

Astor Connection



Character Trait of the Month - March

FRIENDSHIP

Having a good relationship with someone.

News from the Eagle's Aerie

Dear Astor Family,

What a wonderful Auction this past Saturday! It was great to see so many families and sponsors attend this annual event. Thank you so much for supporting Astor! Our technology program will benefit from your generosity and dedication. A special shout-out to DeL'Aurore Kyly and Kanani Paraso Panzarino for planning this year's auction. This is truly an act of love, and we appreciate all you have done for our students!

I would like to share our staffing plan for next school year (2018-2019). Unfortunately, our projections are down again for next year, therefore, our staffing has been reduced. Simply, when staffing is reduced, our class sizes increase. However, even with larger class sizes, our staff will do whatever it takes to ensure that our students have a productive, inspiring, and challenging school year. If our numbers increase/decline dramatically, we will see a shift in staffing. I will continue to keep you posted if/when any changes take place. **See page 2 for more detailed information.**

As this school year progresses and over the summer, it is very likely we will see changes to this plan. Please let your neighbors and friends know what a wonderful community we have at Astor! We would love to see student numbers increase instead of decrease.

Thank you for all you do, and for sending such awesome students to school!

Warmly,
Sarah Zabel

Important Dates

March

- 19th Site Council Meeting 3:30pm
- Race & Equity Meeting 6:00pm
- 21st Late Opening/School begins 10am
- 22nd PTSO General Meeting 6:00pm
- 26th Spring Break begins

April

- 2nd Welcome Back to School!
- 3rd 3rd-8th Gr Track & Field Club begins
- 6th PTSO Family Movie Night 6:00pm
- 10th Race & Equity Meeting 6:00pm
- Guest Speaker
- 12th Astor Drama Club Performance
- "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"



Mr. Camp reads with his students!

PROPOSED HOMEROOM STAFFING FOR 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

Grade Level	Teacher	Teacher	Average Class Size
Kinder-garten	Judi Drexler	Marcia Thomason	26
1st	Cadie Daley	Kristi Fosik	24
2nd	Lisa Barnett	Meredith Jue	28
3rd	Toby Pierce	Laura Kishpaugh	20
4th	Jessica Burich	Heather Torain	19
5th	Tara Brown	Renee Espinoza	30
6th	Paula Dougherty	*	20
7/8	Math-Jerry Allen Science-Emily Johnson Social Studies-Elijah Siron Lang Arts-Suzanne Germaneri		20

* = Will do everything we can to hire Ryan McDermott (this year was a temp position).

REMINDER!

LATE OPENING

Wednesday, March 21st

Breakfast begins at 9:35 a.m.

First bell at 9:50 a.m.



Do you know families with upcoming 2018-19

Register
for
Kindergarten



Kindergarteners in our neighborhood?

If so, please encourage them to register their student at Astor.

They may stop by the office to pick up registration materials between 7:30-4:00 on weekdays, or download the registration form

and requirements online at: <https://www.pps.net/Page/2899> We can't wait to meet them!

Next Kindergarten classroom visit is Thursday, May 17th from 10:00-11:00 a.m.



Coach Sean Coster will be offering a Spring Track & Field Club after school to students in grades 3rd - 8th.

Practices are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays (when there are no meets) beginning April 3rd. See below for times and locations. Practices will consist of conditioning and technique training for sprint, middle distance and field events. Tuesdays - Astor School 2.30-3.30 + Thursday - Meets (5.45-7.45) or Astor School 2.30-3.30

Meets - All meets are optional. Foot Traffic will provide meets on four weekdays beginning at 6pm.

Foot Traffic Youth All-Comers Meets

(All meets at Grant H.S. Track from 6pm-7:45pm)

*April 3rd - First Practice

*April 12th, All-ages track meet

*Tuesday April 17th, All-ages track meet

*April 26th, All-ages track meet

*May 10th, 3-5th grade city championship meet

Email: costers@mac.com

Phone: (503) 593-1396

Fill out the [registration form](#) and return to the school office or to Sean Coster. The cost is FREE!



ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!
DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS APRIL 6TH

Astor School will be selling a yearbook again this year! The cost is \$15 and you may order and pay online at: <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/> Make sure to use the Yearbook ID Code, **13463918**.

If you have any photos you would like to share in the yearbook, there is a user-friendly website where you can upload photos: <http://community.lifetouch.com/> Make sure you use Astor's school code: **VEZEDF** to upload your pictures.



Meeting tonight, Monday, March 19 from 6-7:30 pm in the Astor Library. We will define a mission statement and begin exploring opportunities to incorporate equity into Astor activities. All are welcome to attend.

Upcoming: You are invited to join us on Tuesday, April 10th beginning at 6pm, as our parent groups are hosting a talk and open discussion forum titled "Anti-Bias Language and Action at Astor." Matti Girardi, Senior Equity Manager from PPS (and co-facilitator of the PPS parent/community version of Courageous Conversations workshop) will be leading the discussion. This session is intended to be informative and interactive as we discuss how to identify and take action against microaggressions. "Microaggressions" are comments or actions that subtly and often unconsciously or unintentionally expresses a prejudiced attitude toward a member of a marginalized group (such as a racial minority), as defined by Merriam-Webster. We are confirming whether childcare will be available. We hope to see you there!



Our Safety Patrol team and bus drivers have reported that parents are double-parking when dropping off or picking up students. **Please do not double-park or park in the bus zone!** This is an unsafe practice as it creates areas where students, (especially smaller children), can't be seen when they are in the street and creates a barrier for other cars to pass through. If you must stay in your car, plan ahead and choose a place to meet with your child on Van Houten or Monteith Avenues or on the back side of the playground on Princeton Street.

Help us keep our students SAFE!

THANK YOU!

2018 Astor Auction

As co-chairs of the auction, we wanted to extend a big thank you to everyone who attended the auction! We wanted to especially thank all the volunteers who served on the committee and helped put together the classroom projects. We are both so grateful to be in a community of families that support our kids. We will be following up with more information regarding the outcomes of the auction soon.

Regards, DeL'Aurore and Kanani

AROUND ASTOR

Many of our grandparents help support learning!
Carol and Jay Obenour play Celtic instruments in Mr. T's room!



Helpful students take lunches to
the cafeteria!

Students made signs and participated in the silent walkout to honor
the victims of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.



Speaking of the cafeteria, Susan and Amanda
work hard each day to deliver nutritious meals to
our students!

