



Chapman Elementary Spotlight Newsletter
October 31, 2016

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Calendar

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
11/23-11/25	No School

Principal's Message

It's that time of year again. You know, when we insist that our children dress warmly for the weather and they either ignore us or comply begrudgingly. We do take kids out for lunch recess even when it's a bit drizzly, such as today. Jackets and good shoes make a huge difference! Please label all coats, jackets, and hats so that they don't become Clothes Closet donations.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

You will have the opportunity to participate in parent-teacher conferences on Wednesday, November 9th and Thursday, November 10th. Conferences provide you with the opportunity to meet with your student's teachers and learn about your child's progress. As a parent or guardian, you are the primary educator of your student. We value your input and would like to partner with you to create a meaningful learning experience for your child. You will have the opportunity to ask questions, express your ideas, and help make plans to support your child's learning.

Because these are busy days for our teachers, please respect that each student is allotted one time slot. Except in the case of extreme circumstances, we cannot guarantee more than one conference for each student. Please make arrangements for all family members that wish to attend to come at the same time.

Children's Book Harvest

In low income neighborhoods, the ratio of books to children is just one book per 300 children! We know that to learn to read, kids need to be surrounded by books at home to read regularly with their friends and family. Thousands of young children in Portland have few or no books at home, putting them at risk of falling behind their classmates as they begin learning to read in early grades.

Please consider donating new or gently read children's books this fall for the Children's Book Harvest. Donated books can be dropped off at the collection box in the entryway of Chapman and by Heather Maharry's desk at the Ramona campus. Together we can support a lifelong love of reading.

Happy November!
Pamela Van Der Wolf

From the School Nurse

Here are some general guidelines to use in deciding if you should send your student to school:

No student with a TEMPERATURE OVER 100.5 degrees should be sent to school. The student should remain at home until fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine.

Any student with a STOMACH ACHE, DIARRHEA, or who CANNOT KEEP FOOD DOWN should be kept at home. The child should be kept at home for 24 hours AFTER the symptoms stop.

No student with a RASH should be at school. Consult your medical provider if the rash persists or if there is a fever with a rash.

No student with COLORED DRAINAGE FROM EYES OR EARS should be at school. Contact your health care provider.

Common COLD symptoms include: cough, runny nose, and sore throat are best treated at home if he/she is uncomfortable or if the symptoms interfere with classroom work. If these symptoms persist, contact your health care provider.

Medication at school:

Oregon School Board guidelines state medication necessary during school hours to keep a child in school may be given by medication trained staff. Prescription and over the counter medication (including Tylenol, cough drops, creams, eye drops, and allergy relief) must be checked in at the school health office by a parent or guardian and the Authorization for Medication Administration form completed. All products must be in their original packaging; prescription medication must have the pharmacy label affixed. It's the parent's responsibility to provide refills as needed.

Preventing illness:

The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses. Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine now. Please cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or elbow – do not use hands! Washing hands with soap and water for at least 30 seconds is the number one way to keep germs from entering our bodies.

Mary Corcoran, RN

CHAPMAN'S ANNUAL AUCTION

Buy your tickets now for Chapman's biggest fundraising event (and biggest party) of the year! Live & Silent Auctions showcasing amazing deals on trips, goods and services as well as one of a kind art by the students. Stay for the after party with music, dancing and celebrating with the Chapman community!

Want to get involved?!

- donate a bottle of wine to the wine wall (minimum \$25 value)
- donate an item!! (contact bolbeter@gmail.com)
- gather a group of friends to form a table or to create a "room table"- talk to the room parent in your child's class

- buy a golden raffle ticket! \$100 and only 99 sold. 2 winners: any live auction item OR a brand new iPad
- volunteer during the event (contact veeryharper@gmail.com)

Book Drive

The Children's Book Bank is holding a book drive to collect new and used books for children in need through Nov 10th. The children's book harvest is off to a great start, but there is still plenty of time to bring in new or used books in good condition. Donation boxes are by the main entrance of Chapman and by Heather Maharry's desk at the Ramona campus.

FALL CAMPAIGN IS ON!!

Fall Campaign - **REVISED GOAL - \$245,000** - Meeting our goal will ensure funding for Educational Assistants, Reading Results, and Enrichment Programs. **\$415/STUDENT** gets us to our goal. Your donations are needed - please go to friendsofchapman.org or contact Nici Griffith at bnqhefele@comcast.net.

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.

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) and Emily Andersen (emand15@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. 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

STAR WARS DAY is back. Saturday, Nov 12, Child's Play Toys (2305 NW Kearney St) - **15% of all sales on Star Wars Day go to Chapman!** Face painting from 10:00-12:00pm. Get your Christmas shopping started and support Chapman.

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://goo.gl/Re6ABa>

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up on November 9 and 10.** Please support our school tradition of providing dinner to our wonderful teachers on both nights. Sign up to drop off a dinner item such as an appetizer, entree, side dish, dessert, drink and more. Can't bring an item? No problem, sign up to help set up or clean up. Please use sign up form to indicate how you can help. Sign up here: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090B48ADAD29A0F49-teacher We will be serving about 25 people at the main Chapman building. Dinner is scheduled from 5 to 6 pm on both nights. Please bring your item by 4:30. (A separate sign up is happening for the Ramona campus. Please contact Emily Price at ecarter85@gmail.com.) **Thank you! Our teachers really appreciate this tradition!**

Any questions, please contact Pramela Reddi at pramela916503@gmail.com or 503-863-7308.

- **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 glanzbg@gmail.com.
- **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 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 if interested.

Friendly House

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.

Stay Connected

Get more information about the latest at our school. Join us online: FriendsofChapman.org and [Facebook](#).

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