



OCKLEY GREEN FAMILY & COMMUNITY BULLETIN

February 26, 2018



Principal's Message

Dear Ockley Green Families and Community,

I am resending last week's newsletter with some calendar updates due to the cancellations or shortening of school days due to inclement weather. Most importantly, the Ockley Green Site Council is meeting this Wednesday, February 28th at 6:00 pm in the OG library. Karl Logan, Sr. Director for the Jefferson Cluster will join the meeting. The Student Awards Assembly has been moved to this Friday, March 2nd in the auditorium. The grade level times for presentations are: 8th grade 2 -2:30, 7th grade 2:35-3:05, 6th grade 3:10-3:40. We'd love to have you join us.

Two important updates from last week included in this week's newsletter is the information about the 6th grade Outdoor School experience with dates for individual classrooms and the Pizzicato Fundraiser for Ockley Green on March 6th. Thank-you to parent, Lisa Belt who has offered to organize the fundraiser to support our students and community with funds needed for field trips, dances, school events, grounds projects and other non-curricular items that schools often cannot afford. She has included the menu, order form and various ways to pay in the links. There are paper copies in the main office. What a great way to support Ockley Green!

Finally, staff at OG have a need for a few supplies at school, namely, tissues and pencils. If you are able to help out with either of these products, please bring them to the front office. Thank-you!

Have a wonderful week,
Paula

Calendar

This Week's Schedule

Monday ~ B ~ Regular 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 28 - Wednesday
 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

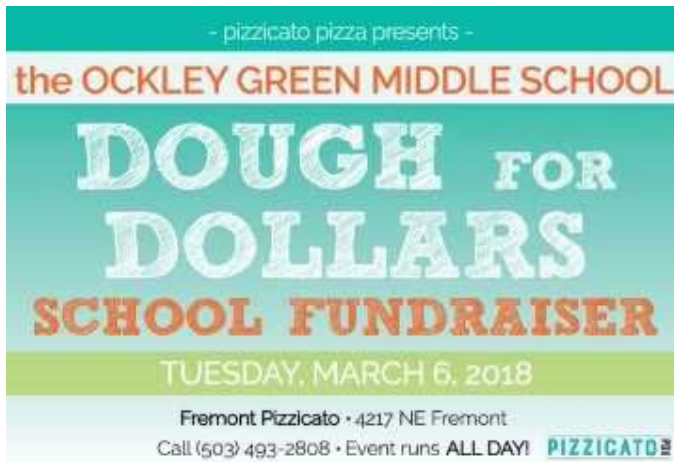
March 8 - Thursday
 PTA Meeting
 6:00 pm OG Library

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

March 26 - March 30
 SPRING BREAK

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

Do you like pizza?



Pizzicato Dough for Dollars/Shared Revenue Fundraiser Day is Tuesday, March 6th

The Fremont Pizzicato location (4217 NW Fremont) will donate 20% of their sales from the whole day to Ockley Green! It's a great way to earn some money for the school. Tell your friends and neighbors! Bring the family over for dinner! Buy pizza for the office lunch!

If you can't make it to Pizzicato that day, it's no problem. You can order a par-baked pizza and/or salads and 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.

To pre-order, use the Pizzicato [menu](#) to help you decide. Then pre-order your pizza (and salads!) by noon this Thursday, March 1st by **returning your order form to the PTA lockbox** in the office or emailing it to lisamae23@gmail.com. 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.**

If you don't want pizza that day, that's no problem either because you can also buy giftcards with the attached form and pick them up at the school on the 6th. It all counts towards Ockley Green!



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.

You can also pick up a paper version of the pre-order form in the office and fill it out by hand, and drop it with payment in the PTA lockbox.

ORDERS MUST BE PLACE BY NOON THIS THURSDAY, 3/1/18.

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

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!

Fred Meyer Rewards

Did you know that Fred Meyer 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!

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PDX JAZZ FESTIVAL**

FEBRUARY 15-25

Artwork created during the 2018 Jazz in the Schools program by Edith Crever at Ockley Green Middle School.

pdxjazz.com

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.

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!



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](#).

Other Upcoming Events

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
