



Chapman Elementary Spotlight Newsletter November 14, 2016

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Calendar

11/16	PTA General Meeting (6-8 pm) in the Chapman Library
11/18	SCHOOL AUCTION
11/23-11/25	No School
12/1	Wood Mural Event in the Chapman Auditorium
12/19-12/30	Winter Break

Principal's Message Post-Election Thoughts

Last week I witnessed a delightful lesson on fact and opinion for some of our youngest students. While some of them quickly understood it and were able to distinguish facts from opinions with ease, several clearly struggled. Some of the opinions were trickier than others and lead to engaged discussion between students. Other opinions lead to student dialogue over whether they agreed or disagreed with the opinion. While I witnessed this, I couldn't help but reflect on the current political scene and wonder how many adults have been engaging in civil conversations about their disagreements and beliefs.

At Chapman, we strive to be an inclusive and welcoming community that provides safety to all. We will not tolerate any form of harassment or discrimination. Each of our students bring identities, histories, stories, languages, and perspectives that are vital to our community and democracy. Now more than ever, it is vital that we embrace and expand the equity work we are doing as a staff to ensure our actions and practices are in line with our espoused beliefs around working for racial justice and the normalization of multiple perspectives. Our staff works to create healthy and vibrant communities within our classrooms that take care of each other and problem-solve together.

I hope to see everyone at Chapman's annual auction this Friday! This is a fun opportunity to come together and support all of the wonderful things that happen at Chapman.

Pamela Van Der Wolf, Principal

Counselor's Corner

Chapman Elementary School is a Safe Haven for All Students and Families

After a divisive election season we want to reassure everyone in the Chapman School Community that we are committed to creating and maintaining a safe, inclusive environment for all students and families. At Portland Public Schools, we believe in equity and the human dignity of all people and our main responsibility is to ensure the safety of our students and staff and we will continue to work hard to fulfill that responsibility to everyone in our greater community.

We strive to teach tolerance, acceptance and kindness to all people. We want to teach our student to respect people of all races, religious backgrounds, socio-economic status, political affiliations, sexual orientations, different abilities. We hope that Chapman will always feel like it is a safe haven for all children and families.

Best, Ariel Frager
Chapman School Counselor

Call for Volunteers

Now that Halloween has crossed our path, it is time to start thinking about Thanksgiving. The Chapman Outreach Committee is currently organizing for our Thanksgiving/Holiday Basket project. We are in need of parent volunteers. The tasks include:

Shopping volunteers will be given food lists. The food will need to be at Chapman by 11/20.

Packing volunteers will fill baskets on 11/21 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Baskets will be available to families on 11/21 from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

Thank you for your consideration. If you would like to serve as a volunteer please contact Stephanie Cox, scox@pps.net, 503-201-9307.

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)

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 (emander15@hotmail.com).

Updates for Box Tops for Education

Thanks to everyone who is continuing to clip the pink coupons for Chapman! A couple updates to help the processing:

- 1) Be sure to check the expiration dates on the coupons and only submit ones for 2017 and beyond.
- 2) Do not cut off the expiration date – it must be visible.
- 3) ONLY the little pink coupon (box with scissor line around it) or bonuses with coupon # on them will be accepted by General Mills. Be sure you aren't just clipping the "promotional" info on the boxes.
- 4) Visit www.boxtops4education.com for more details on products, extra coupon opportunities, and additional savings that bring money to Chapman!

Also, note that unfortunately Campbell's is discontinuing its Labels for Education program, so you no longer should submit UPC labels from Campbells, Pepperidge Farms, etc.

If you have any questions, please contact our Box Tops coordinator, kim@kopetzweb.com.

General PTA Meeting: Please join us at the first general PTA meeting of the school year **Wed, 11/16 at 6 p.m. in Chapman's library**. We have reserved the library and the auditorium. We'll start in the library but if there's too many people, we'll move to the auditorium. Also, we'll have childcare in the gym. Hope to see you on Wednesday!

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.

A huge thank you to **Child's Play** for their continued support of Chapman. 15% of all sales from last Saturday's Star Wars event will be donated to Chapman! Don't forget to check your teacher's Wish List at Child's Play for holiday gifts.

Upcoming Events

Community Event - Learn about Chapman's recently restored WPA Wood Mural, Dec. 1st 6-8pm: Join us in the Chapman Auditorium for this community educational event. Presentations by Art Historian Bonnie Lang, Restoration Artist Nina Olson and Wood Scientist Dr. Suzana Radivojevic. See the unveiling of new educational panels and a new wood marquetry auditorium sign that will accompany the mural. Appetizers and child friendly (ages 3+) activities will be provided. Learn more about this event at <https://friendsofchapmanorg.wordpress.com>.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found has been placed outside of Room 6. Please take a look and see if your family is missing anything. The Lost and Found will be out for about a week. Please stop by before or after your conference. All items with names or phone numbers have been delivered to your child, or contact has been attempted. The Lost and Found will be located in the hallway until November 15. On Tuesday November 15, all remaining clothes will be bagged, washed and then delivered to the PTA Clothing Closet. Please contact Tiffany at tiffanydmd@hotmail.com if you are willing to grab a bag of clothes on Nov. 15, wash them, re-bag, and return them to the office (place the bags outside the office).

Volunteer Opportunities

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.

Friendly House

Friendly House After School Program: Space still available!

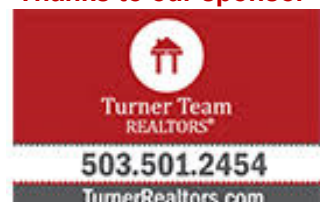
Join the Friendly House community with our After School Program that has partnered with Chapman since 1982! Part-time and full-time schedules, homework club, enrichment activities, healthy snacks and wonderful staff. Affordable and flexible sliding scale fees to fit your budget. Visit our [afterschool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

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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