



From Mr. Fisher's Desk...

Dear Parents-

If you heard the YIPPIES coming out of your child this past weekend it may be because they know the school year is half over. I can hardly believe that we have already completed half of the school year. I greatly enjoy the staff, parents and students at Crater. Being principal at Crater Elementary has exceeded my expectations. Thank you all for making the first half of the school year so great. I look forward to the rest of the year and know that it will be equally as wonderful.

You should receive your child's report card on Thursday the 6th. If you have any questions or concerns please contact you student's teacher to discuss them. Teachers spend countless hours working with your students, and have a feel for how your child is doing. Thank you so much for your trust in us.

Troy Fisher
Principal

Early Intervention

Children who have too much stress often exhibit antisocial behavior. They might become shy, nervous, irritable or withdrawn. They may resort to uncontrollable crying or angry outbursts. They might even bite, push or hit.

Stress causes some children to regress to an earlier stage of development - like sucking their thumbs. To minimize the amount of stress your child has and help them cope better:

- Be loving, patient, and encouraging - especially in difficult times.
- Take time to listen to your child's concerns every day.
- Talk about feelings. Say it is okay to feel angry, sad or scared.
- Help your child feel proud of themselves in some way.
- Let children go at their own pace when playing.
- Encourage your child to run, jump, climb, dig and hammer to relieve everyday tension.
- Plan activities that emphasize cooperation not competition.

(article comes from Dr. Karen DeBord, National Network for Child Care.)

UPCOMING

EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 6: 3rd Grade Reading Night
- Feb. 13: ODS Parent Mtg. @ 6 PM
- Feb. 14: Popcorn Sale
- Feb. 17: NO SCHOOL - President's Day
- Feb. 28: Jump Rope for Heart (3rd, 4th & 5th Grade)

MARCH

- March 4: PTO Meeting @ 6 PM
- March 6: Kindergarten Registration from 3:30 to 6:00 PM
- March 6: 3rd - 5th Grade Family Math Night @ 6 PM
- March 10 - 14: Scholastic Book Fair
- March 12: Grandparents Lunch
- March 14: 2nd Grade Program @ 2:30 PM
- March 14: PTO Family Movie Night
- March 21: Popcorn Sale
- March 24 - 28: NO SCHOOL - Spring Break



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

Mark Your Calendars

Kindergarten Registration

is March 6th from 3:30 - 6:00 PM at all Newberg Elementary Schools

You will need to bring a copy of your child's immunization and record of birth (birth certificate/hospital record). We will have forms for 1/2 day (free), full day (tuition based) and the New Bilingual (based at Edwards) kindergarten programs.

Full Day and Bilingual kindergarten applications are due April 4th.

Transfers

March 14 - Applications are due for intra-district transfers (between schools in Newberg) for the next school year.

April 1 - All applications for "Open Enrollment" Inter-District transfers must be submitted to the District. No decisions will be made until after the April 1st deadline.

Read Across America Week

Yeah!!! It is coming!!! Read Across America is the week we celebrate Theodor Geisel's birthday...???? (March 2nd). Who is Theodor Geisel you ask. Why Dr. Seuss of course! The first week in March we will have special dress up days.

- Monday, March 3rd - Reading Fits us to a T (Wear your Crater T-shirt)
- Tuesday, March 4th - Step into a good book (Wear silly shoes and socks)
- Wednesday, March 5th - Hats off to reading (Wear a hat. Cat in the Hat?)
- Thursday, March 6th - Read across America day (Wear red, white and blue)
- Friday, March 7th - Read your way to college (Wear College gear)

Outdoor School Parent Meeting

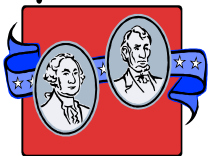
Thursday, February 13th at 6:00 PM will be our Fifth Grade Outdoor School Parent Meeting.

All fifth grade parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

This will be an opportunity to learn more about the Outdoor School Program and volunteer to help.



There is No School
Monday, February 17



Presidents' Day

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

- Friday, March 14 @ 2:30 PM: 2nd Grade Performance
- Friday, April 4 @ 2:30 PM: 3rd Grade Performance
- 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