



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 438 students - the third 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 it is wonderful to already see the learning going on. As a parent of three students at Crater myself I know how tired they have all been at the end of each day. Happy but tired. It takes most students a while to shake off the last bits of Summer and adjust their minds and bodies to school life.

One of the discussions we had at last night's PTO meeting was the excitement that is pick up time. We are learning new things as this is the first year of full day Kindergarten and there are many more parents at pick up than in years past. The PTO will be brainstorming ways to make pick up and drop off smoother, and one of the things that came up is that it seemed to parents that have been through this process for several years that there is much more crowding the doors than in years past. This blocks sight lines for both students and parents and makes the process take much longer. It would be very helpful if parents (junior highers too, I have called the middle school to talk with them) would move back away from the doors a bit.

We are all taking this 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 questions about anything please don't hesitate to contact me at any time. I look forward to working with you all this year continue to make Crater great!

GO COUGARS!!!!

Troy Fisher, Principal

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DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

- 9/18: Popcorn Sale
- 9/28: Elementary Assessment Day - K to 5th

OCTOBER

- 10/1: Open House: 6:00-7:00 PM
- 10/2: Popcorn Sale
- 10/8: PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- 10/9: NO SCHOOL: State Wide In-service Day
- 10/16: Picture Day
- 10/29 & 10/30: NO SCHOOL: Conferences and Teacher Prep

NOVEMBER

- 11/5: McEducator Night from 5 to 7 PM
- 11/11: NO SCHOOL: Veteran's Day
- 11/12: PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- 11/16 - 11/20: Civil War Canned Food Drive
- 11/18: Picture Retakes
- 11/20: Popcorn Sale
- 11/23 - 11/27: NO SCHOOL: Staff Days/ Thanksgiving Break

School spirit day is every Friday. If you have Cougar gear please wear it and if not, PTO will be sending out information on how to order it soon. In the meantime you can wear blue on Friday!!

Important Information

This week a letter went home with students about Assessment Day on Monday, Sept. 28. This WILL NOT be a regular school day. All students will need to have an appointment set and only be brought to school at that time and be picked up at the end of that time. Parents are very welcome to stay in the commons during the appointment time.

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

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.

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.

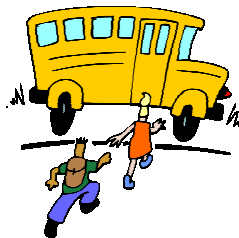
Student Drop-off, Pick-up & Parking

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.**



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 16th. 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 Wednesday November 18th.



Chess Club

The Crater Chess Club is up and running again. Students can come join in the fun beginning Tuesday, September 22nd 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.