

Peter S. Ogden Elementary Principal Whipple's Weekly Newsletter April 14th, 2017

April Family Fun Night: Join us for a family fun night on Thursday, April 27th from 6:00 -7:00 pm. Come hear police officers and other community members read bedtime stories! See student-created robots! Watch a Battle of the Books competition! Donate canned or boxed foods to our school-wide food drive. Pick out a free book! Observe ice cream flash frozen with liquid nitrogen by SubZero! After the demo, ice cream can be purchased for \$4 for one scoop or \$5 for two scoops. 10% of Sub Zero proceeds go back to our school!

VPS Parent Survey: We want to hear your feedback! Please visit <u>www.vansd.org</u> to fill out the parent survey. Please complete one survey for each school you have children attending.

Conferences: Students have a two-hour early release from school on Thursday, April 20th and Friday, April 21st for conferences. Spring conferences are by invitation for specific students. If you would like a conference with your child's teacher, please connect with him/her to schedule a time.

Kindergarten Registration: Come register your kinder student for next school year! Registration is open.

Smarter Balanced Testing: Ogden 3rd-5th grade students will begin state testing on April 18th. Students will take two Math assessments and two Language Arts assessments on four days over the next seven weeks. 5th grade students will take an additional Science assessment. On testing day, please send your child to school on time, well rested and with a healthy breakfast. We want our students to have the best opportunity possible to show what they know. Teachers will let you know through the student planners when testing days are scheduled.

YMCA Chef Class: Students in grades K-5 are invited to learn simple, tasty and fun recipes, cooking techniques and healthy eating tips. They will make a recipe book to take home so they can cook for the family. Classes meet on Tuesdays April 18th-May 23rd from 3:00-4:30. The cost is \$10 for the entire 6-week program. Please register with the YMCA at ymca.org or call (360)885-9622. Class number #70820.

13th Annual Multicultural Resource Fair - Promoting Unity and Appreciating Diversity to Empower Families: The Latino Community Resource Group (LCRG) in collaboration with Southwest Washington League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), OneAmerica of Vancouver, and the Latino Youth Conference of Clark County will be hosting this event. It will take place on April 29th from 12:00 to 5:00PM at Clark College, Gaiser Hall (1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver, WA 98663). This year's event will be focused on creating unity and empowering our community through appreciating each other's cultures and enhancing our similar struggles as underrepresented groups.

Information from PTA: Do not forget to turn in your Labels for Education. You only have until May 5th. The classroom with the most will get a PIZZA PARTY! Our school Goal is 5,000. This will provide new jump ropes, small foam balls and other sports items.

Upcoming Events:

April 14 – Parent VPS Survey Window Opens	April 20 & 21 – 2 Hour Early Release - Conferences
April 18 – YMCA Chef Class Begins 3:00-4:30	April 24 – One Hour Early Release
April 18 – SBA State Testing at PSO Begins - 3 rd -5 th grade	April 26 – Dance Practices End
April 19 – Spanish-speaking Principal Coffee 8:35	April 26 – Spring Picture Day