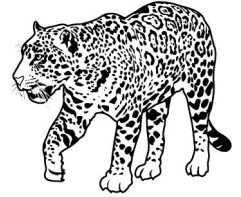




Joan Austin Elementary



2200 N. Center St.

503-554-4550

June 2016

Important Dates to Remember:

June

- 6 Kinder Music Program @ 2:45
- 6-8 5th Grade Outdoor School
- 14 5th Grade Celebration @ 2:15
- 16 Field Day/Family BBQ
- 17 Last Day of School—Half Day
Dismissal at 12:35
- 23 All school medications must be
picked up by noon

Don't forget to check the **lost and found** before the end of the year!
Anything left behind over the summer will be donated.

KINDERGARTEN MUSIC PROGRAM RESCHEDULED

It is now on June 6 at 2:30 PM

If your student has **medication** that you have checked into the office (including Outdoor School medication), please remember to pick it up by noon on **Thursday, June 23**. All items not picked up by this date will be disposed of by the school nurse.

Last day of school

June 17—Dismissal at 12:35PM

Another year is coming to a close. We have much to be proud of this year when looking back. Our school was recognized as the state's *Exemplary Reading Program*. We use the Orton Gillingham program for dyslexia, use Leveled Literacy and My Sidewalks in Title, have all our classified helping with reading groups in core classes, and have worked as a school to have consistent strategies when teaching writing. What really impressed the judges was our integration of writing in all content areas.

Thanks to Mrs. Gayer, Mrs. Buck, Mr. Byerley – district science TOSA – and “Mr. Morgan” – a senior on the high school robotics team, who organized a *robotics program* for all fourth graders this year. They built bots, programmed them to turn certain angles and drive a course, and then competed in the Can Do challenge in March. To showcase what they had learned, they also presented at both the Newberg School Board and City Club. Next year both the fourth and fifth grade students will have robotics as part of their yearly curriculum.

It was also another year of success for our *Battle of the Books* teams. Mrs. Radcliffe and Mrs. Gray spearheaded this effort and this year we had 15 teams competing at the school level. Once again our school team placed in the regionals and outperformed every other Newberg Elementary team. Since this team is comprised of fourth graders, we have a good chance of placing higher next year.

This year we accomplished our *Million Minute Challenge*. In fact, we passed our goal and actually read 1,153,746 minutes with two more weeks to go. To celebrate, on June 1 we encourage students to dress up as their favorite book character. We will have books and different activities throughout the day. Even our cooks are hoping to put some special treats together.

Our *school garden* is taking shape thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Sayles. The church next door made and donated all the garden boxes, donated the soil and bark dust, and worked one weekend to get them set up. Mrs. Sayles also was instrumental in acquiring a grant to pay for many garden tools. She has formed a school garden committee and if you want to see a proposed map of the garden, it hangs above our couches in our main hallway.

We will have one to one technology from kindergarten through fifth grade next year. Our school has had an *Innovation Team* that has already started the work this year. We will look to Mrs. Botenhagen, Mrs. Radcliffe, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Schumacher, Mrs. Hinson, Mrs. Sayles, Mrs. Hyatt, and Mrs. Love to help all of us become more of experts. They have been our leaders this year with assistive technology and Read&Write.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the parents who have supported us through the year. Without our Parent Club and the many volunteers that come into our building to assist every day, our success would be limited. We all deserve a summer break to rejuvenate for the next year. Please be safe and well until we meet again in the fall.

Terry McElligott
Principal

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.

Million Minute Celebration June 1

Students are encouraged to dress up as their favorite book character. There will be games, prizes and more!

2016-17 Supply Lists

Available on the school website by June 27

Please go to the Newberg School District website and then follow the links to the Joan Austin Elementary website, then look under the heading of Parent resources. There is a link to the supply lists.

Tooth Taxi coming June 6-10

At Mountain View Middle School

If you are interested in your child receiving free dental care and education, please contact Mr. Strid or the front office today!

Please notify the school office as soon as possible if your student will not be attending Joan Austin Elementary next fall. Also, if you have moved and need to update your contact information, please do so prior to June 13. We will be mailing report cards shortly after that day and want to make sure you receive your student's report card.

Wondering who your child's teacher will be next year? Class placement information will be posted at the end of August, please watch your email, the district app or Facebook for more information.

Thursday June 16 is Field Day!!!

Field Day Schedule

Full Day Kinder, 1st and 2nd:

9:20-11:00

1/2 Day Kinder: 10:30-11:15

3rd, 4th and 5th: 1:20-3:00

Please let us know if you are available to help! We need volunteers in order to make this day a success.



Volunteer times are as follows:

Full Day Kinder, 1st and 2nd: Arrive at 9:00 AM

3rd, 4th and 5th: Arrive at 1:10 PM

Once volunteers arrive, they will help set up and learn about the station they will be running

June 16 Family Barbecue Lunch Schedule

Kindergarten: 11:10

First Grade: 11:30

Second Grade: 11:55

Third Grade: 12:10

Fourth Grade: 12:50

Fifth Grade: 12:40



Adult lunches are \$3.75 w/o a drink,

\$4.25 with a drink

Children lunches are \$2.60

All current students are free of charge

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