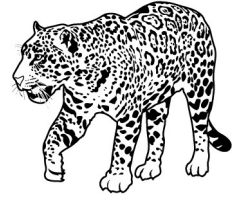




# Joan Austin Elementary



2200 N. Center St.

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February 2019

## Important Dates to Remember:

### February

- 1 No School — Prep
- 11 Report Cards sent home
- 12 Coffee with the Principal @ 2:30
- 15 Popcorn Friday
- 15 Parent Group Meeting @ 3:30
- 18 No School — President's Day
- 27 3rd Grade Music Program
- 22 Hat Day
- 28-3/1 No School — Conferences

### March

- 1 No School – Conferences
- 15 BINGO Night
- 19 K-2 Character Counts Assembly
- 21 3-5 Character Counts Assembly
- 22 Hat Day
- 25-29 Spring Break

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.

### Conferences

Joan Austin will be open for conferences Wednesday evening, February 27, Thursday, February 28 and Friday, March 1.

Your student's teacher will contact you with information.

There is no school February 28 and March 1.

Hello JA families,

We are well on our way into our second semester of school. Report cards will be sent home on Monday, February 11th and conferences will be held the 27th and 28th of February. We also have Valentine's Day right around the corner, one of our students' favorite holidays. Look for information from your child's teacher regarding the fun activities planned. Next month we have some exciting things coming up. In celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2nd, we will be celebrating Reading the week of March 4th. Everyday will be a different kind of celebration, and we will end the week with our Friday Dress Up Day sporting costumes of our favorite book characters.

If you haven't yet attended a Coffee with the Principal, please consider attending this month's on February 12th at 2:30. We will be looking at our Reading and Math growth and talking about how our curriculum and instruction is impacting student learning. I'd love to see some new faces. We alternate our times. Last month I held our time in the evening, so we may have another evening time later in the spring.

As a general reminder, I want to encourage all of our families to take advantage of our Resource Room. We have an abundance of supplies and resources for kids. I just went in there the other day and noticed how many shoes, coats, pajamas, blankets, toothbrushes, toothpaste, school supplies and backpacks are just waiting to go home with students. We also have some sports clothing such as uniforms and cleats. If your child is in need, please encourage them to go see Mrs. Hyatt, our counselor, or their teacher, and they will make sure your student gets what they need. **February's Resource Room donation item is shoes.** We are accepting any and all donated shoes, gently used or new. Simply bring your donated items to the main office or send your student to school with them, and we will make sure the items get where they need to go.

Best wishes,

*Alaina Carter*  
Principal

## Bingo Night

Get your daubers at the ready and mark your calendars! Bingo Night is fast approaching! March 15th is the last Bingo Night of the school year. Come join us for an evening of family fun. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Games start at 6:30 pm. Follow the PTO Facebook page for volunteer signups.

## A note from the PTO...

**February 15th Popcorn Friday** — Popcorn is \$0.25 per bag. Congrats to our classes who won free popcorn from the December Character Counts Assembly - Mrs. Held, Ms. Thomas, Mrs. Vail and Ms. Stoel's classes will all be receiving free popcorn this day!

**February 15th PTO Meeting**—Next meeting is Friday, February 15th 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.

**Box Tops** - It's that time again! This is a great easy way to earn money for our school! Look for the flyer coming home soon! Due date to turn in is February 22nd.

## 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 us on Facebook – Joan Austin Elementary PTO.



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

## Attendance corner

Did you know...

Being absent isn't the only thing that can affect learning outcomes. Being late affects students too!

If a student is 10 minutes late every day, that adds up to 30 hours of lost class time per year!

Add that up over a student's K-12 career, and that's nearly 3 months of missed school.

Every day counts! Good attendance matters for success.

## No School

February 18 — President's Day  
February 28-March 1 — Conferences

## Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home in student backpacks on February 11.

## Music Programs Scheduled

3rd Grade— February 27 @ 2:30 PM  
4th/5th Grade Buck/Stoel— April 10 @ 2:30 PM  
4th/5th Grade Hinson/Sayles— April 17 @ 2:30 PM  
2nd Grade— April 24 @ 2:30 PM  
1st Grade— May 8 @ 2:30 PM  
Kindergarten – May 15 @ 2:45 PM

## Reminders...

### Sickness

If you student has a fever over 100 degrees, nausea, diarrhea or vomiting within the last 24 hours, please have them stay home until they are symptom free for 24 hours.

### Celebrations and Treat

Having a home birthday party for your student? Please mail or telephone the invitation rather than deliver them at school. Hurt feelings occur when invitations are delivered at school. School treats for birthdays are permitted after making arrangements with your child's teacher. Please make sure to check with your child's teacher prior to purchasing snacks or treats, as some classrooms may be peanut-free.

Due to the risk of infection of various pathogens from cross contamination, we require that parents provide only store bought and unopened treats for sharing in classrooms. A growing number of students are experiencing food allergies, especially processed nuts/peanuts/peanut butter.

### Balloons and Flowers

Because flowers or balloons can be a disruption to student learning environment and are not allowed on the school bus, the Newberg elementary schools do not accept delivery of flowers or balloons for any student.