



**Chapman Elementary Spotlight Newsletter**  
**October 3, 2016**

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**Calendar**

10/3-10/7	Book Fair!
10/6	TAG Information Session
10/7	Principal's Coffee
10/14	NO SCHOOL (Teacher In-Service Day)
10/19	Late Opening (10 am)
10/27	Grandparents/Special Friends Visit
11/3	Picture Retake Day-Ramona AM, Chapman PM
11/4	NO SCHOOL (Teacher Planning Day)
11/9-11/11	NO SCHOOL (Conferences)
11/18	SCHOOL AUCTION

**Principal's Message**

Welcome to October! From the look of the neighborhood trees, we are in for another glorious fall. I hope everyone had an opportunity to sign up for fall conferences to be held in November this year. I encourage every family to try and make one of the dedicated time slots November 9th or 10th. Your conference time serves as your opportunity to gain feedback on your child's progress. There will be no paper report card for the first quarter of school which ends on November 3rd. Your first paper report card will arrive home with your child after the second quarter in February.

The staff had its first late opening professional development a couple of weeks ago. This time is dedicated to looking at issues of racial equity in Portland and at our school, and developing ourselves as culturally responsive educators. Chapman, along with many other schools in the district, is engaging in a process known as CARE (Collaborative Action Research for Equity). Together we discussed the importance of learning about the different cultures of our students and how our own culture shapes our expectations of students. We also watched this video to focus our attention on building relationships: [https://www.ted.com/talks/rita\\_pierson\\_every\\_kid\\_needs\\_a\\_champion?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/rita_pierson_every_kid_needs_a_champion?language=en)

**TAG**

In compliance with the Oregon TAG Mandate for gifted education, Portland Public Schools focuses its services on meeting the student's instructional level and rate of learning every day in the classroom across the curriculum. A TAG designation helps teachers to know what in which curricular areas your child should be able to excel and where he or she may need some more rigorous learning opportunities.

Our annual Fall Parent Meeting for parents of TAG students will be on October 6th at 6:30 in the library. We will be reviewing our building TAG plan and answering your questions. Please join us!

Pamela Van Der Wolf, Principal

**Counselor's Corner**

I am always on a quest for positive ways to talk to kids, especially when providing discipline or redirection. Below is sample conversation that I came across. It provides a 6 step process with examples for correcting children's behaviors. Clearly state your feelings – "I am upset that the toolbox was left outside in the rain."

State the expectation – "I expect my tools to be returned when you've borrowed them."

Show your child how to fix it – "What the toolbox needs right now is to be cleaned up."

Give a choice – "You can choose to borrow and return my tools or you can choose not to borrow them again. You decide."

When incidents occur they also provide an opportunity to engage in problem solving. Discuss with your child what should be different next time. For example, "What is a way that you can use my tools that would work for both of us?"

For more ideas related to parenting and teaching check out the book How to [Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk](#) by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish

Nice talking to you, Stephanie Cox  
School Counselor

**TAG Program**

There will be an information meeting on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the library from 6:30-8:00 to discuss the identification process, how TAG students are addressed at Chapman School, and other opportunities for our high achieving students. Please join us if you would like to learn more about this program.

Sincerely, Rochella Farnand, TAG Coordinator

**Want to get in touch with other parents from Chapman?** Add your contact information to the Chapman Directory and get connected! Those who ordered a printed directory are already included. [goo.gl/5f7Ben](http://goo.gl/5f7Ben)

**FALL CAMPAIGN IS ON!!**

Our goal is \$230,000 - one-time and monthly donations are accepted. Many companies provide matching donations, please check with your employer. Funds raised are used to provide educational assistants, classroom enrichment opportunities and special projects. Donations can be made online at [www.FriendsofChapman.org](http://www.FriendsofChapman.org) or turned into the office. Contact Nici Griffith at [bnqhefele@comcast.net](mailto:bnqhefele@comcast.net) for more information.

## Multnomah Library will be doing a series of presentations:

4<sup>th</sup> graders – Jump into Research, Internet Safety

5<sup>th</sup> graders – Banned books, Jump into Research, Internet Safety

We're celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month! Plus the book fair will be from 9/28-10/11.

## Farm to School Apple Sales at Food Front:

Please consider purchasing the 3 lb. bag of Farm to School apples at Food Front. 100% of the profits from the Farm to School apples goes directly to the school garden! Perfect for classroom snacks.

## Upcoming Events

- **Book Fair!** Come support Chapman Elementary while stocking your bookshelves! The annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held from October 3-7 every morning from 7:40 - 8:00am and after school from 2:15 - 3:00 in the auditorium. To maximize their experience and satisfaction with book selections, we encourage students to attend this week's book fair with their parents. Not able to attend the book fair? Want to include out-of-area grandparents/family? No problem! We also have an online site to order from beginning until October 11th. All online orders will be delivered to the school. Check out the online sale at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/chapmanelementaryschool1>
- **Fall Drama Club is starting Tuesday, October 18th at 2:20pm!** Students will develop a toolbox of performance skills as they act out stories using only their voices, bodies, and imaginations. Our experienced theater educators will teach theater basics, from projection and stage presence, to expression and character development, while bringing stories to life! Sign-up today at [www.nwcts.org/drama-club](http://www.nwcts.org/drama-club)! For more info, contact [youngplayers@nwcts.org](mailto:youngplayers@nwcts.org).
- **2016-2017 Free/Reduced Lunch Application**  
Students who were receiving free or reduced-price meal benefits at the end of last year must fill out a **NEW** meal application for the 2016-17 school year. If benefits are denied or reduced when the NEW application is approved, families will have ten days before the change in eligibility takes effect. **Students who have NOT submitted a NEW application will be required to pay full price for school meals starting Monday, October 10, 2016.** Additionally, the Oregon Legislature passed a bill allowing school districts to provide lunch free of charge to students who are eligible for reduced price meals. Apply online <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/nutrition/index.htm> or ask the school office for the paper form.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### CHAPMAN PTA and FOUNDATION NEED YOU

There are a few openings within the Chapman PTA and the Chapman Foundation. We work with teachers, parents and administrators to solve challenges, expand opportunities, plan events, fundraise and realize improvements at Chapman. If interested, contact PTA President: Christy Marten ([ctmarten@yahoo.com](mailto:ctmarten@yahoo.com)):

**Vice President of Education Foundation** - Assist Foundation President with administrative tasks, run meetings in President's absence

- **URGENT: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW FOR THE CHAPMAN SCHOOL AUCTION:** Friday November 18, 2016 at Pure Space! Please contact [veeryharper@gmail.com](mailto:veeryharper@gmail.com) to find out how you can help.
- **The Chapman Scholastic Book Fair needs your help!** We're looking for volunteers to run the cash registers and help kids find books before and after school the week of October 3-7. Sign up online at <http://signup.com/go/iNKd3e> or email [missyliesser@gmail.com](mailto:missyliesser@gmail.com).
- **Chapman lunches:** Join us in the lunch room from 11-12:15 pm. Everything is different except the kids and the need for help. There are three separate waves of lunch. Kate and Martha (the new lunch team) would appreciate the help. Please let Tiffany know if you can volunteer at all this year in the kitchen. Please contact Christian Reed at [chrisian@mustreed.com](mailto:chrisian@mustreed.com) if interested.

## Community

**Hillside Soccer League is now open for registration for kindergartners! Please visit <http://www.lincolnyouthsoccer.org/hscf> for information and registration.**

## Stay Connected

Get more information about the latest at our school. Join us online: [FriendsOfChapman.org](http://FriendsOfChapman.org) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/friends.of.chapman).

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