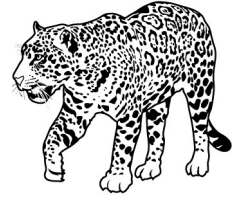




# Joan Austin Elementary



2200 N. Center St.

503-554-4550

January 2019

## Important Dates to Remember:

### January

- 15 Mathnasium Night
- 18 Parent Group Meeting @ 3:30
- 21 No School — MLK Holiday
- 25 Hat Day
- 29 K-2 Character Counts Assembly
- 31 3-5 Character Counts Assembly

### February

- 1 No School — Prep
- 12 Coffee with the Principal @ 2:30
- 15 Popcorn Friday
- 15 Parent Group Meeting @ 3:30
- 18 No School — President's Day
- 20 3rd Grade Music Program
- 22 Hat Day
- 28-3/1 No School — Conferences

Happy 2019 and welcome back families!

We are excited to have our students back, and they are quickly getting back into the swing of things. We started this week off, on Monday and Tuesday, reviewing school wide expectations by walking students through different areas of the school and reminding them how we show respectful, responsible, and safe behavior. This month we also kick off our winter testing window of Reading and Math benchmark assessments. Our teachers have been working very hard with students over the last three months to provide academic support and interventions to those students needing additional help or those students needing additional challenges. We are excited to see our mid year testing results and are expecting to see considerable growth from our students.

I hope all of our families enjoyed their time together over the holiday break. I can tell our staff returned well-rested and eager to get back to work. It was exciting to see all of our students return, eager to share their experiences and all of the fun activities they had. This month will fly by as we are already into our second week! Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns as we go into February. Report cards are right around the corner.

Best wishes,  
Alaina Carter

### Questions?

Check the school website, or call us at 503-554-4550.

Remember to connect with us on Facebook, Twitter or download the Newberg School District App.

# WELCOME BACK!!

## Please remember....

Anytime you visit Joan Austin, please check into the Office.

If your student is late to school, have them stop in the Office for a late slip. We will then have your student walk themselves to their classroom.

## A note from the PTO...

### Jan 18th PTO Meeting

The next PTO meeting is Friday, January 18th at 3:30pm in the school library. PTO meetings are open to all families and staff of Joan Austin Elementary and are a great way to get connected with the school. Free childcare is available .



**EVERY DAY COUNTS**  
GOOD ATTENDANCE MATTERS FOR SUCCESS

### Attendance corner

Is this a myth or fact?

“Absences are only a problem if they’re consecutive.”

It’s a myth!

It’s the cumulative effect of lost instruction time that makes the difference. Studies show that only two or three nonconsecutive absences per month can seriously impact a student’s ability to succeed in school.

Every day counts! Good attendance matters for success.

Do you like working with kids? Would you like to run a K Kids meeting every Wednesday morning before school begins from 8:45-9:15. What is K-Kids? K-Kids is a student-led service club for students in elementary school. K-Kids was originally developed by, and is modeled after, Kiwanis International. The stated purpose of K-Kids is to develop leadership through service to the school and community. If you are interested, please contact Anita @ [lefflera@newberg.k12.or.us](mailto:lefflera@newberg.k12.or.us)

## Mathnasium Night is January 15!

The event runs from 6:30-8:00 pm in our Cafeteria and Gym. Come join the fun and play these math games with your student(s).

10 Slam  
Sticky Notes Number Line & Fractions  
Blink  
Tangrams  
Addimorphs  
Sum Up/Sum Down  
Number Detective  
Playing the Odds  
Connect 4  
Addition Heads up  
Multiplication Heads Up  
Math Wheel  
Art Station  
Race Track

Complete the bottom portion of the flyer and return it to the Office by January 11.

Interested in volunteering to help set up this event from 5:45 to 6:15 pm? Please contact Anita @ [lefflera@newberg.k12.or.us](mailto:lefflera@newberg.k12.or.us)

## Conferences

Before you know it Conferences will be here! Joan Austin will be open for conferences Wednesday evening, February 27, Thursday, February 28 and Friday, March 1.

Your student’s teacher will be contacting you to schedule conferences .

There is no school February 28 and March 1.

**Interested in volunteering at school?** Please contact Joan Austin PTO; [jaevolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:jaevolunteer@gmail.com). We would love to have you join us. To get the latest updates, please also like them on Facebook – Joan Austin Elementary PTO.