

# WINTERHAVEN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events:

- Thursday, October 13 – PTSA Fall Frolic – 6 pm to 8 pm
- Friday, October 14 – No School – Statewide in-service day
- Wednesday, October 19 – Late Start Wednesday – school begins 2 hours later
- Tuesday, October 25 – PTSA Coffee Chat – 8:30/8:45 am to 9:30 am
- Friday, November 4 – No School – Teacher Work Day
- Wednesday, November 9 – No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Thursday, November 10 – No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Friday, November 11 – No School – Veteran's Day
- Thursday, November 17 – TAG nomination deadline

**BIKER AND WALKER SAFETY** - As the days get darker and the weather gets nastier, now is a perfect time to review safety guidelines with your children for getting to and from school safely. Whether your children walk, bike, ride Trimet, or ride in a car, a little planning and preparation can go a long way towards making the trip safe, convenient and fun. Please practice and discuss these tips as a family and be a good example by always practicing how to travel safely and responsibly.

1. Check your route to and from school. Choose streets with low traffic volumes, slow speeds, few intersections, bicycle lanes and sidewalks.
2. It is best to cross streets at the corner or marked crosswalks (even better – ones with flashing crosswalk signs!) Before crossing, look "left-right-left" for traffic in all directions. Keep looking for cars as you cross the street. **Remember, you can't hear some cars, so keep looking!**
3. Before starting to cross make sure drivers see you and have stopped before starting to cross, it's best to make eye contact with the driver, so you know they see you.
4. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the shoulder or close to the edge of the road facing traffic so you can see approaching cars.
5. Walking with friends provides safety in numbers.
6. Stay alert, keep your eyes and ears open! Walk and ride predictably in a straight line and be visible with light or reflective clothing on darker or rainy days.
7. If you ride a bike, always wear a helmet that is properly fitted and fastened and follow all traffic laws!

**DRIVER SAFETY** - Safety is everyone's responsibility, whether you have children in school or not. That means slowing down to 20 MPH in school zones, 25 MPH on neighborhood streets, and watching for children at all times. Younger children aren't able to judge speed and distance as well as adults can, so it's the responsibility of drivers to be alert.

1. Plan ahead. Give yourself a bit more time to navigate through school zones. Be prepared for school buses with flashing lights and lines of parents dropping off and picking up children.
2. Yield to pedestrians at intersections, whether the crosswalk is marked or not.
3. Stay off your phone!
4. In school zones, the speed limit is 20 miles per hour. When travelling near schools be alert and ready to react to pedestrians or cyclists.

5. Do not pass other cars stopped at a crosswalk or intersection, the drivers may be stopped for pedestrians. Be especially careful around our drive-thru entrance and exit.
6. When making a right turn at a red light, look to the right and left for pedestrians and bike riders as well as oncoming traffic. And if you drive a "quiet" car, remember, they can't hear you coming!
7. Where there are no sidewalks, be aware of pedestrians and bicyclists who might be walking or riding along-side the road, especially in neighborhoods near schools.

**Lost and found clean-out** – Please check the lost and found for any of your students' belongings. On October 21<sup>st</sup> we will be gathering all the items that are left, and donating them to charity.

**Fall Frolic** – Upcoming Family Event -- all grades welcome. Save the date for Winterhaven's Annual Fall Frolic! This fantastic, free event is scheduled for **Thursday, October 13th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at Winterhaven. This is a school-wide, family friendly evening including live music and square dance calling by Steph Noll and the Flat Rock String Band, crafts, ping pong, karaoke, and pizza (for a fee). The evening is a wonderful opportunity to visit with old friends and to make new friends. We especially hope that new Winterhaven families will join the fun. Please contact Julie Young if you have any questions or if you want to help out at [julesteryoung@gmail.com](mailto:julesteryoung@gmail.com).

**TAG - Nominations & 2nd grade testing** -TAG nomination forms are due Thursday, November 17th. The nomination forms are located on the TAG bulletin board outside of the office, in our school office, and online at <http://www.pps.net/cms/lib8/OR01913224/Centricity/Domain/196/IDPF%202016-2017.pdf>. The TAG office will not accept late forms, so please turn them early. You can give the form to me or to your child's classroom teacher. This year, the TAG office will test every 2nd grader for intellectual ability. No nomination forms will be needed beforehand. If your child scores above the 97th percentile, then they will automatically be considered for TAG identification for intellectual. 2nd graders will be tested on the mornings of October 13th and 21st. Jeanne O'Brien will be sending home information to the 2nd grade families, however please feel free to contact myself with any questions. If you would like your 2nd grader to be tested for TAG in Math and/or Reading, then a nomination form needs to be filled out before November 17th. If you have any questions, you can e-mail me at [dhuckaba@pps.net](mailto:dhuckaba@pps.net). Thanks always, Dave Huckaba.

**Cleveland Youth Basketball** – Boy's youth try-outs are on Sunday, October 16th and Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> for grades 4 – 8. Forms are located in the rack in the foyer. For more information please email Craig Cokley at [candmcokly@gmail.com](mailto:candmcokly@gmail.com) and/or Corrine Lyons at [cybbasketball@hotmail.com](mailto:cybbasketball@hotmail.com). Registration forms can be downloaded from the CHS website at: [www.clevelandwarriorathletics.com/CHSYouth](http://www.clevelandwarriorathletics.com/CHSYouth).

**Southeast Portland Girls' Basketball Club** – Open to girls grades 1 – 8. For registration or more information, visit the website at: [www.sepdx-girlsbasketballclub.com](http://www.sepdx-girlsbasketballclub.com) or call Steve Cooper 503-887-2928.

**PTSA Coffee Chats** – We will be starting up again for the 2016-2017 school year. Please join us once a month for free coffee, snacks, guest speakers and more. We've set the dates for the next 3 meets, so mark your calendars, and stop in to experience this fun, informal way to get connected to the Winterhaven community.

When: Tuesday, October 25th, 8:45am - 9:30am

Where: Winterhaven library

Proposed Agenda: Guest speaker from the Yes on 97 campaign

When: Tuesday, November 29th, 8:45am - 9:30am

Where: Winterhaven library

Proposed Agenda: Guest speaker from Neighbors for Clean Air - an update

**Elementary Interest Classes** - We are working hard to coordinate some amazing classes for our elementary students to enjoy during their first session. **The 5 week session begins Friday, October 28. Classes will meet on Friday's from 2:00-2:50.** The dates are: 10/28, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16. If you are interested in teaching or helping in an interest class this fall, or if you are curious about what it might take please don't hesitate to contact Erin Taylor at [erinlynett.taylor@gmail.com](mailto:erinlynett.taylor@gmail.com).

**Attendance** – Please remember if you wish to notify us by email that your child will be absent, please send that email to [cdambrosi@pps.net](mailto:cdambrosi@pps.net). You can also call our attendance line – 503-916-6221.

**After School Activities** – As we receive information from after school groups, we will post them here in our weekly newsletter under After School Activities. If you have questions about after school activities, please contact our school secretary, Caroline D'Ambrosi.

Chess – This group will meet after school on Wednesdays beginning October 26<sup>th</sup> and is for students in grades 2 – 8. Here is the link to registration and further information:  
[https://sites.google.com/a/winterhavenschool.org/home/events\\_activities/winterhavenwizard\\_schessclub-2016-17](https://sites.google.com/a/winterhavenschool.org/home/events_activities/winterhavenwizard_schessclub-2016-17)

NeoGeography Club - Now in its 11th year at Winterhaven, NeoGeo is back with more online adventures for students. Covering topics in geography, earth science, astronomy and meteorology, this after-school club uses online resources to observe the world and learn about the forces that shape it. We'll sightsee using Google StreetView as we stroll down Portland streets. We'll take to the air with online flight simulators and get a bird's eye view of the landscape. We'll follow along with the International Space Station as it cruises over the planet at night, and we'll stay abreast of NASA's missions to the far reaches of the solar system. Club meets on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the computer lab. There is no charge to participate. To sign up, contact club leader Rex Fisher at [neogeographer@gmail.com](mailto:neogeographer@gmail.com). Sign up with a friend or come make new ones. Hope to see you there!

Weekly Information must be submitted by the end of the work day on the Tuesday before you wish to have it included in the newsletter. We only publish information that directly relates to our school and our students. If you wish to place something in the weekly, please email it to Nancy Cooper at [ncooper1@pps.net](mailto:ncooper1@pps.net).