



Spotlight Newsletter

CHAPMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Dear Chapman Families,

Hello, we are 5th grade guest principals. These are some ideas to keep your kid's brain active and full of hot cocoa over the upcoming winter break. In our experience students can feel behind after a long exciting break, (which can be longer if we have a snow days).

First of all, K through 5th grade students can work on reading and writing over the break. If you need a book with peppermint cocoa, we recommend the "The Land of Stories". It's humorous and exciting. Second, don't worry about P.E., if we have snow everyone will go outside!

Thank you for your attention. Hope you have a fun and chilly break!
Clair and Daisy (from Ms. William's class)

As a reminder, school will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. I hope that all of you are able to enjoy a peaceful and joyous winter break.

Successful Schools Survey

Dear PPS Families,

We invite all parents and guardians to share their experience in our schools through the Successful Schools Survey, which runs through January 17, 2017. The Successful Schools Survey is a chance to get the voices of thousands of families at once and provide results that will be shared with the community and school staff.

The survey is available to PPS parents/guardians of students at ALL grade levels in English, Chinese, Somali, Spanish, Russian and Vietnamese. It is available online in English here. Hard copies are available for downloading or at your school. The Staff and Student survey will be given out after the winter break.

Counselor's Corner

I am always on the lookout for resources and websites that I can use to support students' social emotional learning. Listed below are my new favorites.

- <http://myyoungchild.org/stories/index.htm> – online storybooks for young children related to character education and social skills
- <http://www.symbolworld.org> – interactive social skills training activities
- <http://www.do2learn.com/games/learninggames.htm> - simple learning games related to feelings
- <http://www.senteacher.org/Print> - printable feelings dominoes cards
- www.goodcharacter.com – scores of character education lesson plans
- www.cindysautisticsupport.com – a teacher-based website that is also great for parents
- www.makebeliefscomix.com – create comics that include facial expressions and body language
- www.sandbox-learning.com – customize social stories for a fee
- <http://www.behavioradvisor.com> – behavior management strategies
- <http://www.e-learningforkids.org> – offers a menu of interactive learning tools of interest to kids

I am also happy to share your favorite child-based websites with other parents.

Enjoy, Stephanie Cox, School Counselor

Upcoming Events



Thursday, January 26th 6-9:30 at the Ramona
\$30 each student. No school the next day!

Ramona Vice Principal Diana Kruger, Kindergarten Educational Assistants, and Kindergarten Teachers Mr. Melling, Ms. Forst & Ms. Davenport are hosting a pajama party at the Ramona. Enjoy a parents' night out and drop off your child. Have your child wear their PJs for a fun-filled night of arts & crafts, science experiments, storytelling, a movie, and treats!

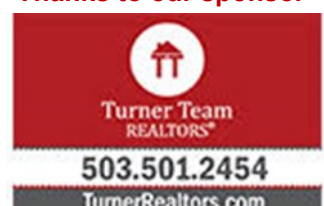
HOW TO: Make a \$30 donation per child at www.friendsofchapman.org. If you are able, please consider purchasing an additional spot to be offered as a scholarship. Email your receipt to: mollyehporter@yahoo.com to get on the list.

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