



Peter S. Ogden Elementary
Principal Whipple's Weekly Newsletter
March 10th, 2017

Calendar Information: Vancouver Public Schools has received an emergency waiver for four of its eight weather-related closures this school year. Barring additional closures, the last day of school for students will be Wednesday, June 21. There will be two-hour early releases at all schools on June 20 and June 21. There will be no early releases on June 15 and 16 as originally scheduled. Spring break, regular one-hour early releases and graduation dates are not affected. Even with the waiver, VPS students will still receive four days' worth of instruction beyond Washington state's minimum requirement of 1,027 instructional hours. The district's original board-adopted and employee-bargained calendar for 2016-17 exceeded the state's requirement by eight days' worth of instruction.

Daylight Savings Time: Please remember to switch your clocks on Sunday, March 12th for daylight savings. Spring ahead!

Frequent Go Home Changes: Please create a Go Home Plan for your child that is as consistent as possible. Frequent changes to Go Home Plans cause confusion for students and teachers.

Caller ID from VPS: Calls from within our buildings show up as a 4-digit number on caller ids. Please pick up when you see this. If you miss the call, please check your voicemail prior to calling back. We will always leave a message. This will allow our secretary to direct your call properly.

5th Grade Parents: Prior to turning 11 and before middle school starts in the fall, students need their Tdap. Please consider scheduling an appointment with your pediatrician now.

March Family Fun Night: Join us on Thursday, March 16th from 6:30-7:30 for our AVID & Science Fair Family Night. 5th grade students will be here to share their science fair boards. Information about AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) will be available. Come learn about the amazing work our 3rd-5th grade students are doing.

Muffins with Moms: Save the date! March 16th from 7:45-8:15 AM in the gym. Each family is invited to bring one adult to join them for a muffin/doughnut, coffee and milk. All students will take home a free book and all parents will be entered in a drawing for a game and a gift card. Please come enjoy some time reading and playing games with your child.

Know Your Rights Workshops: Workshops for Spanish speaking parents seeking information are sponsored by Southwest WA LULAC, LCRG, Vancouver One America, CCLYC, NWJP. Come learn about your rights in the U.S. if you have an encounter with ICE, how to make a safety plan with your family, updated information on immigration status (DACA, Green Cards etc.), how to prevent and report hate crimes and bullying and getting involved with the movement to support immigrants and refugees.

- Thursday, March 16 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM, Know Your Rights, Fruit Valley Elementary School
- Wednesday, March 22 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Know Your Rights, Washington State University Vancouver
- Thursday, March 23 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM, Know Your Rights, Marshall Elementary School
- Saturday, March 25 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, Family Preparedness Plan, Fort Vancouver High School
- Thursday, March 30 6:30-8:30 PM, Know Your Rights, Discovery Middle School

Upcoming Events:

March 13 – 5 th Grade Walking Field Trip	March 16 – No Basketball Practice
March 13 – One Hour Early Release	March 17 – Report Cards Sent Home in Friday Folders
March 16 – Muffins with Mom 7:45-8:15 AM	March 18 – Choir Performance at Skyview
March 16 – AVID/Science Family Fun Night 6:30-7:30 PM	March 21-24 – OMSI Traveling Planetarium 1 st -5 th Grades