



OCKLEY GREEN FAMILY & COMMUNITY BULLETIN

February 20, 2018



Principal's Message

Dear Ockley Green Families and Community,

Just when we thought we could put our winter coats away, snow returns to Portland and it looks like the cold weather is here for at least this week. Please check the [PPS website](#) for updates, or get text messages instantly about school closures, delayed starts and other important safety notifications by texting "YES" to 68453.

Superintendent Guadalupe Guerrero and Director of PPS Security Services George Weatheroy sent emails last week to families, sharing grief and safety systems in the wake of the tragedies that unfolded at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, in Parkdale Florida. I know that events such as these can trigger many feelings for our students, including concern for their own safety.

To that end, I want to reiterate that Ockley Green has a team of specialized staff to support students for a variety of needs. They are our counselors, Ms. Jillian Stone and Mr. Brian Meyer, our Restorative Justice coordinator Ms. Keela Tillery, our school psychologist Ms. Gloria Ortiz and our School Climate Specialist, Ms. Tracey Briggs. For their support services, please [email the staff directly](#), contact the main office, or contact me at pmccull@pps.net.

The next time you are on campus, please notice the incredible artwork & mosaic-style murals our students have created as posters for Black History Month as well as for Stop Bullying Awareness, displayed along the main hallway. Thank-you to our art teacher Ms. Archer, for bringing our student's work forward for all of us to admire and contemplate.

Have a wonderful week,
Paula

Calendar

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday~ A ~ Regular Schedule
 Wednesday~ B ~ Regular Schedule
 Thursday~ A ~ Regular Schedule
 Friday~ B ~ Assembly Schedule

February is Black History Month. For events, visit [First Annual Black History Festival NW](#).

Feb 21 - Wednesday
Late Opening

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Site Council Meeting
6-7:30 pm OG Library

March 6 - Tuesday
Music Program Parent
Booster Group Meeting
6:30 pm Music Room

March 7 - Wednesday
SUN School Showcase
OG Auditorium

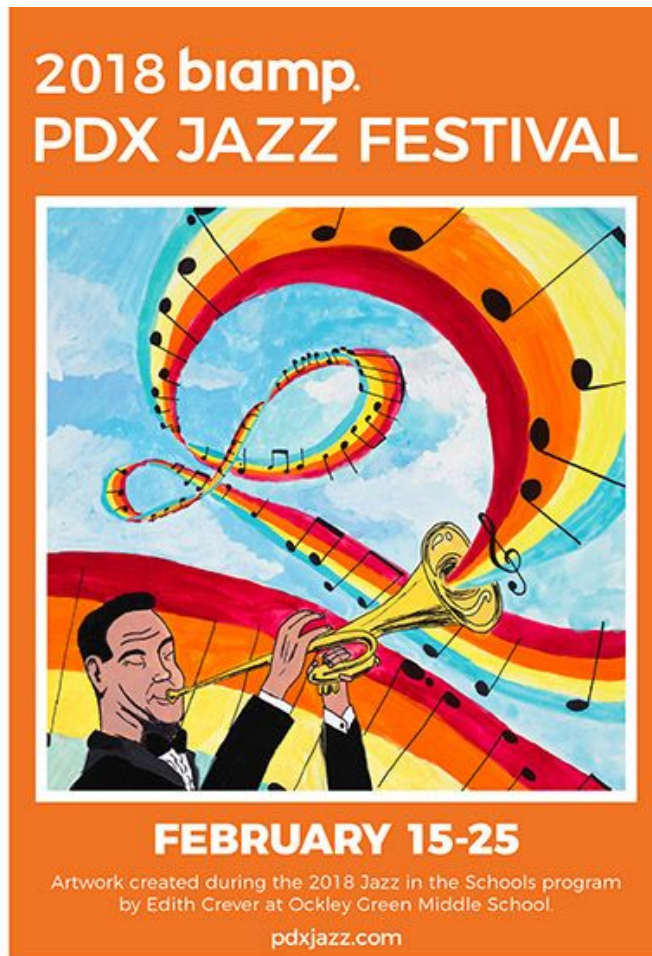
March 8 - Thursday
PTA Meeting
6:00 pm OG Library

March 15 - Thursday
Parent & Family Night
6:00 - 7:30 OG Auditorium

Need to plan ahead?
[Check out the OGMS Student & Family Handbook & Calendar](#)

Congratulations to 8th Grade Student Artist Edith Crever!

Be sure to congratulate Edith Crever for being chosen as the **PDX Jazz in the Schools** winner for her artwork!



PDX Jazz held an exhibition at the Portland Art Museum in celebration of their “Jazz in the Schools” education outreach program. Over 150 judges from the Portland jazz community chose the most outstanding art created during this year’s program. **Ockley Green’s own Edith Crever’s art was chosen as the Grand Prize Winner!** Her brilliant work (see above) is now the commemorative poster of the 2018 Biamp PDX Jazz Festival, and is the very first student-inspired PDX Jazz Festival poster.



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

Chinese New Year Celebration

Led by Ockley Green Mandarin teacher Annie Sun, OG students performed in a Chinese New Year Celebration called 12 Zodiac Animals. Their performance included singing, dancing, and rap, and made for a very entertaining show!



will donate a percentage of your purchase to Ockley Green 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 [Fred Meyer Community Rewards registration page](#). 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!

Outdoor School



Ockley Green 6th grade teachers are now planning for this spring's [Outdoor School Program](#), a five day camp where all sixth grade students can learn firsthand about natural science.

Students will attend Outdoor School with their first period teachers over two weeks. If students have electives first period, most will go with Ms. Bettinger; Mr. Heeney will be taking Mr. Tinkham's first period class. Below is a list of locations and dates:

Week 1: Sunday April 29th-Friday May 4th
Mr. Decker: Angelos/Sandy River

Ms. Arredondo: Arrah Wanna
Ms. Bettinger : Howard
Ms. Caldwell: Canby Grove

Week 2: Sunday May 6th- Friday May 11

Ms. Mann: Arrah Wanna
Ms. Halbig: Namanu
Mr. Heeney: Angelos/ Sandy River

Please reach out to **Ms. Bettinger** or your child's first period teacher with questions, and keep your eyes out for information coming home. The **MESD Outdoor School** website has more information, and there will be a family open house for all sites on Wednesday, April 4th from 5-7 pm. Your student will bring home a blue information sheet about this event in the next few weeks.

TAG/SBAC Waivers

The TAG Department has transitioned to using Smarter Balanced (SBAC) scores for students in 3rd grade and higher who are interested in testing for academic achievement in reading and math. If families choose to opt out of SBAC in spring 2018, their students will not be eligible for TAG nomination in those two categories in fall 2018. Please keep this in mind if you choose to complete a waiver for this spring. The next time a student can be nominated for TAG is next fall.

If you have any questions, please contact Ockley Green's TAG facilitator, **Amanda Graham**. Thank you!

Neighborhood Safety Project

Following is a message from the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT):

PBOT is planning a new traffic safety and access project in your neighborhood, and we want to hear from the Ockley Green School community. We will be hosting a listening and learning open house on **Tuesday, February 27** at the MLK Jr. School library (4906 NE 6th Ave).

Drop-in at any time between 5-7pm!

The project will improve conditions for bicycling and walking between the Lloyd District and Woodlawn neighborhood, and provide a safe option for people accessing MLK Jr. Blvd. Project elements include slowing traffic speeds, reducing traffic volumes, upgrading crossings of busy streets, and creating new connections to existing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. For more information about this project, visit the [Lloyd to Woodlawn website](#).

Do you like pizza?



Ockley Green is having a Dough for Dollars School Fundraiser with Pizzicato Pizza! Please see the [attached order form](#) and [menu](#). Here's how it works:

Pre-order your pizza (and salads!) by Noon on Thursday, March 1st by **returning the order form to the PTA lockbox** in the office. You can pay by including a check with [your order form](#) or by credit card [via PayPal here](#). If you pay with a credit card, **be sure to drop off your order form in the PTA lockbox or email it to lisamae23@gmail.com**.

All of the pizzas will be par-baked and the salads will have dressing on the side. You can also order gift cards.

Pick up your pizza order at school on Tuesday, March 6th between 3:30 and 5:30 pm.. Look for the signs directing you to a pizza pick up table.

Please tell their friends and neighbors about this fundraiser, anyone can make an order! All sales all day count towards Ockley Green's shared revenue.

Other Upcoming Events

Monthly Awards Assembly

Friday, February 23rd - Please join us for our Monthly Awards Assembly honoring our students and lead by our OG Student Government. Assembly times: 8th grade 2:00-2:30, 7th grade 2:35-3:05, 6th grade 3:10-3:40.

Fifth Graders Visit OG

Friday, March 9th - 10 am - Noon - OG feeder school students will visit OG with their teachers and school counselors. They will visit 6th grade classrooms, elective classrooms and get a tour of the building with the 8th Grade Dragon Leaders, our peer mentor team. Students will also watch a performance of the band and dance groups in the auditorium. They will finish their day by having lunch in the cafeteria.

Family Night at OG

Please join us for Family Night at Ockley Green on Thursday, March 15th from 6 - 7:30 pm. Topics will include raising a teen in the 21st century, how to address cyberbullying and presentations from ACT (Adolescents and Communities Together) and PPS's counseling department. More information in next week's newsletter.

Upcoming Music Performances (Volunteers Needed)

PPS Middle School Band Festival/Field Trip to Wilson High School

Thursday, March 8th from 9:30am to 3:00pm

St. John's Parade (meet at Roosevelt High School field)

Saturday, May 12th starting at about 9-10am

Spring Music Concert at Ockley Green Auditorium

Thursday, May 31st at 6:00pm

Oaks Park Performance (tentative):
Saturday in late May or early June

Jr. Rose Parade (tentative):
Wednesday, June 6th during school day

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

SUN School Showcase

Wednesday, March 7, 2017

OG Auditorium

Adult Hip Hop Class

Tuesday 6 pm -7 pm

Dance Studio

Adult Yoga Class

Wednesday 6 pm -7 pm

Dance Studio

Tutoring/Homework Help

Tues & Thurs Noon - 1 pm SUN Room 152 (Portables)

Mon-Thurs 3:45 pm - 5:30 pm Cafeteria
