



## Chapman Elementary Spotlight Newsletter

October 17, 2016

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### Calendar

10/18	Dining for Dollar\$ at Laughing Planet
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)
11/16	PTA General Meeting (6-8 pm) in the Chapman Auditorium
11/18	SCHOOL AUCTION

### Principal's Message

The last couple of weeks have been filled with autumnal adventures at Chapman! Students have been taking field trips to pumpkin patches and apple tastings, the student chorus is up and running (and sounding magnificent!), and we had our first indoor recess of the year on Thursday.

We had a good turnout at our TAG parent meeting on the 6th, and we reviewed some of the information at the following morning's Principal's Coffee. Still, I know that there are busy families out there who were unable to make either of those meetings. If you would like information about TAG or have questions about the identification process, please talk with your classroom teacher, Ms. Farnand (Chapman's TAG coordinator), or me.

Thursday 10/20 at 10:20 is the Great ShakeOut. It's an annual event in which people all over the world participate in order to practice earthquake preparedness. Chapman students, staff, and visitors will all be dropping, covering, and holding on along with many other students. Consider using this day as an opportunity to talk with your child about important emergency information for your family. For more information, please go to: <http://www.shakeout.org/oregon/>

Make sure you are signed up for conferences! Conferences this year are on November 9th and 10th. As a reminder, this is the time dedicated for teachers to discuss with you your child's academic progress through this point in the year. Please do not ask teachers to meet during their personal time if these times are not ideal for you. While we understand that emergencies come up and you may need to reschedule a conference, we may not be able to accommodate all requests.

An exciting turn in science education is taking place at Chapman. Our teachers meet in PLCs (Professional Learning Communities) twice a month to look at student work and data in a cycle of inquiry and action research. The 3-5 PLC is focusing on the Next Generation Science Standards and facilitating their students' growth as budding scientists. To learn more about the NGSS, watch this! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9SrSBGDnfU>

Wednesday is our monthly late opening. This is a time that is dedicated for staff to learn about and discuss racial equity and culturally responsive educational practices. School will start at 10:00 on 10/19. The building will open at 9:52.

Pamela Van Der Wolf, Principal

### Counselor's Corner

As educators and as parents we praise children throughout the day. Praise is often a one word positive evaluation of an observed action. Below is a three step process that goes a bit further. Praise is most effective when it links self-esteem and self-worth to the behavior being recognized.

1. Describe what you see.  
"I see a clean floor, a made bed, and books neatly placed on the shelf."
2. Describe what you feel.  
"It's a pleasure to walk into this room."
3. Sum up the child's praiseworthy behavior with a phrase.  
"You found a place for everything and the result is a tidy play space. Now that's what I call organization!"

For more ideas on making praise meaningful, check out [How To Talk Smart So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk](#) by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish.

Stephanie Cox, School Counselor

### @ The Ramona

#### Pile Driving Update

Pile Driving will NOT begin on Mon 10/17 as previously reported. PPS staff met with representatives from Anderson Construction and they are in the process of building a 10 foot sound wall outside of the building. Anderson will also be wrapping the pile driver at the site with a sound blanket. Pile Driving will not begin before these two things are in place. We anticipate late this week or early next week. Stay tuned for more details.

### School Supplies Reimbursement

Mission Complete! A special thanks to those who contributed additional funds to help cover the families in need!

**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)

### **Book Drive**

**The Children's Book Bank is holding a book drive to collect new and used books for children in need.** Students can bring in books until November 10th. Donation boxes will be set up at both the Chapman (by main entrance) and Ramona campuses. The book bank is collecting new and used books in good condition for babies, toddlers, elementary and middle school age children. Acceptable donations include fiction, non-fiction, baby books, chapter books, early readers, books in Spanish, picture books. Donation boxes are by the main entrance of Chapman and by Heather Maharry's desk at the Ramona campus.

### **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

### **Oregon Battle of the Books at Chapman**

Chapman students grades 3-5 will, once again, take part in the Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB). OBOB is a statewide **voluntary** reading motivation and comprehension program sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries. Our students participate in a school-wide competition to determine which team will represent our school at the OBOB regional competition in March.

Information and permission slips will go home with students. Please look for them in your child's folder or backpack. Chapman OBOB teams are led by parent volunteers. We will have an informational parent meeting on **Thursday, October 27 at 2:20 pm in the Chapman School Library.**

To learn more about Oregon Battle of the Books go to <http://oboblsta.pbworks.com>. If you have questions, ask your child's teacher or the parent coordinators, Annie Bruce ([anniemack55@hotmail.com](mailto:anniemack55@hotmail.com)) and Emily Andersen ([emander15@hotmail.com](mailto:emander15@hotmail.com)).

### **NEW! Chapman TAG Parent Group**

Parents interested in discussing, advocating and organizing to improve TAG education at Chapman are encouraged to join a new Google Group created for this purpose. If you do not have a Google account, but wish to receive updates, please email [helenshum@gmail.com](mailto:helenshum@gmail.com). Sign up here: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/chapman-tag-parents/join>

### **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**

- **Dining for Dollar\$!** Tuesday, October 18, 11:00-9:00 pm, Laughing Planet Café EcoTrust (721 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 175). DON'T BE A NO SHOW! Late start the following morning!
- **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**

#### **VOLUNTEER SURVEY**

Hello Chapman Parents!

I'm Tiffany Goldwyn, mother to Zach (4th grade) and Lilly (2nd grade). I'm the volunteer coordinator this year at Chapman. I would like to help parents get connected and volunteer at Chapman. By doing this, myself or a PTA member can contact you to answer questions you may have or help you feel more connected. It doesn't matter if you work full time, or have a limited schedule. There are a lot of opportunities at Chapman. As we all know, the more help we have, the more our students benefit. Please take the time to fill out this survey, so that we can get to know you.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQbbZ9E7mpgbVDkDpJ2Xt8heCbdViapuGioZ0JZ3xCroJGFg/viewform>

#### **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! SwiftGatsby theme. Help is always needed before and the night of the event. Please contact [veeryharper@gmail.com](mailto:veeryharper@gmail.com) to find out how you can help.
- **The Chapman Store** We're looking for an additional person to help run the Chapman Store in an absence of, or to share the shifts with, the Chapman Store Lead. Is anyone interested in running the store this month? Please contact Brigitta at [glanzb@gmail.com](mailto:glanzb@gmail.com).
- **Grandparents and Special Friends Day – October 27.** Please contact your student's teacher to offer help on this fun day. The teachers may need help organizing or running a group activity or preparing snacks.
- **Picture Retake Day, November 3, AM Ramona, PM Chapman.** We will need a couple of parents to help get the kids to and from class on Picture Retake Day. Please contact Tiffany at [tiffanydmd@hotmail.com](mailto:tiffanydmd@hotmail.com) if you are interested.
- **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.**

### Friendly House After School Program: Space still available!

Join the Friendly House community with our After School Program that has partnered with Chapman since 1982! Part- and full-time schedules, homework club, enrichment activities, healthy snacks and wonderful staff. Affordable and flexible sliding scale fees to fit your budget. Visit our [afterschool webpage](#) for more information or to sign up.

### You are invited to Friendly House's Annual Fall Lunch - Wednesday, October 19th, 12-1pm at the Multnomah Athletic Club- FREE!

Dive into the rich world of Friendly House's community work, with special focus on how we help kids grow up strong, safe, and smart in our Children's Programs. Celebrate with us and learn more about all that Friendly House has to offer. Find out how you can give back to our community by volunteering, attending events, becoming a donor and much more! RSVP by Oct. 12th with your entree choice (chicken marsala or autumn squash ravioli) to [rsvp@friendlyhouseinc.org](mailto:rsvp@friendlyhouseinc.org) or 503-228-5268.

### Support Friendly House with Jam and Chinook Books!

Each summer preschool parents, children, volunteers, staff, and board members pick donated berries from local farms and make jam in our preschool kitchen, in small batches, which we sell throughout the year to benefit the preschool program. They are for sale at the Friendly House front desk - **1 jar for \$6, 3 for \$18, or a case of 12 for \$50.** We also sell Chinook books, apps, and combo packs until the end of November. **Books are \$22, apps are \$15 and combo packs are \$30 - support local businesses and Friendly House by purchasing some - they make great gifts!**

### Preschool Openings:

Please spread the word about Friendly House Preschool - we love our program and are eager to extend the opportunity of a high-quality early education program to others! **Full scholarships are available** and we have and multiple openings for families who can pay according to our sliding scale. Any child who has turned three and is (mostly) potty-trained is eligible for our half-day program. Direct interested parties to our [preschool webpage](#).

### Stay Connected

Get more information about the latest at our school. Join us online: [FriendsOfChapman.org](http://FriendsOfChapman.org) and [Facebook](#). District policy prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, color, creed, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, and sexual orientation. BP 1.801.020. Not all outside groups comply with the District's non-discrimination policy. Families are strongly encouraged to review all materials closely.

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**Friendly House News:** After school registration for 2016-17 now open and filling fast! Sign up [online](#) – scholarships available. Announcing preschool registration for 2016-17 open on 4/15! Sign up [online](#).