



Astor

Connection



News from the Eagle's Aerie

Dear Astor Families-

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend. For me, this weekend has provided needed time and space to reflect on the events of last week. Further, I am determined to find positives in the situation, and hoping for all of us to come out of this with an increased sense of safety and community. I am also optimistic that together we can bring our community even closer.

I would like to share some information and upcoming opportunities for the Astor Community to be part of positive solutions moving forward.

Site Council Meeting (all invited) 9/25/17 @ 3:00pm We will begin discussing safety at Astor and plans to revise safety protocols, both in and around our building. Please come and share your insight! If you are not able to attend the meeting today, please email your thoughts to szabel@pps.net

Community Conversation- What do we want for Astor? How can we come together to spread peace, kindness, and inclusiveness within and beyond the Astor Community? Share your thoughts and perspectives! Date, time, and location are being planned now, and a flyer of the meeting will be sent out soon.

Astor Community Meetings- Keep the conversations going each month. We will discuss race, equity, inclusiveness, support, and ways to strengthen our community. Monthly meetings will be a time to meet more Astor parents/guardians, connect, and move forward as a stronger community. We are in need of parents to help lead this work. Stay tuned, more information will be coming!

PPS "Hate Speech" Policy- There is currently no specific policy regarding hate speech in PPS schools. Last week I heard that a policy is now being created as a result of increasing need, not just at Astor, but in many schools in our district.

Safety at school- As a staff, we are working very hard to ensure that ALL students feel safe at school. This includes words and actions in classrooms, hallways, playground, restrooms, and all areas of the school. If your child is involved in unsafe behavior at school (and we are aware of it), please expect a call from our Asst. Principal Sandra Ndubisi or myself. We want to make parents/guardians aware of each situation, and to include families in solutions. Additionally, we want our school to be safe for all who come to our campus.

Important Dates

September

- 25th Site Council Meeting 3:00pm
- 27th TAG Information Night 5:00-6:00pm
- Back To School Night 6:00-7:30pm
- 28th X-Country Meet Overlook Park 5:00 pm
- PTSO General Meeting 6:30-8:00pm
- 29th Kindness Awards Assembly 8:30am
- 5th Gr FT - Starbase

October

- 11th 5th Gr FT - Starbase
- 12th Run for Astor
- 13th No School - Statewide Inservice Day
- 18th Late Opening/School begins 10am

Thank you for your kindness, support, and positive ideas in working through a difficult situation. I am so impressed by how our community works together for our students. I look forward to working with you to build an even stronger Astor Community for our students and families.

Can't wait to see you at Back to School Night this Wednesday. Please be sure to introduce yourself if we haven't met! Also, I'd like to invite you to attend our Kindness Assembly this Friday @ 8:30am in the cafeteria. We will be celebrating our amazing students, nominated by their teachers, who are consistently kind.

Please let me know if you have questions, feedback or concerns.

Thank you for sending such great students to school every day!!

With gratitude and appreciation,

Sarah Zabel

Principal

Astor K-8

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TAG Information Night

If you have questions about the Talented and Gifted program, the nomination process or anything related to TAG, come to the Astor library at 5:00pm on Wednesday, September 27th. Our TAG Coordinator, Mrs. Ndu-bisi, will have information for you.

JOIN US FOR
BACK TO SCHOOL
NIGHT
WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 27TH
6:00 = 7:30 PM

Visit your child's classroom, meet the teachers and see the great learning that is happening at Astor. You may also sign up for your Parent/Teacher conference in November, learn about ParentVue access in Synergy and much more!

Our Astor Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) board members will also be there and you can find out more about this important group.

We hope to see you there!

News From Nutrition Services

The deadline to apply for free and reduced priced meals is quickly approaching. We encourage you to apply before the deadline to ensure that all your student's meals are covered. You may apply online or stop by the school office to pick up an application.



Good News! You may apply for free/reduced lunch or pay for your child's meals all in one convenient place: www.schoolcafe.com

You'll need to have your child's student ID number. Please contact the school office for this information.



RUN FOR ASTOR IS COMING SOON!

What: A jog-a-thon fundraiser

When: Thursday, October 12th

(alternate date if rain: October 19th)

Grades K-2 8:30am

Grades 3-5 9:30am

Grades 6-8 10:30am

Where: Astor playground

Are you ready to Run for Astor? Funds you raise with your pledges will be used for enrichment activities, field trips, supplies, assemblies, and more. With the first \$10 you raise, you'll receive an original Run for Astor t-shirt.

Would you like to volunteer to help with the run? Contact Sarah UMBERHANDT at volunteer@astorptso.org.



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



We have several after school activities that have started or will start in the next few weeks. Some of these activities are free and others include a fee to participate. Information about each activity and permission slips may be found on Astor's website on the

Quicklink After School Activities: www.pps.net/Page/11347 or at the school office.

- ◆ **Cross Country** - this club has started and cross country meets are on Thursdays at Overlook Park. Coach Coster will also be holding this club in the spring.
- ◆ **Beginners Chess** - this club begins on Tuesday, September 26th for students first grade and up. Coach Dozier will be starting an Intermediate and Advanced team in a few weeks.
- ◆ **Astor Yarnworks** - want to learn to knit and/or crochet or improve your skills? This club is open to 4th graders and up and meets on Wednesday afternoons. This club begins on Wednesday, September 27th.
- ◆ **Middle School Theater Program** - open to 6th - 8th graders, this group meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the gym, beginning Monday, September 25th. Parent Jenni Miller will offer a complete program with a performance scheduled at the end!
- ◆ **Mad Science** - starting in November and open to Kindergarten through 5th grade students, this after school enrichment class explores science with your student.
- ◆ **Homework Club** - for 7th and 8th grade students to catch up and get help with their homework. This club has begun and meets on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Watch the website for more upcoming after school programs. We'll update the site as they become available.

Order your Astor Gear and show your school spirit!

We are taking orders for t-shirts, hoodies and polo shirts in various colors. Orders are due by **October 4th** and order forms may be found in the school office or on Astor's website. Proceeds from this sale go toward supplies, field trips, assemblies and more.

Thank you for your purchase!



Paraeducator Interview Day

Thursday, October 5, 2017 - 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Blanchard Education Service Building (BESC) 501 N Dixon St., Portland, OR 97227

Portland Public Schools is looking for passionate and enthusiastic paraeducators!

Paraeducators support the instructional program developed and directed by Special Education teacher(s) and/or specialist(s) for students with developmental & educational disabilities from K-12 through age 21. Services may include specially designed instruction and related services, behavioral guidance and/or management, and/or physical management of students.



To learn more and to Apply/Register: [Click Here](#) or visit our website at <http://jobs.pps.net> and submit a completed application to the posting number #16592, "Paraeducator Interview Day".

To learn more about the PPS Special Education Department, please visit <https://www.pps.net/Domain/178>

For more information or assistance, please contact the HR Department at 503-916-3544.



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District 504 Contact: Tammy Jackson, Student Services (503) 916-2000

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