



**Peter S. Ogden Elementary**  
**Principal Whipple's Weekly Newsletter**  
**October 14, 2016**

**Makerspace:** We are proud to announce the official opening of our Makerspace this week. PSO will use our makerspace to develop the mindset of students to look at the world through taking it apart learning how it works. Our makerspace will allow our kinesthetic, visual, logical, and social learners to have a place to learn in a very tactile, collaborative and self-directed way. The makerspace includes areas for Arts & Crafts, Textiles & Sewing, Electronics & Robotics and Woodworking & Construction. We can't wait for our students to use the space to create, invent, tinker, explore and discover. Teachers will sign up to use the space with their classes.

**Walk to School:** Thank you to the many families that join us in National Walk to School Day. We had 167 students and 55 adults join us with some morning exercise. Thank you for promoting healthy habits.

**Food Pantry:** PSO families are welcome to come to the Mobile Fresh Food Pantry at Ogden Elementary on Friday, Oct. 28th at 9:30 - 10:30am. It will be located outside under the covered area by the gym. Bring 2 grocery bags, limited to one adult per family. The food is provided by Share Vancouver.

**VPS Patron Tour on October 28:** Visit Martin Luther King Jr. and Lake Shore Elementary. The tour begins at 8:30 and concludes at 1:00. Everyone is welcome, but space is limited. To sign up, call Sue Knable at 360-313-4720, email [susan.knable@vansd.org](mailto:susan.knable@vansd.org) or sign up online at <http://vansd.org/visit-vps>.

**Classroom Circles:** Throughout the week, your child has the opportunity to participate in a classroom community circle. The circle is a simple structured process of communication that is designed to create a safe space for all voices to be heard. Circles are helpful for building and maintaining a healthy community in which all members feel connected and respected. Circles support individual learning and growth, and at the same time they contribute to the development of a healthy positive school community for all. Ask your child about what they talked about in their circle today.

**Lost and Found:** Our lost and found is growing. If your child is missing anything, please visit the rack in the Media Center. Conferences are a great time to look through the items for anything familiar. All items will be donated after conferences.

**Notes from PTA:** Our fundraiser is in full swing. Please remember to collect all cash and check at time of ordering. PTA is running an Ogden spirit order. Consider ordering a shirt so your student can join us in showing our PSO Pride on Fridays. Orders are due on October 17. The Fall Festival is October 27 from 5:30-7pm. We need volunteers - Even older siblings willing to run a game booth! Email us at [petersogdenpta@gmail.com](mailto:petersogdenpta@gmail.com)

**Upcoming Events:**

October 17 – PTA Shirt Order Forms Due @3:00	October 24 – PTA Fundraiser Forms Due
October 17 – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Walking Field Trip	October 24 – One Hour Early Release
October 19 – 2 Hour Early Release	October 26 – Spanish-speaking Coffee w/Principal
October 20 & 21 – Parent Conferences/No School	October 27 – PTA Fall Festival 5:30-7:00 PM