

WINTERHAVEN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 20, 2016

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Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday, October 25 – PTSA Coffee Chat – 8:30/8:45 am to 9:30 am
- Monday, October 31 thru Thursday, November 3 – Spirit Week
- Thursday, October 3 – Middle school dance 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- 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

Fall Frolic – What an outstanding turnout for the Fall Frolic! It was great to see so many Winterhaven families in attendance, especially with the nasty weather that we had that evening. I want to thank Julie Young and the many other adults and students who helped to put on this amazing event. I hope your family was able to attend and I really hope you and your student had a great time that evening.

Parent/Teacher Conferences – A reminder that Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up in a few weeks on Wednesday, November 9th from 8 am to 8 pm and on Thursday, November 10th from 8 am to 8 pm. If you have not signed up yet to attend, please contact our main office at 503-916-6200 and they can sign you up over the phone to attend a conference with your child's teacher.

Spirit Week – Spirit Week is the week of Oct. 31 to Nov. 3. Here are the themes for each day: Monday, October 31 – Costume Day – Students may wear costumes to school. The costumes must follow these guidelines: no masks, no blood or gore, no accessories (ex. weapon, staff, cane, etc.). The costumes must allow students to participate fully in the daily activities of school.

Tuesday, November 1 – Pajama Day – Students must still follow the guidelines of the district/school dress code.

Wednesday, November 2 – Crazy Hair/Hat Day

Thursday, November 3 – Grade Level Color Day – Wear these colors to team up with the other students in your grade level: Kindergarten – Orange, 1st grade – Yellow, 2nd grade – Purple, 3rd grade – Green, 4th grade – Red, 5th grade – Tye Dye, 6th grade – Stripes, 7th grade – Hot Pink, 8th grade - Blue

Help Needed for Middle School Interest Classes – We are actively looking for a few parent helpers for the middle school interest classes. If you have an extra hour or two on Friday mornings, please contact Rebecca Folsom at rsatz@yahoo.com. The dates are: 10/28, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16.

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.

TAG - Nominations -TAG nomination forms are due Thursday, November 17th. The nomination forms are located in the office, on the TAG bulletin board, and at: <http://www.pps.net/cms/lib8/OR01913224/Centricity/Domain/196/IDPF%202016-2017.pdf>. The TAG office will not accept late forms. You can give the form to Dave Huckaba dhuckaba@pps.net, or to your child's classroom teacher.

TAG – 2nd Grade Testing -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 morning of October 21st. Jeanne O'Brien will be sending home information to the 2nd grade families. 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. Thanks always, Dave Huckaba.

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 2 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

Introduction from Counseling Intern - Greetings, it's a pleasure to connect with you. My name is Molly Moran and I will be interning as a school counselor at Winterhaven this year under the supervision of Cliff Shaw. I am in my final year of graduate school at Portland State University, earning a master's degree in school counseling. I have been working in the field of education and youth development for about 17 years and look forward to my role as a school counselor. Throughout the year I will be facilitating classroom lessons, leading small groups and providing individual support to students. I'm extremely excited and feel fortunate to be a part of the Winterhaven community. Please feel free to reach out at any time with questions and/or feedback about the counseling program. My direct email is molmoran@pdx.edu. I am also available by phone at 503-916-6200.

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. You can also call our attendance line – 503-916-6221.

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

Cleveland Youth Basketball – Boy's youth try-outs are on Sunday, October 23rd for grades 4 – 8. Forms are located in the rack in the foyer. For more information please email Craig Cokley

at candmcokly@gmail.com and/or Corrine Lyons at cybbasketball@hotmail.com. Registration forms can be downloaded from the CHS website at: 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 or call Steve Cooper 503-887-2928.

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.

MUSE Band – This group meets on Tuesdays after school and is for students in grades 4-8. Here is the link to their website - http://www.museband.com/Oregon_Page.html

Soccer Shots – This group meets on Fridays after school and is for students in grades K-2. Here is the link to their website - <https://www.soccershots.org/pdx/>

Chess – This group will meet after school on Wednesdays beginning October 26th 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/winterhavenwizardschessclub-2016-17

NeoGeography Club - 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. Sign up with a friend or come make new ones. Hope to see you there!

Bits and Bytes – This group meets on Thursdays and is for students in grades 5-8. Here is the link to their website - <http://www.bitsandbytespdx.com/winterhaven/>

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.