



**Peter S. Ogden Elementary**  
**Principal Whipple's Weekly Newsletter**  
**March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Last Days of School:** June 20<sup>th</sup> (2 hours early release) & June 21<sup>st</sup> (2 hours early release)

**Dental Van:** Dental forms are in backpacks today. They are due on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The van will be here April 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>.

**Smarter Balanced Testing:** Our school will begin WA State testing on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in the Smarter Balanced Assessment. Students will take four assessments on four different days over a two-month period. There are two Math assessments and two Language Arts assessments. 5<sup>th</sup> graders will take an additional Science assessment. The tests are not timed and all students will have as much time as they need to complete the assessments. Results are sent home to parents early fall of next school year. For more information about the assessment visit <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/parents/>.

**Attendance:** Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work. Our state defines regular attendance as missing less than 10% (18 days) over the course of the entire school year.

**Attendance Line:** Is your child going to be absent? You can all the attendance line 24 hours a day at 313-1430. Please save this number in your phone for future reference. All student absences need to be excused.

**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. Please remember that changes are due in writing prior to 2:00 PM.

**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 school office to direct your call properly.

**5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Know Your Rights Workshops:** Southwest WA LULAC, LCRG, Vancouver One America, CCLYC, and NWJP sponsor workshops for Spanish speaking parents seeking information. 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.

- 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 18 – Choir Performance at Skyview	March 27 – One Hour Early Release
March 21-24 – OMSI Traveling Planetarium 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grades	March 27 – Parent Climate Survey Window Opens
March 22 – Spanish-Speaking Coffee with Principal 8:35	March 29 – Girls B-Ball Skilleree @ Roosevelt 3:45
March 24 – Popcorn Friday Today!	March 30 – Boys B-Ball Skilleree @ Roosevelt 3:45