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October 11, 2017

Dear Parents

Newberg School District is pleased to announce that we will be partnering with Portland State University School of Speech and Hearing Sciences to provide hearing screening to all kindergarten through third grade elementary students in attendance on Hearing Screening Day, November 17, 2017

The hearing screening will consist of pure tone screening as outlined by the American Academy of Audiology. The screening will be completed in a quiet separate location than the classroom. Students will be taught how to perform during the hearing screening in their classroom.

The total screen takes approximately 3-5 minutes per student. You will receive the results of the screening within one week following the screen.

**1) What will my student have to do?**

Groups of 10 are brought into the screening room. Three to five students will complete the screenings at a time with different screeners. Students will be taught how to perform during the hearing screening both in the classroom and immediately before the screening. Students will be asked to put earphones over their ears and respond when they hear the tone by raising their hand or other options if needed.

**2) What will the school district do with information gathered?**

The school district will document the findings and notify the parent of the results.

**3) Background Check on Volunteers?**

Per district policy all volunteers are background checked. The volunteers have received their background check through Portland State University.

**4) Is the hearing screening mandatory?**

The hearing screening is not mandatory but we strongly suggest students hearing be screened to ensure they are able to hear educational instruction.

If you do not want your student to participate, please sign and return the form below prior to your student's schools hearing screening date.



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**5) What will the results of my child’s hearing screening tell me?**

If your child passes the hearing screening, you will receive the form that will say that your child passed and no further follow up is needed. If your child does not pass the hearing screening, the form will indicate to refer to your pediatrician. It is important to note that this is a screening and is not diagnostic. Children who have allergies or who have been sick immediately before or during the screening may need to be re screened at a later date. You can request that in writing through your child’s teacher.

Sincerely,

Edwards Elementary School  
503-554-5050

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School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

My student (s) \_\_\_\_\_ **will not** be participating in the fall 2017 hearing screen.

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Parent Signature