should put needed items in his backpack. Examples: completed assignments, signed permission slips, show-and-tell objects.
- ❑ Suggest that he pick out clothes and choose breakfast foods for the next day. He could get a head start by setting out cereal, fresh fruit, and a bowl and spoon.

Thank you for your support of your child and the Astor School community.

Sincerely,  
Sandra Ndubisi, Assistant Principal

# Counselor's Corner

Your child's regular attendance is paramount to their ability to be successful at school. In line with this month's character trait of responsibility, getting to school on time every day teaches kids that their job is to learn and that all class time is important. Please help us in our collective efforts to improve attendance and reinforce responsibility at Astor. Here are some useful tips:

- ◆ Speak to your child about the importance of attendance and its impact on learning. Low attendance can negatively impact a student's social growth as well.
- ◆ Please attempt to schedule outside appointments during after school hours.
- ◆ If your child must be out of school for an appointment, make every effort to get him/her back to school for at least part of the school day.
- ◆ Teach your child to use an alarm clock and to check it daily.
- ◆ Stick to a regular routines at night and in the morning if possible.
- ◆ Make sure your child is getting enough sleep (most kids need 10-12 hours).
- ◆ Plan vacations according to the school holidays and breaks, not during regular school days.
- ◆ Make sure that your child understands that it is his/her responsibility to make up work required by the teacher(s).
- ◆ Maintain communication with school staff. Always notify the office if your student is sick, has an appointment or other excused absence.
- ◆ Check your child's attendance regularly.

Jeff Knoblich  
School Counselor

## IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR CHESS PLAYERS!

Intermediate and Advanced Chess begins next week. In order for Coach Dozier to accommodate all chess teams, the practice schedule will change **starting the week of October 16th:**

**Tuesdays - Middle School** Intermediate/Advanced will practice from 2:35 - 3:30pm

**Wednesdays - Elementary** Intermediate/Advanced will practice from 2:20 - 3:10pm

**Thursdays - Beginners** will practice from 2:20 - 3:10pm

All practices will take place in Room 61, our in our portable building.

Participation is free and permission slips are available in the office.



Applications for Free/Reduced priced meals are due on **Wednesday, October 11th**. Filling out an application helps our school, even if you are unsure if you qualify. It's easy to apply! Click [here](#) to apply online or stop by the school office to pick up an application.



**Please remember to drive slowly and carefully through the school zone. The speed limit is 20 miles per hour from 7:00am - 5:00pm.**

Have your child walk to the corner where our Safety Patrol members are monitoring crossings. Children may not be seen if they cross between cars.

Please help us keep our students safe by joining Astor's traffic team. We need adult volunteers to help at drop off and pick up. Contact the school office if you would like to volunteer!

**BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!**

### **Does one of these items belong to you?**

Please stop by and visit the **Lost and Found** rack in our front hallway. Many items have accumulated here.

It's getting colder...perhaps your sweater or coat is here. Is your favorite lunchbox missing? Take a look!

Unclaimed items will be thrown away or boxed up and sent to the Roosevelt Clothing Closet or Goodwill.

Act now to reclaim your item!



Monday, October 23rd is

**PICTURE RETAKE DAY**



Were you absent on the first picture day? Want to try again? Here's your chance.

Bring your order form or original picture packet on retake day and give it to the photographer. **SMILE!**



### **Run For Astor is this Thursday, October 12th!**

Don't forget to bring your pledge sheet back to school on Wednesday. We'll tally your laps and give back your form to collect pledges. You'll receive an original Run For Astor shirt with a pledge of \$10 or more.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PLEDGES! LET'S RUN!!**



### **5th Graders Overnight Field Trip**

Purchase a pie and you'll help send our 5th graders to Seattle in the spring. While in Seattle, our students will visit the Museum of Flight, work on engineering projects and spend the night at the museum. They'll also visit the University of Washington, whose library building has been compared to Hogwarts Castle.

Didn't get an order form? Click [here](#) or stop by the office.

**Orders are due this Tuesday, October 10th!**



### **PTSO GAME NIGHT!**

Join us on Friday, October 20th for PTSO Game Night. This fun event begins at 6:00pm. Hang out with your friends and play fun games while you enjoy each other's company.

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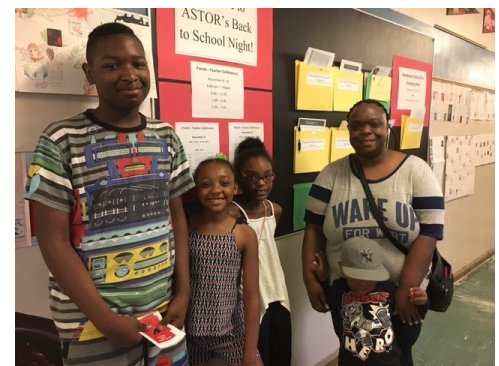
# AROUND ASTOR



Our Rain Garden was busy with first graders looking for bugs and 3rd graders watching their volcanoes erupt.



Thanks to everyone who attended Back To School Night!



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