



Principal's Message

Dear Ockley Green Families and Community,

This newsletter is full of information for our families that directly reflects the wonderful programs we have at OG. Our OG band will be participating in the Middle School Band Festival at Wilson High School this Thursday and our Chess Team has been asked to attend the State Tournament at the Oregon Convention Center on March 9th. Thank-you Mr. Littleddyke, Mr. Matsen for bringing these excellent opportunities to our students and the Ockley Green families who support both of these programs. Good luck! We will be cheering for you!

There is information about our next Lockdown drill, on Monday, March 12th included as well. The safety and security of our students is our highest priority. As you recall families received an email from George Weatheroy, Director of Security at PPS on February 15th. I want to include a portion of it here and to reiterate the importance of our students and families informing us when they perceive a safety or security concern whether at school, online via social media channels or outside of school. The Safe Oregon Tip Line is not only for students, but for families as well.

He stated: "PPS has made a number of security investments in our schools that include improved communications, installation of access control and video surveillance systems and an increased number of Campus Security Agents. These safety investments on our campuses will continue with the 2017 bond money. In addition, all of our emergency procedures are analyzed every year for national best practice review. PPS promotes a culture of safety by encouraging and empowering our students to report anything that makes them feel unsafe. Students can report concerns anonymously to the SafeOregon Tip Line, talk to a trusted

Calendar

This Week's Schedule

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

March 6 - Tuesday

Music Program Parent
Booster Group Meeting
6:30 pm Music Room

March 7 - Wednesday

SUN School Showcase
OG Auditorium 5:30

March 8 - Thursday

PTA Meeting
6:00 pm OG Library

March 15 - Thursday

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

March 21 - Wednesday

Site Council Meeting
6:00 pm OG Library

March 26 - March 30

SPRING BREAK

Need to plan ahead?

[Check out the OGMS
Student & Family
Handbook & Calendar](#)

adult, call the Multnomah County Call Center at 503-988-4888 or 911.”

Ockley Green students are privileged to have the use of electronic resources in classrooms across the building. In this newsletter we are sharing with you the agreement students will sign about taking care of and using responsibly this equipment. Thank-you to our Media Specialist and Librarian, Amanda Graham for monitoring the use of our Chromebooks and learning devices. Please review this with your students.

And lastly, the academic success of our students hinges on many factors, and developing strong literacy skills is one. Our creative and talented language arts department has included a letter to our families about the importance of reading at the middle school level and what they are doing in their classrooms to support this development. Please take time to read this letter.

I saw sunshine this weekend and hope this means we have turned the corner with warmer weather ahead. The next few weeks will be busy as we lead up to Spring Break and I will do my best to keep you informed and updated.

Have a wonderful week,
Paula

Pizzicato Fundraiser is March 6th!

The Fremont **Pizzicato Pizza** 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 you friends and neighbors! Bring the family over for dinner! Buy pizza for the office lunch! The sales money goes to the PTA to provide funds for student activities and class projects.



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

New Volunteer Opps!!

Yearbook

Ockley Green needs a volunteer to lead/take on the responsibilities for the publication of the yearbook this year! There will be support from LifeTouch (the company who does our student photos) with layout, but we also need a volunteer leader for this important publication. Please contact **Jane Harold** if you can help.

Photo Installation Assistance

Let's turn the OG hallway into a gallery celebrating the kids! OG parent Kersten Green has **taken some beautiful photos of students** and made poster sized prints. We want to put them up in the hallway but need assistance with either framing or mounting them and also installing them. Do you have connections to a framing store or know how to get these photos

Latino Student Union



Ockley Green's Latino Student Union have established the following goals:

- To provide a safe supportive space for OG Latino students
- To inform members of relevant issues, such as DACA, community gatherings, community issues
- To share and maintain connections, ethnic homelands, and heritage
- Education: to focus on HS completion and university options for Latino students

These are excellent goals, LSU! Special thanks to Counselor Brian Meyer and 7th Grade Dual-Language Immersion teacher Sarah Gonzalez, the educators in the building who are supporting their work.

PPS Spelling Contest

OG students will be participating in a spelling contest sponsored by [Oregon Spellers](#) and the PPS TAG

Department this March. All students are invited to participate!



mounted inexpensively? Please contact [Kersten Green](#) if you can help.

OG Website

Are you good with website organization? The OG website could use an overhaul, and the staff could use some parent expertise to help make some improvements. Do you have these skills to offer? Please contact [Jane Harold](#) if you can 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.

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!

This is meant to be a fun series of events. Studying and/or preparing ahead of time is not required. Students will participate in a written spelling contest within their classrooms, then classroom winners will go on to compete at the building level, also with a written contest. Ockley Green will send one winner on to the district level contest, held April 7th, 2018. Ultimately, the district will produce one winner at the 6-8 level who will compete at the state contest held at the Oregon State Fair in Salem, Oregon in September 2018. Happy Spelling! Please direct any questions to [Amanda Graham](#).

OG Band & Chess Team News

On Thursday, March 8th over 40 members of the Ockley Green band will attend the PPS Middle School Band Festival at Wilson High School. Thank you to Mr. Littledyke & good luck to the band - they're representing Ockley Green music after years without a program!

And on Friday, March 9th, Ockley Green's chess team will head to the [51st Annual Chess for Success Oregon State Tournament](#) at the Oregon Convention Center. Go team!

Safety at Ockley Green

As part of the District's multi-hazard plan, schools are required to conduct two lockdown drills each academic year in fall and spring. Our second lockdown drill of the year will happen this month. On Monday, March 12 at 10:00 AM we will conduct an announced lock down drill. A lockdown is put into action when there is an immediate threat inside our building.

During a lockdown drill we practice/review the following procedures:

Teachers immediately bring students into the classroom and:

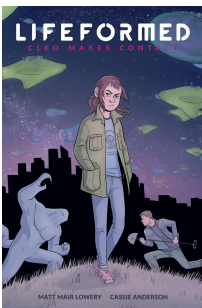
- lock the door
- cover interior windows
- turn out lights
- move students away from the line of sight
- maintain silence
- take attendance
- wait for First Responders to open the door

If students and staff are outside they are to evacuate the campus and find a safe location away from the school. Even if someone comes over the loudspeaker, knocks at a door, makes a phone call to rooms that students can leave the classroom, students and staff shall remain in lockdown only until a First Responder unlocks the door with a key to evacuate the building. In the event the fire alarm sounds during a lockdown the adults in the room are asked to determine if there is any immediate danger if they remain in the classroom or evacuate.

Chromebooks Agreement

We are thankful to have many Chromebooks to share throughout the school so that students can engage in 21st century digital skills. This allows our students to have access to resources and supports in all their classrooms. To that end, teachers will be reviewing Chromebook expectations with all of their students and asking them to sign the **OG Chromebook Agreement** as a way to improve our school-wide use of technology.

Author & Illustrator Visit



On March 15th, author Matt Mair Lowery and illustrator Cassie Anderson, creators of **Lifeformed: Cleo Makes Contact**, are visiting 7th grade LA classes. If you would like to purchase a copy, please email **Amanda Graham** for details. Students love this graphic novel, and we're excited to host Matt and Cassie!

Building A Strong Reading Culture at OG

Our Language Arts team has put a strong emphasis on developing a culture of reading at our school this year. Please read this letter



([in English](#) and [in Spanish](#)) from the Ockley Green 6-8 Language Arts team on how to help support reading achievement for your student(s).

Compacted Math Performance Task - 6th Grade

OG 6th graders will be given the Compacted Math Performance Task between February 20 and March 6th. [Please read this letter](#) for more information regarding math placement for next year.

School Community Meetings

Have you been curious about the OG PTA and Site Council but haven't had a chance to attend a meeting? It's not too late! Please consider joining these important committees.

PTA - The next PTA meeting is this week! Thursday, March 8th at 6 pm in the library. Assistant Principal David Jamison will attend to introduce himself and talk about the spring testing coming up. Also on the agenda - teacher appreciation week which is the first week in May.

Site Council - The next Site Council meeting is Wednesday, March 21st at 6 pm in the library. You can view the recent [Site Council meeting notes here](#).

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
