



From Mr. Fisher's Desk...

Dear Parents-

As Spring moves further along it may become more difficult for students to focus on school. There are ways to help your child's case of "Springitis". Experts suggest the following:

- 1) Stick to established schedules at home. The family should have dinner at the same time throughout the school year. Children should also do their homework at about the same time throughout the school year. This provides consistency and structure during the entire year so that when days are longer and the weather is nice in the spring, the children know what is expected and will be less likely to abandon their homework.
- 2) Monitor progress more frequently during the homework "hour". This keeps the child working steadily so that homework is done in a timely manner. If the student loses interest in the assignment, the parent should "coach" the child to return to the task. For example, the parent can say, "You only need to finish X number of problems or pages to finish your homework. I know you can finish in X amount of time and then you can have some playtime."
- 3) Provide an incentive for following through on schoolwork. Let the child know he or she can earn more time outdoors if he or she sticks to keeping up with academic responsibilities. Parents can reward their children with a family bike ride or walk in the neighborhood on Friday evening or Saturday morning. This kind of activity builds family togetherness and provides an opportunity to enjoy the great weather. To reinforce following through on schoolwork even further, parents can provide a treat, like strawberries or watermelon, to eat in the backyard after the family activity.

I am looking forward to my first ever CRATER CARNIVAL this year. The carnival committee has done a tremendous job this year putting together games, class projects, raffle and auction items, and much more. I even plan on being duct taped (at least it is not "Beaver" tape) to a wall. I hope you can all attend this annual Crater event. Thank you all for your continued support of our school.

Troy Fisher ~ Crater Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- April 11: 1st Grade Program @ 2:30 PM
- April 11: Popcorn Sale
- April 17 & 18: NO SCHOOL - Teacher Prep & Conferences
- April 18: Crater Chess Tournament from 8:30 AM to Noon
- April 25: 5th Grade Program @ 2:30 PM
- April 26: Crater Carnival from 4 to 7 PM

MAY

- May 2: Popcorn Sale
- May 2: 4th Grade Program @ 2:30 PM
- May 7 - 9: 5th Grade Outdoor School
- May 13: PTO Meeting @ 6 PM
- May 16: Popcorn Sale
- May 19: All District Choir Concert @ NHS
- May 26: NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- May 30: 5th Grade Track Meet



Check out the PTO & Crater Web Pages for the latest information about school happenings.
<http://www.newberg.k12.or.us/crater/>

Last Day of School

KINDERGARTEN: The last day of school for 1/2 Day & Full Day Kindergarten is Wednesday, June 11th during regular late start hours.

1ST - 5TH GRADE: The last day of school for 1st - 5th grade is Thursday, June 12th. This will be a 1/2 day of school from 8:30 AM to Noon.

This Spring we will be showcasing music and performance at Crater. Programs are all during the day.

- Friday, April 11 @ 2:30 PM: 1st Grade Performance
- Friday, April 25 @ 2:30 PM: 5th Grade Performance
- Friday, May 2 @ 2:30 PM: 4th Grade Performance

MUSIC NOTES

Crater Elementary PTO Presents

Spring Carnival

The Crater Spring Carnival is Saturday, April 26th from 4 to 7 PM. Come Join the Fun!!!

An event like this only works with LOTS of volunteers. Volunteers can sign up electronically at www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4CA5A62FA02-crater1

If you do not have computer access, please contact the Crater Office at 503-554-4650.

THINKING ABOUT NEXT YEAR

Will your child be returning to Crater Elementary next school year? Please let the office know if you are planning to move away from the Crater attendance area during the summer. This will give us an idea of how many students to expect next year and will help us with our planning.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Most teachers will have Spring Conferences on April 17. There will be no school on Thursday, April 17th or Friday, April 18th.

If you would like to schedule a conference time, please contact the school office at 503-554-4650.



Warm Weather Wear

As the weather warms up and spring finally arrives, we see an increasing number of students wear their tank tops, shorts and flip-flops to school. Please remember to follow school dress code when sending your child to school.

- Shorts (and skirts) need to be no more than 4 inches from the floor when the child is kneeling.
- Tank tops need to have a 2" or wider shoulder strap.
- Flip-Flops are dangerous on the playground and unacceptable in PE. Please save flip-flops for after school and weekend wear.

