

Peter S. Ogden Elementary Principal Whipple's Weekly Newsletter April 21st, 2017

April Family Fun Night: Join us for a family fun night on Thursday, April 27th from 6:00 -7:00 pm. Come Hear police officers and other community members read bedtime stories! See student-created robots! Watch a Battle of the Books competition! Donate canned or boxed foods to our school-wide food drive. Pick out a free book! Observe ice cream flash frozen with liquid nitrogen by SubZero! After the demo, ice cream is available for purchase for only \$4 for one scoop or \$5 for two scoops. 10% of Sub Zero proceeds go back to our school!

Canned Food Drive: PSO will be hosting a school wide food drive from Thursday, April 27th to Friday, May 12th. We are looking for canned or boxed food that can be donated to Vancouver Share House. If you have any food items to donate, please send them to school between these dates. The Vancouver Share House gives to people right in our community and even to the students at our very own school. Please help us support this important event!

VPS Parent Survey: We want to hear your feedback! Please visit <u>www.vansd.org</u> to fill out the parent survey. Please complete one survey for each school you have children attending.

Smarter Balanced Testing: Ogden 3rd-5th grade students are currently taking part in state testing. Students will take two Math assessments and two Language Arts assessments on four days over the next seven weeks. 5th grade students will take an additional Science assessment. On testing day, please send your child to school on time, well rested and with a healthy breakfast. We want our students to have the best opportunity possible to show what they know. Teachers will let you know through the student planners when testing days are scheduled.

Tardy Students: Students enter the building and get started on their day at 8:20. Students are marked tardy if they arrive after 8:30. Students must be in their classroom by 8:30 in order to be on time. If they are in the building at 8:30, but have not made it to class, they are tardy.

Pacific Islander Cultural Potluck: All are welcome to come and enjoy this family cultural celebration held on Thursday, April 27th from 4:30-8:00 PM at Fort Vancouver High School Cafeteria. Enjoy cultural dancing, cultural potluck foods, cultural presentations and lots of entertainment.

13th Annual Multicultural Resource Fair - Promoting Unity and Appreciating Diversity to Empower Families: The Latino Community Resource Group (LCRG) in collaboration with Southwest Washington League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), OneAmerica of Vancouver, and the Latino Youth Conference of Clark County will be hosting this event. It will take place on April 29th from 12:00 to 5:00PM at Clark College, Gaiser Hall (1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver, WA 98663). This year's event will be focused on creating unity and empowering our community through appreciating each other's cultures and enhancing our similar struggles as underrepresented groups.

Information from PTA: How are those Labels for Education coming? You only have two more weeks to turn in your labels. Don't forget the program is ending, so this is your last chance to turn in all your Campbell Soup labels! Thank you for your participation. Let's get our goal of 5,000!

Upcoming Events:

April 24 – One Hour Early Release	April 27 – Food Drive Begins
April 26 – Dance Practices End	April 28 – Popcorn Friday Today!
April 26 – Spring Picture Day	April 28 – Food Pantry (Covered Area) 9:30-10:30 AM
April 27 – Family Night – Books Before Bedtime 6:00 PM	April 28 – District Dance Performance (Skyview)