



The Crater Connection

From The Desk of Mr. Fisher...

Dear Crater Parents,

I hope that your winter break was as wonderful and fun filled as mine. I know that the staff here at Crater is ready and excited to have all the students back from the holidays and to get back into school routines.

Family Tip

Does your family eat dinner together most nights? Most families don't. Yet sharing meals usually involves sharing more, such as encouragement and love. If dinner doesn't work for your family, try breakfast. You will like the togetherness as much as the food. I know how hard this is with my family, but it is so worth it. I try to ask my kids questions they can not answer yes or no to. "What was the best part of your day? What part was hard? How do you feel about...?" are some of my favorites. Believe it or not your kids will start asking you the same questions. Even my preschooler wants to be part of the conversation. It brings families closer together and builds those language skills that are so important to learning.

Parking Lot

I want to thank parents for their work on keeping our parking lot safe. I know it can be a bit chaotic during pick up and drop off times. Last year the PTO in partnership with the school developed what was felt as the best possible traffic pattern, based on the layout of the parking lot. Earlier this year I sent home a map and instructions for the flow of the parking during these times. Please take a look at them to make sure you understand the flow. If you need a new map do not hesitate to give us a call. Again, thank you for your understanding of the safety needs of our students and your patience on getting in and out of the parking lot.

Troy Fisher

Crater Principal

UPCOMING

EVENTS

JANUARY

- Jan. 19: NO SCHOOL: MLK Day
- Jan. 23: Popcorn Sale
- Jan. 26: NO SCHOOL: Report Card Day



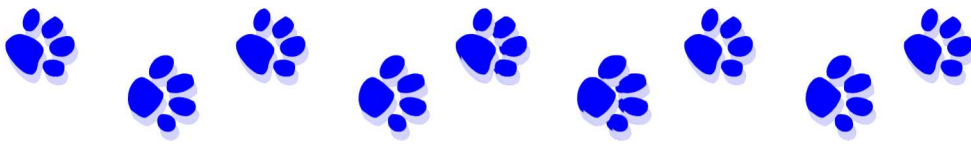
FEBRUARY

- Feb. 2: PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- Feb. 6: PTO Family Movie Night @ 6 PM
- Feb. 16: NO SCHOOL: President's Day
- Feb. 19: 3rd Grade Family Reading night
- Feb. 27: 1st Grade Program @ 2:30 PM



MARCH

- March 2: PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- March 3: 3rd - 5th Grade Family Math Night @ 6 PM
- March 6: 5th Grade Program @ 2:30 PM
- March 11: Grandparents Lunch
- March 13: 2nd Grade Program @ 2:30 PM



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

CALENDAR UPDATES

January 19: NO SCHOOL - MLK Day




January 26: NO SCHOOL - Report Card Day

Animals on Campus


Newberg School District has adopted a new animal policy that I wanted you all to be aware of. The policy (ING) states among other things, that: **animals are not permitted on school grounds at pick up or drop off.** This is a change of policy related to student safety. This is a change in practice for Crater, which means if we see animals on campus (even on leashes) I, or other staff members will need to ask the owners to take them off campus. Thank you for your understanding of this new district policy and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.



Please remember that according to Newberg School District policy students should stay home from school if he/she has had a fever over 100 degrees, nausea, diarrhea, or vomiting within the last 24 hours.



If it is necessary for a student to take any form (prescription or over the counter) of medication, **the parent** must present it to the office and sign a District medication release form. Children cannot transport medication to school. All medications must be in the original container with the prescription label attached.



Student Absences

We want to ensure that our students are safe at all times. If your child is going to be absent or late for any reason, please notify the school by 8:30



AM. If we have not received a call, we will contact a parent to confirm the absence. To report an absence please call 503-554-4650.

Crater Elementary PTO Presents

Spring Carnival!

This year's Crater Carnival is Saturday, April 25th. Many volunteers will be needed for this event. Please put this date on your calendar and watch for more information about how you can help.

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

- **Friday, Feb. 27 @ 2:30 PM:** 1st Grade Performance
- **Friday, March 6 @ 2:30 PM:** 5th Grade Performance
- **Friday, March 13 @ 2:30 PM:** 2nd Grade Performance
- **Friday, April 10 @ 2:30 PM:** 4th Grade Performance
- **Friday, April 17 @ 2:30 PM:** 3rd Grade Performance

MUSIC NOTES