



Chapman Elementary Spotlight Newsletter
September 19, 2016

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Calendar

9/20	Picture Day (1 st - 3 rd Grades)
9/20	Dining Out Night at North45
9/21	Late Opening (10 am); Picture Day (4 th and 5 th Grades)
9/21	Community Meeting @ the Ramona regarding Pile Driving
9/22	Picture Day at the Ramona
9/22	PTA Clothing Closet
9/27	Apple Tasting in the Art Room
10/3-10/7	Book Fair!
10/6	TAG Information Session
10/7	Principal's Coffee
10/14	NO SCHOOL (Teacher In-Service Day)
10/19	Late Opening (10 am)

Principal's Message

Welcome to Fall 2016! With the cooler weather and the threat of rain, please remember to dress your child in layers and label their clothing. Cooler grey weather in the morning often turns to sunny and warm temperatures by the afternoon. Jackets and sweaters will definitely end up in the lost and found, but we will try to locate the owner if a name is somewhere visible.

Thank you to all for your patience and understanding with our new dismissal procedures at the main Chapman campus. As explained at Back to School Night, we have changed our dismissal procedures to ensure the safety of students. We are asking families to not enter the building to pick up students until the bell rings at 2:15. If a student needs to be picked up early, please come in to the office and we can call them down. Before 2:15, all adults entering the building MUST come in to the office to sign in as a visitor or volunteer. If you see an adult in the building without a name badge or visitor badge, please direct them to the office or let a staff member know.

In addition, we are also keeping all doors locked throughout the day except for the middle door of our front doors. (This is the door with the greatest visibility on our security camera.) Please do not let anyone in from the side doors. I know this can seem uncomfortable, but we need to have security footage of everyone who enters our building during the day.

Teachers have reported that the hallways are much quieter and less crowded since we have implemented this new practice. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

Several PPS staff members as well as a Kindergarten parent and members of the Noise Review Board (including an acoustical engineer) met with the president of Hoyt Street Properties to discuss the upcoming construction near the Ramona. We discussed the potential impact of pile driving on young students and the feasibility of various sound mitigation strategies. We will continue to explore these ideas, as well as look at other possibilities to reduce the impact on our students throughout the coming weeks. Contact Molly Porter at mollyehporter@yahoo.com for more information on how to get involved in PTA efforts.

Sincerely, Pamela Van Der Wolf
Principal

Counselor's Corner

As we embark on this exciting new school year, it may be helpful to review how your school counselors can help to support student success. Listed below is a list of many of the ways in which we can help. The list is not exhaustive, but rather it provides a sampling of counselor roles and responsibilities. Feel free to contact Ariel Frager or Stephanie Cox anytime to discuss your child's needs.

Guidance Lesson Themes

Academic support (organizational, study and test-taking skills)
Goals setting and decision-making
Career awareness
Concepts related to understanding self and others
Peer relationships, coping strategies and social skills
Communication, problem-solving and conflict resolution
Concepts related to diversity
Building upon strengths and weaknesses
Developmental transitions (kindergarten, middle school)

Responsive Services

Individual and small group counseling
Consultation and collaboration with students, staff and families
Provide parent education opportunities
Referrals to community resources
Provide leadership opportunities for students

System Support

Provide professional development to school staff
Grade level team participation
Collect data, develop and facilitate the school counseling program
Arrange for guest speakers
Identify at-risk students and implement interventions
Support school climate
Develop behavior management plans

For more about the world of school counseling check out <https://www.schoolcounselor.org/>
Ariel and Stephanie look forward to working with you.

Here's to a great school year,
Stephanie Cox
School Counselor

COMMUNITY MEETING REGARDING PILE DRIVING @ THE RAMONA

It has come to our attention that Hoyt Street Properties is planning on using the impact hammer for pile driving on the vacant lot on NW 11th & Pettygrove, just a block away from the Ramona Campus and the Fields Park, where recess is conducted twice daily. The Chapman PTA and Administration are working with local neighborhood advocates to fight this but we need your help! Please attend the Community Meeting at the Ramona on Wednesday September 21 at 6 pm!

FALL CAMPAIGN IS ON!!

Our goal is \$230,000 - one-time and monthly donations are accepted. Many companies provide matching donations, please check with your employer. Funds raised are used to provide educational assistants, classroom enrichment opportunities and special projects. Donations can be made online at www.FriendsofChapman.org or turned into the office. Contact Nici Griffith at bnqhefele@comcast.net for more information.

Slabtown - New Seasons Market has voted in **Chapman Education Foundation** as one of our three Bag it Forward partners. Starting on August 10th, customers receiving a 5¢ reusable bag refund can choose to donate their refund to an organization that aligns with our three charitable giving focus areas: hunger relief, environmental conservation and supporting K – 12 schools. In addition, their current Kids for Cans program takes 100% of the proceeds from refundable cans and bottles donated to your local New Seasons store and gives them to the Neighborhood Schools Foundations! Last year \$59,584.00 was raised!!

Upcoming Events

- **Swift Pizza Nights-Friday and Saturday Nights in September**
The Swift migration has begun! Support Chapman PTA by purchasing pizza, Chapman t-shirts and drinks while you and your family watch the Swifts spiral into the school chimney. 100% of the proceeds support Chapman school! Pizza sales happen every FRIDAY and SATURDAY night in the month of September! Contact Christian at christian@mustreed.com if you want to help or if you would like to pre-order a whole pizza for \$30.
- **Invitation to Parents of K-5 Students To a Dessert Meetup hosted by moms in the Portland Eco-School Network- September 29, 7:00 p.m.** Eco-School Network parents help “green” the experience of their children at school. At the meetup, learn how you can get involved for the 2016-17 school year. The Eco-School Network, www.ecoschoolnetwork.org, is an organization of parents from 40 schools who share ideas, experiences, and projects, in person and online, and provide mutual support and inspiration. The sponsor of the Eco-School Network is the Center for Earth Leadership, www.earthleaders.org. Please RSVP to Jeanne Roy, 503-244-0026 or Jeanne@earthleaders.org, and she will send you the name of your host and directions.
- **Book Fair!** Come support Chapman Elementary while stocking your bookshelves! The annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held from October 3-7 every morning from 7:40 - 8:00am and after school from 2:15 - 3:00 in the downstairs art room. Not able to attend the book fair? No problem! We also have an online site to order from until October 20th. All online orders will be delivered to the school. Check out the online sale at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/chapmanelementaryschool1>.
- **Chapman Dining Night--Dine Out and Support Chapman!**
Join other Chapman families for the first Chapman Dining Night of the school year! Enjoy dinner with the entire family at a Chapman favorite, North 45 on Tuesday, September 20th. It's certain to be an evening that will please everyone and 10% of the evening sales go directly to support our school and its programs!
- **Fall Drama Club is starting Tuesday, October 18th at 2:20pm!**
Students will develop a toolbox of performance skills as they act out stories using only their voices, bodies, and imaginations. Our experienced theater educators will teach theater basics, from projection and stage presence, to expression and character development, while bringing stories to life! Sign-up today at www.nwcts.org/drama-club! For more info, contact youngplayers@nwcts.org.
- **2016-2017 Free/Reduced Lunch Application**
Students who were receiving free or reduced-price meal benefits at the end of last year must fill out a **NEW** meal application for the 2016-17 school year. If benefits are denied or reduced when the NEW application is approved, families will have ten days before the change in eligibility takes effect. **Students who have NOT submitted a NEW application will be required to pay full price for school meals starting Monday, October 10, 2016.** Additionally, the Oregon Legislature passed a bill allowing school districts to provide lunch free of charge to students who are eligible for reduced price meals. Apply online <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/nutrition/index.htm> or ask the school office for the paper form.

Volunteer Opportunities

CHAPMAN PTA and FOUNDATION NEED YOU

There are a few openings within the Chapman PTA and the Chapman Foundation. We work with teachers, parents and administrators to solve challenges, expand opportunities, plan events, fundraise and realize improvements at Chapman. If interested, contact PTA President: Christy Marten (ctmarten@gmail.com):

Vice President of Education Foundation - Assist Foundation President with administrative tasks, run meetings in President's absence

- **PTA Clothing Closet, Thursday, Sept. 22nd is Chapman's day to send 5-6 volunteers** or more to be a "personal shopper" to help kids receive clothing or to help sort donations to get them put out. The volunteer hours are 9:30am - 1:30pm at Marshall HS Campus, 3905 SE 91st Avenue. The main cross streets are SE 92nd and SE Powell, out by the Chucky Cheese.
Volunteers will need to check in and check out at the Franklin HS Main Office. We will have about 30 - 50 kids each volunteer day and NEED volunteers. We helped nearly 1,800 students last year! Each school is responsible for sending volunteers on their assigned day. We don't want to have to send away kids because we don't have enough volunteers. At Marshall (Franklin HS) Campus, enter through the main entrance and check in, then come up to the Clothing Center. Contact Tiffany at tiffanydmd@hotmail.com if you can help.

- **Volunteers Needed for Apple Tasting:** Tuesday, September 27th, 7:55-11:45 am in the art room. Food Front is again hosting an Apple tasting for our students. Please come prepared with a knife and cutting board. This is a really fun annual event but cannot happen without volunteers. Please RSVP: mollyehporter@yahoo.com
- **The Chapman Scholastic Book Fair needs your help!** We're looking for volunteers to run the cash registers and help kids find books before and after school the week of October 3-7. Signup online at <http://signup.com/go/iNKd3e> or email missyliesser@gmail.com.
- **Picture Day – Tuesday and Wednesday, September 20th-21st (Chapman), Thursday, September 22nd (Ramona)** Volunteers for picture day help students get to and from the art room and assist photographers with photo cards, etc. We are looking for two volunteers, two shifts per day (morning and afternoon shifts). Please contact Tiffany at tiffanydmd@hotmail.com.
- **SAVE THE DATE: Chapman School Auction.** Friday November 18, 2016 at Pure Space! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW: please contact veeryharper@gmail.com to find out how you can help.
- **Chapman lunches:** Join us in the lunch room from 11-12:15 pm. Everything is different except the kids and the need for help. There are three separate waves of lunch. Kate and Martha (the new lunch team) would appreciate the help. Please let Tiffany know if you can volunteer at all this year in the kitchen especially the first few weeks. Please contact Christian Reed at christian@mustreed.com if interested.

Community

Hillside Soccer League is now open for registration for kindergartners! Please visit <http://www.lincolnyouthsoccer.org/hscf> for information and registration.

Stay Connected

Get more information about the latest at our school. Join us online: FriendsOfChapman.org and [Facebook](#).

District policy prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, color, creed, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, and sexual orientation. BP 1.801.020. Not all outside groups comply with the District's non-discrimination policy. Families are strongly encouraged to review all materials closely.

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