



OCKLEY GREEN FAMILY & COMMUNITY BULLETIN

January 16, 2018



Principal's Message

Hello Ockley Green Families and Community,

I hope you enjoyed the three-day weekend and were able to spend time with family and friends. Monday's holiday was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day and many of our students and staff were involved in special community events to honor his legacy.

Several Ockley Green students were recently **featured in a PPS Pulse video** where they reflected on their personal and school wide resolutions. Thank you, students, for your thoughtful words and intentions for our school! In other media news, **Ockley Green's website** has been updated with beautiful photos of our students that were taken by Ockley Green parent Kersten Green. Thank you, Kersten, for bringing forward these wonderful images! We look forward to adding more to both our website and **Facebook page**.

Don't forget that this Thursday, January 18th is our Winter Music Festival. It starts at 6:00pm in the OG Auditorium. Mr. Littledyke has been busy planning this event and the students are anxious to showcase their musical talent. We have a Late Start on Wednesday, January 17th with doors opening to school at 11:00. Finally, our Site Council Meeting is this Wednesday, at 6:00 in the OG Library. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a wonderful week,

Paula

Calendar

Jan 15 - Monday
MLK Day - No School

Jan 17 - Wednesday
Late Start

Jan 17 - Wednesday
6:00 - 7:30 pm
Site Council Meeting
(OGMS Library)

Jan 18 - Thursday
6:00 pm
OG Music Performance
(OGMS Auditorium)

Jan 27 - Saturday
10:00 am - Noon
Saturday School for 8th
Graders

Jan 29 - Monday
Teacher Planning - No School

Feb 13 - Tuesday
Family Night Basketball
Game @ Roosevelt High
School

Need to plan ahead?
**Check out the OGMS
Family Monthly Calendar**

Artist Residencies at Ockley Green

Ockley Green will soon have Artist Residencies at our school! Right Brain Artist Residencies are being planned for February and March. The residencies are coordinated by **The Right Brain Initiative** which is a program that supports students in developing their creative skills within the context of core subjects. The artists visiting Ockley Green are:

- ★ **Hand2Mouth** (8th grade)
- ★ **Darlene Solomon Rogers** (7th grade)
- ★ **Mike Yager** (6th grade)

Teacher Feature: Cory Bettinger

Name: Cory Bettinger

Number of Years at Ockley Green: 5

Subjects taught: 6th/7th Science



As many of your 6th or 7th graders will tell you, Ms. Bettinger is a stellar teacher and we're so lucky to have her at Ockley Green! Through creative assignments like "Planet Me" and "Life of a Raindrop", Ms. Bettinger knows how to make science accessible and fun.

Here's what Ms. Bettinger says about being a teacher at Ockley Green:

I enjoy teaching middle schoolers because of their creative, and uninhibited approach to problem solving.

To serve.
You only need
a heart full of grace
and a soul
generated by love.

Martin Luther King

Ockley Green is always looking for volunteers. Can you help?

Snack Program

Several parents have offered to bring in snacks to OG to help support students during the day who need a snack break. If you would like to support our Snack Program, please bring a gift card to Cash & Carry or Fred Meyer. Principal McCullough will go to the stores and purchase the snacks for students.

Saturday School Volunteers

We are always in need of volunteers at Saturday School to help support our 8th grade students as they complete work or practice on skills that will help prepare them for high school. If you are interested, please email Terri Sing, our Instructional Support Principal at tsing@pps.net. She will let you know the days and times that Saturday School will take place and how you can support.

Thank you!

My passion is teaching about earth's climate and climate change with a hands-on, solutions approach, like wiring solar panels. My students impress me daily with their wit, questions, and hard work.

I am a mother of two young girls, and enjoy sewing and gardening in my free time, which I don't really have. I love the Ockley Green community and all of the wonderful students at our school.

Other Teacher News

In other teacher news, 7th grade Social Studies and Mock Trial teacher Chris Riser recently received the 'Touching the Spirit' award from the Teaching with Purpose (TWP) organization. TWP educates, inspires and engage teachers, administrators, parents, students and community organizers across the nation about the importance and need for culturally responsive practice, and Mr. Riser received this well-deserved recognition for his effective engagement with students. Congratulations, Mr. Riser!



No Name-Calling Week

This week, Jan 16 - 19, is officially "No Name Calling Week", an event organized by K-12 educators and students to end name-calling and bullying in schools. Ockley Green will participate by providing all students and staff with an opportunity to discuss, ask questions, and pledge their support for making Ockley Green an inclusive, respectful, safe place for all students, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation. There will be students from the GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) staffing a table near the cafeteria during every lunch period next week. Students and staff are encouraged to stop by to sign

PPS Childcare Survey

Please take a moment to complete this confidential online childcare survey: [2017-18 PPS Before After Care Survey Link](#)

Your input is valuable. Survey results will be used as part of an annual program evaluation. Please complete the survey by **January 19, 2018**. If you need a paper survey, please let your child care site director know.

Questions? Contact Nancy Hauth at **503-916-3230** or nhauth@pps.net

Spanish:

Por favor tómese un momento para llenar esta encuesta confidencial, online childcare survey: [PPS La Encuesta de Cuidado Antes y Después de Clases 2017-18](#)

Sus aportes son importantes. Los resultados de la encuesta se utilizarán como parte de una evaluación anual de programas. Sírvase completar la encuesta antes de 19 de enero de 2018.

Si necesita usted una copia impresa para tomar la encuesta, hágase saber por favor al director de su guardería.

Preguntas? Contactar a Nancy Hauth al **503-916-3230** o a nhauth@pps.net

a pledge of support. Pledges will be displayed throughout the school as a visual reminder that everyone belongs at Ockley Green, and everyone can feel safe here.

For more information, teachers and parents should check out the resources available at the [Gay-Lesbian-Straight Education Network \(GLSEN\) website](#).

Healthy Celebrations at OG



Shara Anslow from the Oregon State University Extension Services has been working at Ockley Green through our PE program for the past two years. Shara teaches students about healthy eating by including them in cooking meals and snacks right here at school. Her focus moving forward is to bring an awareness of the importance for Healthy Celebrations, using USDA Dietary Guidelines to encourage use of recommended foods. Shara will be reaching out for family volunteers to help prepare healthy snacks for our school dances and other events.

Keep reading! More information re: Roosevelt High School's Family Night! ↓↓↓↓

Here are some shots of our sixth graders learning about Romeo and Juliet during the Shakespeare workshop last week.



RHS PTSA INVITES
OCKLEY GREEN MS
FAMILIES
TO
FAMILY NIGHT

TUESDAY
FEB 13
7:15 TIP OFF
BOYS VARSITY VS BENSON



Wear YOUR SCHOOL logo
or RIDER GEAR to show
your Team Spirit

Mention YOUR SCHOOL to
get FREE ADMISSION.
It's that simple.

★ JOIN US EARLIER ?
FRESHMAN - 4:00 PM
JV - 5:30 PM

SCHOOL FAMILY NIGHTS:

★ 1/16 ALL RHS CLUSTER ★
1/30 ASTOR K-8
2/13 GEORGE MS
2/13 OCKLEY GREEN MS
2/20 CESAR CHAVEZ

*OUR RIDER FAMILY LOOKS
FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!*



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