

THE LION'S PRIDE

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JAMES JOHN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A Note from Ms. Ragaisis,

The annual report card issued by the Oregon Department of Education includes several elements that contribute to a full picture of our school. It describes the diversity of our student body, our enrollment trend and our average class size. It also explains how our students are performing in comparison to other schools and whether our students are making sufficient progress over time.

Finally, the report card describes the academic program at our schools. The academic achievement presented in this report is based on the Smarter Balanced Assessments administered for the first time this year. This first year is a baseline year for the new tests. The tests assess student learning on the Common Core standards that have been adopted in Oregon. The Common Core standards are more rigorous than prior standards. This change means this year's new tests are harder than tests in the past. When the bar is raised, it is common for the percent of proficient students to appear to fall when compared to earlier used assessments like OAKS. With time and support, students can and will meet this higher bar and be better prepared. Because this is a baseline year for the new tests, the Oregon Department of Education is not providing ratings on the report card this year. The state uses this report card to focus its support for schools and to inform education policy. I use it as a key guide for understanding our school's strengths and also the areas where we need to improve. I welcome your questions and comments about our report card and also your involvement in how we can make our school even stronger.

GO LIONS!

Much respect;

Samantha Ragaisis
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2015

- 5th - James John grounds clean up
9:00 – 11:00
- 8th - Burgerville Night
@ 5:00 – 8:00
- 15th – Evening Musical
3rd Graders perform @ 6:00
- 15th - PTA Meeting
6:00 – 7:00
- 16th - late opening
@ 10:00
- 21st-Jan. 1st – Winter Break
building closed

January 2016

- 6th - Walk To School Day
7:45 @ Community Center
- 8th - Spirit Day
Mittens & Gloves Day
- 11th – Vision & Hearing Screening
vision screening – Kdg., 1st, 3rd & 5th
hearing screening – Kdg. & 1st
- 11th – SUN School begins

November

Pride of The Pride Winners

Ariana Hernandez Hernandez
Carlivan Francisco Felipe
Donavin Saldana
Romie Manuel Francisco
Ruby Ferrusca Mendoza
Rufo Wako

Antibiotics are not always the answer

- Antibiotics are used to treat bacterial infections. When your child is sick with a cough, sore throat or cold he or she probably has a virus.
- Common viral infections such as coughs, sore throats or colds cannot be cured by taking antibiotics.
- When your child recovers from a common viral infection, it is because his or her body fights the illness on its own.
- Using antibiotics when they are not needed can harm your child.
- Hand washing is the single best way to prevent the spread of illness.

Commonly asked questions:

My child has had a cough on and off for a long time. Shouldn't my child get antibiotics to get rid of this?

Children can have up to eight viral cough illnesses each year, and the cough and runny nose commonly last one to two week each time. Being sick on and off for a long time doesn't necessarily mean that he or she has a bacterial infection needing antibiotics.

If mucus from the nose changes from clear to yellow or green, does this mean that my child needs antibiotics?

Yellow or green mucus does not mean that your child has a bacterial infection. It is normal for the mucus to get thick and change color during a viral cold.

Should I ever give my child antibiotics?

Antibiotics are very important medicines for treating infections caused by bacteria. If an antibiotic is prescribed, make sure you give your child the entire course and never save antibiotics for later use.

How do I know if my child's illness is caused by bacteria or a virus?

If you think that your child might need treatment, you should contact your doctor or health care provider for a diagnosis. But remember, colds are caused by viruses and should not be treated with antibiotics.

From the Office of Disease Prevention and Epidemiology, Oregon Health Division.

News from the Parent Group

The Book Fair will run Monday 12/7-Thursday 12/10. We are still in need of at least 2 volunteers for both morning shifts (7:45-8:15) and afternoons (1:45-4:00). On Wednesday we will be open after school until 7:30 so we will need multiple people for 1-2 hour shifts. If you are able to help please contact Christine at jamesjohnvolunteer@gmail.com or let Ms. Rolfe know.

Tuesday 12/8 we have Parent Coffee Talk after drop off in the community room until 9 am. Stop in and grab some treats and say hi to fellow families. Tuesday is also Burgerville Night from 5:00-8:00pm.

Stop on by and leave the cooking to Burgerville! If you purchased Poinsettias' they will be available for pick-up Tuesday after school.

If you are available to help offload them from the delivery truck we could use your help at 11:30 and maybe a few more after school to help hand them out. Let Christine know if you are available.

Tuesday 12/15 is our next PTA meeting at 6:00. Dinner and childcare will be provided. We hope to see you there.

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