

Astor



Connection

Character Trait of the Month - February

Respect

Treating others with honor and esteem. Treating others the way you want to be treated.

News from the Eagle's Aerie

Happy Monday! I hope your weekend was relaxing and enjoyable. It is so great to see the sun peeking through the clouds reminding us that Spring is right around the corner!

Last month was a whirlwind with lots of events and ending with a wonderful assembly celebrating students demonstrating Integrity. Students continue to impress me every day with their kindness, caring, and responsibility as learners. As a community, we need to foster these qualities to empower our students to be lifelong learners and caring adults. We thank you for entrusting your amazing children to us every day.

Thank you for all you do,

Sarah Zabel
Principal

Here is some information you should know:

TechSmart Grant- Exciting news!! Astor was chosen to receive this innovative grant next school year. The grant is for grades K-3, and is an opportunity to provide more resources to students, along with more computers for K-3. More information is on the way!

Attendance- Thank you parents and students for focusing on attendance for the month of January. Many students improved their overall attendance by as much as 10%. Students who were able to be at school 97% or more received an award and bracelet in K-5, and over 70 Middle Schoolers received an extra recess and treat for 97%+ attendance for the month of January. Let's keep this upward momentum going! More incentives to come! Thank you parents for your support.

Restorative Justice- In January, I spoke to Site Council and during Coffee Chat about Restorative Justice. There have been some great questions at each session, and I plan to provide more opportunities to discuss our plans for Restorative Justice at Astor. Additionally, one team of teachers attended training in January, and we hope to send another team this Spring. The use of Restorative Justice

Important Dates

February

- 1st Parent Equity Meeting 6pm
- 9th K-5 Family Dance 2:30 - 3:30pm
- 14th 1st Gr - PYP Field Trip
- 15th Connect To Kindergarten 6:30pm
- 16th Coffee Chat with Principal 8:00am
- 19th **No School/President's Day Holiday**
- 21st **Late Opening/School begins 10am**
Immunization Exclusion Day
- 26th Site Council Meeting 3:30pm
- 28th Respect Awards Assembly

is a community endeavor, and we will continue to discuss possibilities at Astor in the upcoming months.

One of the main ways we practice Restorative Justice is through **proactive community building circles**, often called Community Circles. Here is a link explaining circles:

[Community Circles](#)

Here are some examples of what Community Circles could look like in various grades:

[First Grade Community Circle](#)

[Circles Intermediate](#)

[MS/High School](#)

Jeff Knoblich, our school counselor, has been very successfully been doing weekly Community Circles with our 7th and 8th graders, and we will continue this practice for the rest of this year. Many teachers have daily or weekly circles in their classrooms. Ask your child what they know about Circles in their classrooms. Please let me know if you have any questions or feedback.

K-5 family Dance

Friday, Feb 9th @ 2:30pm

More info coming soon!

SAFETY FIRST!

The weather is getting warmer, which means that more of our students will be riding their bikes or walking to school. Let's all work together to keep them safe! Here are some reminders:

Exit your car on the sidewalk side whenever possible.

Always cross at a corner or crosswalk.

Go cautiously to where cars can see you.

Look both ways before crossing the street.

Eyes and ears before your feet.

Stay out of the street until you make contact with the driver.

Thanks to parent Darrell Grenz for these great reminders!



The Astoria Safety Patrol Team is there to help you and your child cross the street safely. They are appreciative of all who pay attention to their signals to stop and wait for students to cross.

Remember, they are on duty, rain or shine, so give them a big THANK YOU!

Forget your bike lock? Thanks to Safe Routes To School, we have two heavy-duty locks which students may borrow for the day if they forget theirs.



Our bus drivers would like to remind you to not park in the bus loading zone during the hours between 7:00 am and 4:00 pm. Parking in this zone creates hazardous conditions as students cannot be seen between the buses and other vehicles and makes bus exiting difficult and dangerous to cars and students. Thank you!



We ask that all families leash their dogs while on school grounds. Unleashed dogs might knock over small children or scare our students and other community members. Thank you for your cooperation!

LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE A CHINOOK BOOK! Now \$15!

We have seven Chinook Books left from our 4th Grade Oregon Trail Overnight fundraiser. We've dropped the price to \$15. Stop by the office to pick up your book.

We accept cash, check payable to Astor School, or credit/debit card.

Thank you for supporting our 4th Graders!

Attention 8th Grade Parents!

Ms. Harms, our Media Specialist, is working on the 8th grade Promotion slideshow with her students. She is in need of photos of your student, including a baby picture that you'd like to share.

Please send photos to kharms@pps.net by February 28th.



Immunization Exclusion Day

For those students who do not have a medical or non-medical exclusion from immunizations, exclusion day for state required immunizations is **Wednesday, February 21, 2018**. Students who are not current will not be able to attend school until their records are complete. Letters will be mailed the first week of February to parents whose children are incomplete and will be excluded if not updated by February 21, 2018. Please arrange for your child to receive needed immunizations so that they can remain in school. The Student Health Centers listed below are conveniently located near Astor. Please call them directly to make an appointment. Your student does not need to attend the school where the center is located. Other health-related services are available at Student Health Centers. Visit <https://www.pps.net/Page/1921> to find out about these services.



Early bird ticket sales for the Astor Auction will start the week of February 12th and end on Friday, March 9th. Buy your ticket early to be entered into a raffle. The winner will receive a gift card for a local Portland restaurant. The early bird ticket price is \$35. After March 9th, the ticket price will be \$45.

This is an event you won't want to miss! Some of our live auction items include:

- A classroom visit from Representative Tina Kotek
- Delivering the weather report with Andy Carson on Good Day Oregon
- A private shopping party at Mantel
- A Hawai'i getaway

Contact auktion@astorptso.org for more information.

AROUND ASTOR



Crazy Hair Day



Did the groundhog see his shadow? Ask Mrs. Drexler's students!



Congratulations to our Integrity Award recipients!