



## Peter S. Ogden Elementary Principal Whipple's Weekly Newsletter February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**February 14<sup>th</sup> Bond:** Just 4 days remain to vote on Vancouver Public Schools' bond measure, Proposition 2. The election is Tuesday, Feb. 14. Ballots may be returned by mail (postmarked by Feb. 14), drop box or at the Clark County Elections Office by 8 p.m. on Feb. 14. The bond measure, if approved, would allow Vancouver Public Schools to improve and upgrade every school in the district. To learn more about the bond measure, please visit <http://vansd.org/reschools>

**Boys & Girls Club:** The B&G Club will have a bus transporting to club in the afternoon starting on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. The bus is free for members thanks to a generous VPS Foundation donor. Members who are to begin riding the bus need to inform B&G Club AND send a change of go home plan to the school **IN WRITING** prior to 2:00 on February 13<sup>th</sup>. At this time, the club is closed to new members, but please contact B&G Club if you would like to be put on the wait list.

**4th Grade Music:** Starting this month, 4th grade students will begin learning to play the recorder in music class, a core part of the 4th grade music curriculum. We will be using a program called Recorder Karate, in which students practice songs and test for "belt" colors to be tied onto their recorder, much like the belts in a traditional karate program. In order to earn these belts, students must practice their songs as much as possible and test for each level, one at a time. There are nine levels, beginning with white and ending with black. You may be familiar with some of the songs such as "Hot Cross Buns," "It's Raining," and "Ode to Joy." Students are so excited to begin working on their recorders. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to practice rhythm, melody, music reading, ensemble skills, and instrument technique. Please encourage them to practice and do their best!

**Boundary Transfer Forms:** If you have an in-district boundary transfer to PSO this year, it **MUST** be renewed every year. In-district boundary exception requests forms are available in all school offices. Please turn this in as soon as possible. Any available spots are filled in the order forms are received.

Out-of-district boundary exception renewal begins on May 1st. Students living outside Vancouver Public Schools requesting to attend a school in VPS need to go to their resident district to get a Choice Transfer release form signed and stamped before turning it into the Student Welfare and Attendance Office.

**Pre-K Family Night:** Join us on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4 - 5pm in the PSO Media Center. Families with children ages 3, 4 or 5 years old, not yet in Kindergarten, are welcome to come to school for fun with The Hungry Caterpillar story. You don't need to have a student currently at Ogden Elementary and the whole family is welcome! There will be stories, songs, activities, and a free book! Invite your neighbors and friends. We hope to see you there!

**Kindergarten Registration:** Registration opens April 11<sup>th</sup>. We have Kindergarten Visitation on May 24<sup>th</sup> (9:00 AM) and May 25<sup>th</sup> (6:00 PM). If you have an incoming kinder student, please save the date!

**PTA Information:** Monday is the last day to purchase Candy Grams to send for Valentine's Day. Candy Grams cost \$0.50. The candy grams will be delivered on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please support our PTA through selling from the fundraiser flyer that was sent home last week. Forms are due back on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Upcoming Events:

Feb 13 – Last Day for Candy Gram Sales	Feb 14 – Candy Grams Delivered
Feb 13 – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Burnt Creek Walking Field Trip	Feb 14 – Bond Election Day
Feb 13 – One Hour Early Release	Feb 16 – iTech Open House 6:30-7:30 PM
Feb 13 – Boys & Girls Club Bus Begins	Feb 17 – PTA Fundraiser Forms Due