



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. The PTO in partnership with Crater and CVMS developed what we feel is 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. It is unsafe to walkers and bike riders to have parents pick up students in a vehicle behind the building (senior center parking lot). Thank you for not using that area. 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. 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

MARCH

- March 3: PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- March 4: 1st Grade Program @ 2:30 PM
- March 7-11: Book Fair
- March 9: Grand Lunch
- March 11: Popcorn Sale
- March 18: 2nd Grade Program @ 2:30 PM
- March 21-25: No School



CALENDAR UPDATES

January 18: NO SCHOOL - MLK Day



January 29: NO SCHOOL - Report Card Day

Animals on Campus

Newberg School District has an animal policy that I wanted you all to be aware of. The policy states among other things, that: **animals are not permitted on school grounds at pick up or drop off.** This is policy related to student safety. At Crater, this 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, diarrhea, or vomiting within the last 24 hours.



If it is necessary for a student to take any form of medication (prescription or over the counter) , **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.



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

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 23rd. 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, March. 4 @ 2:30 PM: 1st Grade Performance
- Friday, March 18 @ 2:30 PM: 2nd Grade Performance
- Friday, April 29 @ 2:30 PM: 5thGrade Performance
- Friday, May 20 @ 2:30 PM: 4th Grade Performance
- Friday, June 3 @ 2:30 PM: 3rd Grade Performance

MUSIC NOTES