

**Astor**



**Connection**

**Character Trait of the Month - April**

**COOPERATION**

**Working together in a positive way for a common purpose.  
Helping your teammates.**

**News from the Eagle’s Aerie**

Dear Astor Community,

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on Groundhog’s Day this year, so I guess I should have known that winter wasn’t quite ready to sit back and let us enjoy spring quite yet. Even so, winter sports have ended and spring sports have begun, the temperature is gradually increasing, and spring is on its way as students continue learning and growing at Astor.

As your student thinks ahead to summer, he/she may be tempted to relax his/her efforts in school. Explain that staying focused in every class will help him/her learn and prepare him/her for end-of-the-year tasks. And by keeping on top of final projects, he’ll/she’ll prevent a last-minute scramble.

So by staying focused your student will be able to sprint through the finish line of the school year.

Sandra Ndubisi  
Assistant Principal

**Planning for Standardized Tests**

Soon students in grades third through eighth will be taking the Oregon state standardized tests. Having a plan may help to boost your students confidence and help him/her to do their best. The following strategies can be used every step of the way:

**Important Dates**

**April**

- 10th PTSO/Parent Equity Meeting 6:00pm  
“Microaggressions” guest speaker
- 12th Astor Drama Club Performance  
“Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”
- 13th No School/Teacher Planning Day
- 18th Late Opening/School begins 10am
- 20th Coffee Chat w/Principal 8:00am
- 26th PTSO Used Book Sale 6:00 pm
- 27th Character Awards Assembly  
Talent Show Applications due
- 30th Site Council Meeting 3:30pm

Before the test encourage your student to try his/her best on the practice test. The results can help him/her know what he/she needs to brush up on.

Being well rested and well fed can keep your student focused and alert. The night before the test, plan a breakfast which includes protein and whole grains. And it goes without saying that a good night’s sleep is a must. Also have your student pack a healthy snack like an apple, whole grain crackers, and water.

On the day of the test encourage your student to think carefully about how to approach different types of questions. For a reading passage he/she might skim the questions first in order to know what information to focus on. For multiple-choice math problems he/she might skim the answers first and eliminate the obviously incorrect answers to narrow the possible choices.



## The SafeOregon Tip Line aims to increase student safety

In keeping with our commitment to student safety, last October PPS joined school districts across the state in using the SafeOregon Tip Line. We want to remind you about this important resource.

SafeOregon was funded by the Oregon Legislature as part of a statewide effort to improve school safety. **It provides a secure means for anyone to anonymously report suspicious or imminently unsafe situations, such as threats of violence, fights, drugs and alcohol, weapons, bullying, harassment, intimidation or self-harm.**

Anyone, from students to parents to community members, can access the system in a variety of ways, including:

The "Report unsafe behavior" button found on every PPS school's website

The [SafeOregon website](#)

A live call/text (844-472-3367)

An email to [tip@safeoregon.com](mailto:tip@safeoregon.com)

The mobile app that can be downloaded from your Smart Phone via iTunes or Google Play

Trained staff are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to respond.

Please be sure to share this information with your friends and family. Remind your students: **If you see or hear something, say something - immediately.**

Let's work together to keep our community safe.



As we get closer to the end of the school year, we have many upcoming events for which we could use your help! See the

list below and stop by the office if you would like to volunteer to help!

### Talent Show and Art Walk: May 10th

- Volunteers needed to hang up art before and after the show.

### PTSO Used Book Sale

- Volunteers needed to help set out books and clean up after event

### PTSO Carnival

- Volunteers needed to run booths and games

Thank you!



Student cell phones should be off and put away in common areas during the hours between 7:45 - 2:30. Common areas include the

playground, lunchroom, restrooms and hallways.

Parents, please help your students follow this rule by not texting or calling your student on their cell phone. Please call the main office and office staff will be happy to deliver a message to them.

# Register for Kindergarten



**You may register now for the 2018-19 School Year!**

We welcome you to 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>

## REMINDER

**Late Opening**

**Wednesday, April 18th**

**School begins 10:00 am**

## Astor Race & Equity Meetings

Please join the Astor Race & Equity (ARE) group for two upcoming meetings:

**Tuesday, April 10th 6:00 - 7:30pm Astor Library**

Topic: "Microaggressions" with guest presenter Matti Girardi

*Childcare & light refreshments available.*

**Thursday, April 19th 6:00 - 7:30pm Astor Library**

Regularly scheduled meeting

## ASTOR PTSO SPRING PLANT SALE

The Astor PTSO is partnering once again with New Leaf Greenhouse to offer amazing flowers and vegetables to get your garden started and help support Astor at the same time! Check out their website (<https://newleafgreenhouse.com/new-leaf-fundraising-program/spring-fundraiser/>) to pick out the perfect choices for your garden this summer. Then fill out the attached form and return with your student to school or drop it by the PTSO desk by **8 am Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** with your payment. Checks can be written out to the Astor PTSO.

Plants will be delivered on May 2nd.

[Spring Plants 2018 Order Form](#)



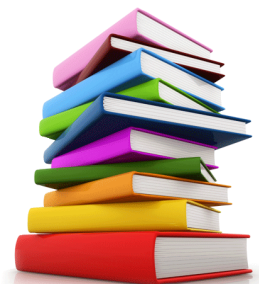
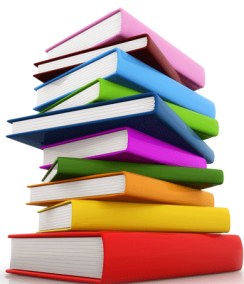
## Books, Books, and more Books!!

Come to the Astor PTSO Used Book Sale on

Thursday, April 26th from 6:00-7:30 pm.

There will be a great selection of books for all ages from which to choose!

Children's books are 25 cents and adult books are \$1.00.



# Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

BY RICHARD D. GEORGE

ADAPTED FROM THE FANTASY  
BY ROALD DAHL

THURSDAY  
APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>

DOORS  
OPEN  
6:30 PM

PERFORMANCE  
6:45 PM

ASTOR  
SCHOOL  
STAGE  
3601 N. YALE STREET

ADULTS \$5  
ASTOR  
STUDENTS  
FREE

PLUS... SO MANY  
OOMPA LOOMPASI

JASPER, EVA, ANNABELLE,  
GILLIAN, OLIVER, CECE, ELIANNA,  
SIENNA, JAMES,  
AMELIA, SONORA, MACY, CHLOE,  
MAKYLA, GWEN,



FEATURING

KAHON SCHMIDT  
MADISON KNOKE

JOSELYNN  
CIARLANTE

EMILYN CRAWFORD

ABBE SINETH

LILY RUSSELL

DOMINIC THOMPSON

RYAN HASH

ELEANOR BLACK

HOLLY COURTER

ISABELLE  
UMBERHANDT

ALEX KREIN

NATHAN PADILLA

DEANDRE  
WILLIAMS

GRACE SPRINGER

AND...

ANDREW HICKS -  
SOUND DESIGN

LEAH LEDGERWOOD  
STAGE MANAGER

ARCHIE MORT  
TECH SUPPORT

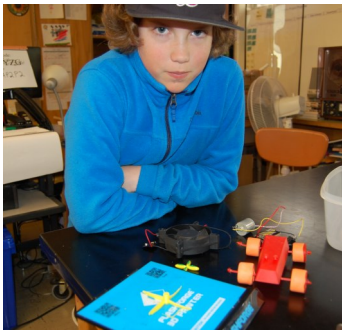
AND SPECIAL GUEST  
APPEARANCE

# AROUND ASTOR

Our PE students took a rowing lesson on the Willamette!



## STEM PROJECTS



The car was made on the 3D printer!



This pool table returns the marbles to the end of the table!



A robotics creation!



Student teacher, Heather Darling, works with a student.



Is your student missing her/his coat?  
Stop by our Lost & Found rack to find it!