



OCKLEY GREEN FAMILY & COMMUNITY BULLETIN

January 8, 2018



Principal's Message

Hello Ockley Green Families and Community,

The first week back after Winter Break at OG was fast and busy. Students are in the midst of taking their winter benchmark assessments in Language Arts and Math. Both assessments provide teachers with information about how your student is progressing in the subject area and how best to meet their needs in the classroom.

Mr. Jamieson has been busy getting the second semester schedule prepared. All students will complete a survey to choose electives for the second half of the year. The survey will be given at school in the next few weeks.

Congratulations are in order to our new OG Student Government. The week before Winter Break the OG student body elected the following students to these positions:

President: Xavier Simpson

Vice President: Dahki Davis

Public Relations 6th Grade: Crystal Roberts

Public Relations 7th Grade: Samantha Cotton

Public Relations 8th Grade: Sonia Nath

Secretary: Honis Andrews

Treasurer: Quincy Kapsch

Thank-you to Ms. Sawyer, our 7th grade Science teacher, for coordinating the event. We look forward to our student's voices, input and creative ideas to help us move Ockley Green forward.

Calendar

Jan 11 - Thursday

6:30 pm
PTA Meeting
(OGMS Library)

Jan 15 - Monday

MLK Day - No School

Jan 17 - Wednesday

Late Start

Jan 17 - Wednesday

Site Council Meeting
(OGMS Library)

Jan 18 - Thursday

6:00 pm
OG Music Performance
(OGMS Auditorium)

Jan. 29 - Monday

Teacher Planning - No School

Need to plan ahead?

**[Check out the OGMS
Family Monthly Calendar](#)**

Don't forget that next Monday is the holiday to honor Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. and there is no school.

Have a wonderful week,

Paula

SlamBoo!

Did you know there's a poetry program at OG!?

SlamBoo is a performance poetry program for middle school students throughout the Portland area. Each participating school has an elective or after school class that meets to write and share poetry as a team. Ockley Green's core group is led by Mr. Riser and meets most Thursdays from 4:00-5:30. **OG students can sign up at any time through SUN School.**

Participating schools gather once a month during the SlamBoo season, likely from February through May this year. Two events are hosted at two participating schools, where students are put in small mixed groups with kids from the other schools and given 45 minutes to write and practice a poem to be performed with the other groups. After each group performs, everyone shares a meal together before heading home.

Another event is usually hosted by Marylhurst (a SlamBoo partner organization), with a similar format. Lastly, a final grand slam event is hosted in a large auditorium space (Jefferson HS last year), and is judged by recognized members of the community.



This is what parents who recently volunteered at Ockley Green had to say:

"It was so much fun to volunteer today and see faces that I haven't seen in a while."

"It was so fun! I'm thinking of volunteering again tomorrow, if its still needed!"

Can you help?

Our garden educator Zoe Dawson is looking for volunteers on Monday Jan. 8th from 11:30-1:30 to help assemble a new shed for the garden! Please come to the garden at 11:30 if you are available!

We are seeking donations of large, old shirts for students to use as painting smocks while painting their lockers as part of a large-scale art project. Donations can be brought to the front office.

Shakespeare in the Classroom

The Original Practice Shakespeare Festival (**OPSFest**) will be visiting some of the Language Arts classrooms at OG this week! OPSFest is a small performing arts organization dedicated to bringing Shakespeare to a wide variety of audiences. OPSFest introduces Shakespeare to diverse audiences by bringing an immediate freshness to these classic texts, along with significant audience interaction.



This year OPSFest's school program includes an emphasis on social justice. Using the script of "Romeo and Juliet" in combination with techniques from Augusto Boal's Theatre of the Oppressed, the actors will work with students around

the social issues that come up in the play. This three-part workshop will be done with a combination of theatre games, discussion, performance, and students' direct involvement in critical problem solving to rework the dynamics in the play.

School Garden Project

Very exciting update about our school garden! Last fall the Ockley Green school garden received a thorough clean up, and a new tool shed is



being installed. Starting in January, Ockley Green students will be able to engage in their school garden during one lunch hour each week. Thanks to funding

from East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, garden educator Zoe Dawson will be on hand to engage students in garden projects during lunch time. New edible and native plants will be planted in the garden during winter and spring. The garden will also be available to teachers interested in taking their classes into garden.


