



Peter S. Ogden Elementary
Principal Whipple's Weekly Newsletter
October 7, 2016

Doughnuts with Dads on October 13: Join us from 7:45-8:15 AM in the gym. Enjoy a doughnut and coffee with your child as you read or play a game together. You could win a gift card from Starbucks or a game to take home! Due to limited space in the gym, **one adult male per family** is invited. This can be Dad, Stepdad, Foster Dad, Grandpa, Uncle or Boyfriend.

Fruit & Veggie Program: Our school is part of a fresh fruit and veggie grant that provides a variety of produce for snacks Tuesday-Friday. The goal is to encourage students to take part in healthy eating habits and try something new.

Recess Reminder: We go outside for recess nearly every day. Even if it is raining, we are outside. Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. In the Pacific Northwest it rains almost every day. Kids need time to run and play. Our priority is to get them outside. We have an indoor recess plan for thunderstorms or extreme downpours.

Change of Go Home Plans: Students will be sent home following the plan we have documented. If you need to change the Go Home Plan for some reason, this needs to be in writing by 2:00. You can send a note with your child, email PSOgden@vansd.org, or drop off a note in the office. Changes cannot be made over the phone. Please help us keep all our kids safe and accounted for by clearly documenting any changes.

PE/Dance Update: 1st-5th grade students have been taught the proper form for overhand throwing, since this is a major skill for many of our games throughout the year. R, L Step and Throw has been our mantra. 1st and 2nd graders are now learning directions (left, right, up, down, forward and backward) through various dance activities. 3rd-5th graders will begin the pacer this month. They also have Fitness Logs to record their personal fitness routines that go home monthly. Please remind your children to wear sneakers and not flip flops on PE/Dance days.

Robotics Club: 2nd, 4th and 5th graders have been invited to sign up for a month of computer club on Wednesdays during lunch recess. The students will work in the Makerspace with Mrs. McElroy learning robotics, coding and other computer-related skills. 10-15 students per grade level will be in the club each month allowing all interested students a chance to participate at some point during the year.

Jim Parsley Center (JPCC): Did you know our district offers swim lessons, exercise classes and Saturday activities for VPS families? Check out jpcc.vansd.org for more information.

PTA Shirt Orders: PTA is running an Ogden spirit order. Please consider ordering a shirt so your student can join us in showing our PSO Pride on Fridays. Orders are due on October 17.

Fall Into Ogden PTA: We have lots of events coming up this October and would love for you to join and volunteer to help. We have Popcorn Fridays and our 1st Fall Festival (October 27 from 5:30-7:00). Please email us at petersogdenpta@gmail.com if you want to help with the Festival. Contact us by October 19, please!!!!

Upcoming Events:

October 7-24 – First PTA Fundraiser	October 13 – Harry Potter Class Begins
October 11 – Volleyball Practices Begin	October 14 – No School
October 12 – Wood/Love Field Trip	October 17 – PTA Shirt Order Forms Due
October 13 – Doughnuts with Dads 7:45-8:15 AM	October 17 – 5 th Grade Walking Field Trip