

Otto Petersen Elementary News

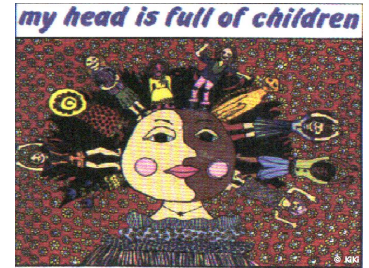
September 26, 2017



Principal's Message

Dear OPE Families,

We have had a terrific first few weeks of school. Whether new or returning, teachers and students have all contributed to making OPE's start of the year fun and focused. As I regularly visit classes and interact with students during their day, it is a pleasure to see your happy, hardworking children.



We have completed our beginning of the year baseline literacy test, called DIBELS, and are pleased to report that this student achievement data grows stronger with each year and will continue to help us inform instruction and provide additional supports to targeted students. Thank you to our Title I teacher, Amanda Small, and her incredible teaching assistants for spearheading this critical work!

Assistant Principal, Jen Angelo has helped OPE begin the year in an ever safer and more respectful fashion as we met on our first day assembly to review and renew our PBIS - Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports program. Students are learning about and practicing positive character traits and we are proud of the positive school climate we are seeing at OPE.

Thank you to all of you who have welcomed me so warmly over the past weeks. It is truly a pleasure being part of this school community.

Kind Regards,
Matthew

Grade Level News

<h3>Grade 4</h3>	<h3>Grade 5</h3>	<h3>Grade 6</h3>
<p>Fourth grade is off to a great school year. As an extension of our science lessons on volcanoes we went to Mt. St. Helens on Friday September 22nd. The weather was perfect and the students had a great view of the volcano while they learned about it from experts. It was a very exciting day!</p> <p>We are collecting box tops so please send them to school with your students so their teachers can collect them.</p> <p>All of the 4th grade teachers would like to remind families that their students should be practicing their math facts at home. This is very important to help them be successful in math class.</p>	<p>Fifth grade is off to a running start! We have been working hard on decimals to the thousandths place, and we began our first science rotations. In literacy we have been doing novel studies as well as comprehension to improve our critical thinking skills.</p> <p>On October 5th we are headed to the Oregon Zoo for our first field trip! Fifth graders need to remember to turn in their fees for field trips before October 1st.</p> <p>Finally, growth mindset lessons are helping us to think with a positive attitude and try our best even when things get tough!</p>	<p>Sixth grade is off to the races! Students are doing great switching gears and finding their lanes back in school. For Math, we've merged students from every homeroom and found them just the right class to park in. Thus, almost every student has a new teacher directing them.</p> <p>Our classes are also using <i>planners</i>. These are maps that help you and your student keep up to speed with where they've been and where they are going. Be sure to ask your student about them!</p> <p>**Don't forget to please send \$20. by October, 1st to help cover our <u>activity fee!</u> This will help us do some awesome things**</p>



OPE Counseling News

Virginia Rose is the new School Counselor at OPE. She has over 11 years of experience in a variety of settings, including K-12, charter, and online schools. Ms. Rose has been working with Mrs. White, the prior counselor, to make a smooth transition. Student Council, Kindness & Compassion Club, and Lunch Bunch will be starting soon, so applications will be out soon. Please feel free to contact her by phone (extension 3159) or at vrose@scappoose.k12.or.us.

Upcoming Events

October:

- Thursday 5th-5th Grade Zoo
- Friday 6th Petersen PRIDE Store at Lunch
- Friday 6th Spirit Assembly 2:15pm-2:45pm
- Thursday 12th- Picture Day

From the Office:

We encourage you to communicate alternative dismissal routines to the office no later than 2:00 p.m. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please remember to report your student's absence before 9:00AM.
Thank you!

A Message from the Otto Petersen Parent Organization

It was great to see some new and familiar faces at our first OPPO meeting this week! Thank you to those of you who were able to attend. If you were not able to come this time we look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on **October 10th @7pm**. Meetings are held in the OPE Library. We have some exciting events planned for this year!

Volunteer Opportunities:

Student store volunteers

- *One day a month (Volunteers sign up for one week out of the month. Store runs one day each week. Day of week TBD)
- *Run the student store during 4-6 grade lunches

Art Literacy volunteers

- *Takes place in the classrooms
- *Day and time TBD by volunteer and teacher (3-4 lessons throughout the year)
- *Teaching/Art experience not required. There will be training and a manual to follow.

In need of leads for the following:

- ~Hoop-a-thon (date TBD by lead and PE teacher)
- ~Spring Book Fair (tentative date April 16-20)
- ~Family Fun Night (date TBD by lead)

Visit the OPPO Website: <http://ottopetersenparentorganization.weebly.com/>

OPPO Board 2017-2018			
President:	Jessica Townsend	Treasurer:	Bree Vetsch
Vice President:	Erin Frugua	Secretary:	Dawn Gardner

From the Nurse:

The start of a new school year is an exciting time. It can also bring with it an increase in illness as well as asthma symptoms. Please make sure that we have up to date asthma care plans and the necessary medications on hand for your student. Please contact the office for the medication forms and check ALL medications into the office. Students are allowed to self-carry asthma rescue inhalers, once you have completed the necessary forms. It is advisable to have a back-up inhaler in the office in case for some reason the self-carried inhaler is left behind. This is also a great time to remind your student to wash their hands frequently, get plenty of sleep and to avoid sharing personal items like water bottles or cups. Sometimes it seems inevitable that germs will get spread while in school, but good health hygiene can go a long way in preventing colds and flu.



Volunteers needed: We need 4 or 5 parent volunteers for the **vision screening on Oct 10th. - 8:15-11:15am**
Please contact the office if you are able to help out. Thank you!

Mrs. Angelo's Corner

October Character Trait

Responsibility

PRIDE Tickets

*Students are doing a wonderful job of exhibiting a Positive Attitude and Safe, Respectful, and Responsible behavior at school.

Keep Up the Petersen PRIDE!

Organized Recess

*Everyday at Recess we have two organized games on the field run by our amazing OPE Assistants. One is focused on sports games and one game is an active TAG Game.

*It is wonderful to see so many kids having fun, playing with new peers and being safe.

Spirit Assembly October 6th
2:15pm-2:45pm

Come join us for celebrations & fun!

Spirit Wear Friday's

Order your spirit wear on our website and have it hand delivered to your student. Join us in celebrating school spirit and school community.