



**Peter S. Ogden Elementary**  
**Principal Whipple's Weekly Newsletter**  
**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Kindergarten Color Week:** Students have been wearing colors to support kinder students in their study of the color. Join us next week as we continue our color days. Monday-**Purple**, Tuesday-**Pink**, Wednesday-**Brown**, Thursday-White/**Gray**, Friday-**Black**.

**OMSI Planetarium:** This week students in grades 1-5 were able to spend an hour in an inflatable planetarium learning about space. We are so thankful to have received a grant from NASA to provide this opportunity for our students. Ask your child to share with you about his/her experience.

**Track:** The Ogden Elementary Track season will begin on April 11<sup>TH</sup>. The After-School program is open to 4th and 5th grade boys and girls. We will be developing skills so that your child may be successful in the running and jumping events of track and field. Practices will be held from 3:00 to 4:15 on NON-Early Release Mondays and Tuesdays. Permission slips and track practice dates are in your child's Friday Folders. Return permission slips no later than April 10<sup>TH</sup>. We are looking forward to a great track season!

**Attendance on Family Access:** You can check your child's attendance on Family Access. How are you doing? Has your child missed less than 7 days? This would be good attendance for this point in the year. Has your child missed more than 14 days? This is considered chronic absenteeism. If you have not signed up for access to this site, please check in at the office to sign up now. This is a useful tool for your child's school career at VPS to check lunch funds, attendance and secondary grades/assignments.

**VPS App:** Vancouver Public Schools has an app available. Please consider downloading it to have the lunch menu, school calendar, family access and more available anytime you need it. Visit iTunes or any other site where you download your apps.

**Caller ID from VPS:** Calls from within our buildings show up as a 4-digit number on caller ids. Please pick up if you see this on your caller ID. If you miss the call, please check your voicemail prior to calling back. We will always leave a message. This will allow our front office to direct your call properly.

**Know Your Rights Workshops:** Workshops for Spanish speaking parents seeking information are sponsored by Southwest WA LULAC, LCRG, Vancouver One America, CCLYC, NWJP. Come learn about your rights in the U.S. if you have an encounter with ICE, how to make a safety plan with your family, updated information on immigration status (DACA, Green Cards etc.), how to prevent and report hate crimes and bullying and getting involved with the movement to support immigrants and refugees.

- Saturday, March 25 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, Family Preparedness Plan, Fort Vancouver High School
- Thursday, March 30 6:30-8:30 PM, Know Your Rights, Discovery Middle School

**Information from PTA:** Start collecting Labels for Education! We are having a contest after Spring Break.

**Upcoming Events:**

March 27 – One Hour Early Release	April 3-7 – Spring Break – No School
March 29 – Girls B-Ball Skillereer @ Roosevelt 3:45	April 10 – One Hour Early Release
March 30 – Boys B-Ball Skillereer @ Roosevelt 3:45	April 11 – Track Practice Begins
	April 11-14 – Dental Van Visits