



The Crater Connection

From The Desk of Mr. Fisher...

Dear Crater Parents,

For many of our kids, the craziness of the holidays can be challenging and overwhelming. The over-stimulation, late nights and business of the season can lead to stressed, tired and cranky kids during the school day. You can help your child by keeping as normal of a schedule as possible and prioritizing the amount of rest and sleep that your child needs. At school, our staff will do their best to keep a normal academic schedule; maintaining normal routines of teaching and learning.

During the holidays, it is easy to get overwhelmed by obligations. Sometimes we forget to take time to be with and share time with our kids. Here are some ways to help your family feel more connected to each other:

Put laughter on your to-do list: Find ways to inject humor into daily life. Watch comedies on TV, look for the lighter side in household chores, tell jokes at dinner, or read the comics together.

Make giving a family affair: Doing for others helps kids realize the world is bigger than they are and that people need their help. Try making dinner for a needy family, walking for a worthy cause, or giving your spare change to an organization that helps others.

Play hide and treat: Tuck notes or treats into special places - under a pillow, in a lunch box or in a pocket. Let other family members know you are thinking of them no matter how busy you are with holiday preparations.

Play a game together: Take time to enjoy each other's company. Encourage kids to play for the joy of playing, not winning.

The holidays give us a chance to spend time with the family. It is a special time and I hope you and your family enjoy this time of the year.

As always, thank you for your support for our teachers, students and classrooms. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Troy Fisher
Crater Principal

UPCOMING

EVENTS

DECEMBER

- Dec. 3: PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- Dec. 7- Dec. 16: Crater Giving Tree
- Dec. 8-Dec.11: Book Fair
- Dec. 18: Popcorn Sale
- Dec. 21 - Jan.1: NO SCHOOL : Winter Break



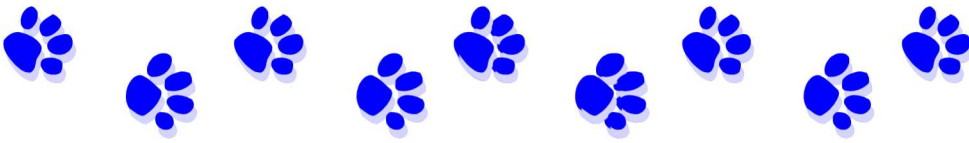
JANUARY

- Jan. 4: School Resumes
- Jan. 7: PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- Jan. 8: Popcorn Sale
- Jan. 11: Vision Screening
- Jan. 18: NO SCHOOL: MLK Day
- Jan. 29: NO SCHOOL: Report Card Day



FEBRUARY

- Feb. 3: K-2 Family Math Night, 6 - 7PM
- Feb. 4: PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- Feb. 11: 3rd - 5th, Family Fitness Night 6-7:30 PM
- Feb. 12: Popcorn Sale
- Feb. 15: NO SCHOOL: President's Day



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

Attendance

The National Center for Children in Poverty found in 2008 that on average, students who missed 10 percent or more of school in kindergarten scored significantly lower in reading, math and general knowledge tests at the end of the 1st grade than did students who missed 3 percent or fewer days. Moreover, the researchers found chronic absenteeism in kindergarten predicted continuing absences in later grades.

SHARING TREE



The Annual Sharing Tree will once again be set up outside the main office December 7 - 16. It will be decorated with "ornament tags" that are each labeled with a specific item. Any student/family may select ornament tags from the tree, purchase the item listed on the tag and return the items under the tree by December 16th. Food boxes are then packed and will be delivered anonymously to Crater Families during Winter Break.

Calendars

Calendars teach children how to plan ahead. Does your child have a 2016 calendar? If not consider buying or making one. Noting events such as due dates, sports activities and trips to Grandma's house will help your child get used to scheduling. This is a skill that will help throughout their years in school.



CALENDAR UPDATES

December 21 -
January 1: NO SCHOOL - Winter Break



January 4: SCHOOL RESUMES

Before School Recess



Please remind your children to wear warm coats. All kids are all outside from 8:00 - 8: 25, Grades, K, 1, and 2 are all outside on Tuesday and Fridays, and grades 3, 4, and 5, are outside Mondays and Thursdays.

Lost and Found

Don't forget to check Lost and Found the next time you are in the building. We are beginning to collect several items. All clothing that is not claimed before Winter Break will be donated to Charity.



The Book Fair is coming..... Crater is hosting a book fair in December designed to support the library in replacing some of our aging non-fiction section.

The fair will be open
Tuesday 12/8 (8:00-8:30, 11:45-1:20, 3:00-3:30)
Wednesday 12/9 (8:00-8:30, 11:45-1:20, 3:00-3:30)
Thursday 12/10 (8:00-8:30, 11:45-1:20, 3:00-3:30)
Friday 12/11 (8:00-8:30, 11:45-1:20)

To volunteer for the fair please visit:
<http://vols.pt/Jumh12>