

Peter S. Ogden Elementary Principal Whipple's Weekly Newsletter January 27th, 2017

Monday, January 30th: Students will attend a full day of school as a snow day make up.

February 14th Bond: Ballots should be arriving in the mail soon. Please remember to vote on February 14th.

Attendance Family Prize: Students with good attendance (less than 5 days absent) were eligible to be entered into a drawing for a choice of gift cards from area businesses. Congrats to our winners! The next drawing will be after spring break. Be at school every day to be a part of the drawing.

News from the Music Teacher: Second graders have been taught to use an online interactive music tool and are encouraged to try it at home. http://tonematrix.audiotool.com/ If you type "tone matrix" into Google browsers, it should be the first link. By playing with this, students learn about music patterns, textures, rhythms, harmonies, and song dynamics

5th **Graders:** Don't forget to complete your applications for VSAA and iTech Prep. Applications are due on March 3rd for iTech Prep and February 6th for VSAA.

YMCA Legos: We have 4 spots left! Starting on January 31st, the YMCA is offering a 6 week Lego class from 3:00-4:30 for a cost of only \$10. Please contact the YMCA at (360)885-9622 or ymcacw.org to register. The class ends March 7th.

1, 2, 3, Grow and Learn: If you have a child birth to 5 who is not yet attending elementary school, please join us on Friday mornings in the Media Center from 8:30-10:00 for stories, games, crafts and snacks. This is a free class for children and their caretakers. It is a great opportunity for your child to become comfortable at school and for you to meet other parents in the area.

Portland Winter Light Festival: This FREE event is February 1st-4th at OMSI along the waterfront. This outdoor celebration illuminates Portland's waterfront through contemporary light-based art installations, engaging performance, and fun activities for all ages. Free and open to the public, this nighttime community-supported event generates critical opportunities for artists, designers, creatives, makers and performers to collectively expand art, performance and technology innovations in our region. We want our students to be creatively motivated for our Makerspace. Please consider attending this event.

PTA Information:

- Please support our PTA by attending our fundraiser at Chipotle on January 31st from 4:00-8:00. 50% of all sales go to the PTA. Just let them know you are there to support Ogden PTA.
- Spring Fundraiser Packets are coming home soon. Keep an eye open.

Upcoming Events:

Jan 30 – Snow Day Make Up Day – Full Day Attendance	Feb 1 – 4 th Grade NAEP Testing
Jan 31 – YMCA Lego Class Begins 3:00-4:30	Feb 6-10 – PTA Valentine's Candy Gram Sales
Jan 31 – iTech Open House 5 th Graders 6:30-7:30 PM	Feb 6 – VSAA Applications Due
Jan 31 – PTA Chipotle Fundraiser 4:00-8:00 PM	Feb 8 – 4 th Grade Arlene Schnitzer Field Trip