



The Lion's Roarrrrr

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Happy New Year!

As I listen to friends and families talk about the high cost of their holidays this year, I find myself thinking about the need for our children to learn how to become financially independent, how to spend, save, and give. How do children learn to manage a budget? By practicing and learning from budget mistakes and successes. In addition to the token economy systems used in several of our classrooms, I encourage you to create opportunities for your child at home to learn about budgeting. Here's one of the online article with ideas on this: http://budgeting.about.com/od/teach_kids_budgeting/a/Teaching-Kids-To-Budget-Money.htm

Teachers will be reviewing student work this month and preparing information for report cards (which will go home in early February.) It's a great time to check in with your child on their reading and math facts practice. Game playing, using coins, legos, m&ms, or a deck of cards are great ways to make it fun for both you and your child!

Have a wonderful 2016!
Lisa Callahan, Principal



Students in first grade use their iPads to not only read stories but also to research, write, illustrate, and narrate their own stories!



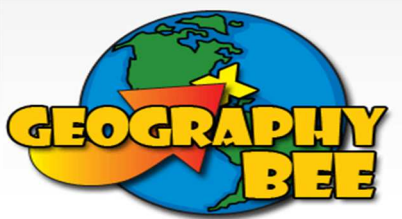
NO SCHOOL

Monday, January 18th is a no school day due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Also, there will be no school for students on January 29th. Teachers that day will complete first semester report cards.

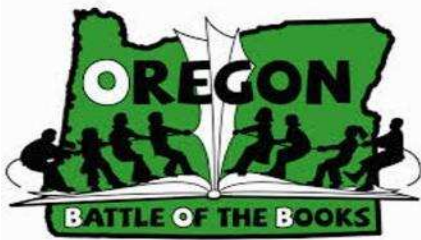


News in Brief

On January 22, Shawn Cooke, Mitch Sturdevant and our PIE volunteers will host a Family Fitness Night in the gym for students in grades K-2 and their families. To ensure adequate supervision for all students, our students must have their parent with them or come with another child's parent in order to attend the event.



Mabel Rush students in grades 4 and 5 this year have the opportunity to participate in a new Mabel Rush Geography Bee with the winner then taking an online exam to qualify for the Oregon Geography Bee.



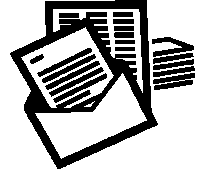
The Battles are on! Mabel Rush Battle of the Books teams will battle it out in February to see who comes out on top and goes on to compete in the regional Battle of the Books!

January

- 4 School Resumes
- 6 Spanish Club—3:15 pm
- 12 Parent Group Mtg—7 pm
- 15 Vision Screening Day
8:45 am—12:45 pm
- 18 **NO SCHOOL**
M.L.King Holiday
- 19 Outdoor School Parent Meeting— 6:30pm-Library
- 21 Outdoor School Parent Meeting—6:30pm-Library
- 22 Gr. K-2 Family Fitness Night —6:30 PM-7:45 PM
(The Gr. 3-5 Family Fitness Night will be on Feb. 5.)
- 28 End of 1st. Semester
- 29 **NO SCHOOL**—Teacher Prep Day/Grading

Notes to

Notes to the Office Reminder



Students need a written note from parents to ride a different bus, go home with a different parent..... In short, *when they do anything different from the normal routine.*



Community Supports for Families in Need

Mabel Rush Counselor Jennifer Olson keeps a list of local services available to families in need including services for counseling, medical, food, clothing, and shelter. Please contact her at 503-554-4493 for more in-



A Corner of Appreciation for

- PIE group, Shawn Cooke, and Mitch Sturdevant for organizing our upcoming Family Fitness nights!
- Mabel Rush Families and Staff — for their incredible generosity with our Giving Tree program last month!
- Aletha McKennon and Beth Randolph— for another memorable holiday assembly!
- The Newberg Christian Church for their food basket donations for our Giving Tree Program!



Dear Parents and Guardians –

Newberg students in grades 3-8 and 11 will begin taking state assessment tests in English language arts and math next spring. A new law now permits parents and guardians to annually opt-out their student out of these tests.

Results of the state assessments provide teachers with information they use to make decisions about a student's academic progress. Having no test results limits the teacher's ability to make the best decisions possible for a student.

We respect that parents have the right to decide whether their student should take the state assessment and encourage parents to be thoughtful before opting their student out.

Please see our website for general questions about the end-of-the-year tests and the ODE 2016 State Testing Notification/Opt-Out Form. I encourage you to contact your student's teacher with any question you may have about their progress in school.

Sincerely,
Kym LeBlanc-Esparza, Ed.D
Superintendent

<http://www.newberg.k12.or.us/district/new-state-testing-provision-permits-opt-out>