



The Crater Connection

From Mr. Fisher's Desk...

We are off to a great start to a new year here at Crater. The kids have not missed a beat, returning to their classrooms, working hard and taking school seriously.

Our school enrollment sits at 476 - the second largest elementary school in Newberg. Some of our classrooms are very full and we will need as many parent volunteers as we can to support all of our students. If you have the ability to volunteer, please let your child's teacher know, or contact the school office. Volunteering requires a criminal background check and the forms are available on the district website or in the school office.

I have visited each classroom and talked to the students about the ways in which people show respect for people in authority, themselves, other people and property. One of the things I have really focused on is respect for others learning as we move around the school, which includes having our voices off in the hallway. Much of what we discussed applies not only at school, but at home and in our community. I want each of them to know what respectful behavior looks and sounds like. Crater has also continues with our "High Fives", students can earn a "High Five" for being safe, respectful and responsible.

We are all taking the opportunity to get to know each other, and to see how things have remained the same and how things may be different from last year. If you have any question about anything please don't hesitate to contact me at any time. I look forward to working with you all this year to continue to make Crater great! GO COUGARS!!!!

Troy Fisher, Principal

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Last Friday a letter went home with student about Assessment Day on Monday, Sept. 22. School Hours that day will be 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM for Full Day Kinders and 1st - 5th Graders. Half Day Kinders will still have their regular schedule. Please return the bottom portion of that letter ASAP so that we will know your child's plan when school dismisses on that day.

If you did not receive the Assessment Day letter please contact your child's teacher or the office at 503-554-4650.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

- 9/19: Popcorn Sale
- 9/22: Elementary Assessment Day - FDK, 1st to 5th 8:30 - 12:30.
- 9/29: NO SCHOOL - Staff Development

OCTOBER

- 10/1: PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- 10/9: Crater Fun Run
- 10/10: NO SCHOOL: State Wide In-service Day
- 10/17: Picture Day
- 10/30 & 10/31: NO SCHOOL: Conferences and Teacher Prep

NOVEMBER

- 11/3: PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- 11/11: NO SCHOOL: Veteran's Day
- 11/12 - 11/21: Civil War Canned Food Drive
- 11/20: Kinder - 2nd Grade Family Math Night @ 6 - 7 PM
- 11/20: Picture Retakes
- 11/24 - 11/26: NO SCHOOL: Staff Days
- 11/28 & 11/29: NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break





Student Drop-off, Pick-up & Parking

When entering the Crater parking lot please do not use the bus entrance and remember cars should not park in the bus lane.

During student drop-off and pick-up times remember to stop at the stop line before the bus entrance until space clears on the curb in front of the cafeteria. If more people pull forward it blocks parking spaces for the Senior Center.

The parking spaces that are marked for the Senior Center need to be reserved for the Seniors. It is



much more difficult for them to walk long distances from the spaces further out.

***If you pick your student up by car after school, students will be in the cafeteria at 3:10 PM. If you walk up to pick up your child they will be at the front doors at 3:10 PM.**

The Crater Fun Run is Coming October 9th!!!

Thursday, October 9th is the 2014 Antonia Crater Fun Run. We are looking forward to a very successful event.



The Fun run is the major fundraiser for the school year. These funds are used to pay for field trips and additional classroom and school enrichment opportunities.

Student Safety

In our schools, we follow specific protocols to ensure our students arrive to school and make it home safely each day. We ask that parents call the school office at 503-554-4650 and let the school know any time their child will be absent or tardy. If a call to the school is not made, the school will contact parents as soon as possible in the morning. If a student is going home with another student or someone different is picking them up, we ask that parents send in a note or call the office by 2:00 PM. **FOR SAFETY REASONS, WE DO NOT ALLOW STUDENTS TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL WITH SOMEONE DIFFERENT OR ANOTHER STUDENT, UNLESS WE HAVE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PARENT.**

Chess Club

The Crater Chess Club is up and running again. Students can come join in the fun beginning Tuesday, September 16th at 7:45 AM in the Library.



Volunteers

Remember that all volunteers must have a volunteer badge before helping in the classroom, going on a field trip, or helping with the Fun Run. If you need a form to apply for a volunteer badge, stop by the School District office or the Antonia Crater office to pick one up.

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

Picture Day

This year Picture Day is scheduled for Friday, October 17th. Order envelopes will come home about a week before this date.

Please remember that orders must be submitted the morning of picture day. No late orders can be taken.

If students are absent, forget to turn in an order or if first pictures are unacceptable, retakes will be Thursday, November 20th.



Late Start Wednesday

- Every Wednesday school starts one hour later than all the other days of the week. School will start at 9:30 AM on Wednesdays all through the year.
- If possible please send students to school between 9 and 9:20 AM
- For those that need to come at the regular time, Late Start activities will have an academic focus. A small group of staff will work with students on academic activities or providing homework support.