**OCKLEY GREEN FAMILY & COMMUNITY BULLETIN** 

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# Principal's Message

Hello Ockley Green Families and Community,

Last week, Mr. Littledyke's musicians, as well as our own Ockley Green rock band, 'The UnKnowns' performed for the Winter Music Festival. It was magnificent. This week we have our special student awards assembly on Friday, with our student government speaking about their roles and goals and Mr. Damon's dance students showcasing their talents. Families of award winners will be notified so that they may attend and if you are interested, please join us! The assemblies are on Friday, January 26th: 6th Grade at 2:20, 7th Grade at 2:45 and 8th grade at 3:15.

Superintendent Guadalupe Guerrero visited our school last week. He was able to visit several classrooms, the library and meet with specialists and support staff. Many students introduced themselves to him and shared their thoughts about their learning, education and time at Ockley Green. It was an honor to have him come see all the great things happening at our school.

The OG Site Council has been busy disaggregating data form the three surveys they sent out in December. Thank you to all the families who completed it. The information from you has been useful in setting some improvement goals for the future of Ockley Green. And thanks to all the families on Site Council who have helped to make this happen.

Don't forget that this Friday is the end of the first semester and next Monday, January 29th, is a planning day for teachers to work on report cards. To help you understand more about ParentVue, <u>here is some useful information</u>. Along with ParentVue information, I encourage you to check out their <u>Internet Safety Page</u> that has excellent

# Calendar

## This Week's Schedule

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### 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

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education." Martin Luther King Jr. resources regarding safe internet use, cyber-bullying and general safety online.

There is so much to celebrate at OG; our artists, readers, writers, athletes, musicians, dancers, dual language speakers, mathematicians, thinkers and scientists. Our students are amazing and everyday show up to work hard and do their best. This couldn't happen without you, our families so thank you for all you do.

Have a wonderful week!

Paula

# Google Classroom

Many of our teachers use Google Classroom. It's an excellent tool for teacher - student connections and communication. The classroom is generally



set up with the teacher adding students to the classroom and then using it as a source of communication with their students as well as a place to upload assignments. Parents often have access to the Google Classroom if the teacher has added their email. If you are having problems accessing your child's Google Classroom information, please email or call the teacher of that Google Classroom. Because they are the sole moderator of the account they are the only ones who can support.

## IXL - Academic Support and Enrichment

We are excited to offer IXL this year as a resource to support individualized learning in both math and Language Arts. After taking practice questions, IXL



Ockley Green is always looking for volunteers. Can you help? Here are some current ways to volunteer or contribute:

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.

#### **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.

#### **Fred Meyer Rewards**

Did you know that Fred Meyer will donate a percentage of your purchase to Ockley Green determines a student's strengths and areas for improvement. When they use IXL, it will target the skill areas they most need to focus on. At this point, almost all classes have created IXL accounts and are using IXL at some point during the week. IXL is also a great way for students to get some extra practice in targeted skills outside of school. Students can log into IXL at home from a computer or laptop. IXL also has an app that can be downloaded onto mobile devices.

# Teacher Feature: Amelia Cates

Many of our 8th graders have the good fortune to be taught Social Studies by Mx. Cates.



Here's a little bit about Mx. Cates and what she brings to Ockley Green:

I have been teaching for seven years. Before I was a teacher, I worked as a paraeducator in classrooms across the district and worked in fundraising for nonprofit organizations. This is my second year at Ockley Green. Before OGMS, I taught at Peninsula K-8, Sabin K-8 and King K-8.

*I love getting to know each of my students, what their interests are, what strengths they have and where they* 

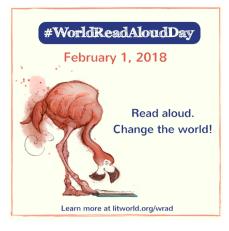
Middle School? If you have a Fred Meyer Rewards Card, you can designate OG as the school of your choice via the Fred Meyer website. It's easy! Visit the <u>Fred Meyer Community</u> <u>Rewards registration page</u>. Ockley Green's account number is 88181. Our PTA will use these funds as a source to help pay for field trips, buses, 8th grade graduation, school dances, teacher mini-grants and supplies, the school garden and more!

Thank you!

want to grow. I am passionate about teaching early United States history because it provides a space for students to see their lives in the context of our collective history and to understand the experience of others both similar and different from them. I enjoy the moments when something silly happens and we get to laugh about it. Every day students inspire me to show up as my best self as much as possible and this is the greatest gift to me.

# World Read Aloud Day

Ockley Green is celebrating World Read Aloud Day on February 1st! Language Arts teachers will have snacks and will be celebrating favorite picture books. If you are able to volunteer and read a favorite picture



book out loud, please contact your student's Language Arts teacher about the best time to come and share a book.

# SUN Community at Ockley Green

SUN Community Schools offer opportunities that support healthy child and youth development and family stability. Here are some of the SUN community events at Ockley Green. Please contact Joyce Olivo for more information at joyceo@selfenhancement.org

Winter Term Jan 8 - March 8 SUN School Showcase Wednesday, March 7, 2017 OG Auditorium Adult Hip Hop Class Tuesday 6p-7p Dance Studio Adult Yoga Class Wednesday 6p-7p Dance Studio Tutoring/Homework Help Tues & Thurs 12p-1p SUN Room 152 (Portables) Mon-Thurs 3:45p-5:30p Cafeteria

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

# RHS PTSA INVITES OCKLEY GREEN MS FAMILIES TO **FAMILY NIGHT** TUESDAY FEB 13 7:15 TIP OFF

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

Mention YOUR SCHOOL to **± 1/** get FREE ADMISSION. It's that simple. **2/**1

OUR RIDER FAMILY LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING YOU! ★ 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

**Roosevelt High School**