

Peter S. Ogden Elementary Principal Whipple's Weekly Newsletter April 28th, 2017

Canned Food Drive: PSO will be hosting a school wide food drive until 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.

Free Preschool Program: Actively engage 4-year olds in developmentally age-appropriate activities to increase school readiness skills and ease the transition process into kindergarten. Program will be Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday during the 2017-18 school year. Applications are available to students residing in the boundaries of Title I designated schools (Anderson, Fruit Valley, Harney, Hazel Dell, Hough, King, Lincoln, Marshall, Minnehaha, Ogden, Roosevelt, Sacajawea, Truman, Walnut Grove, and Washington elementary schools). You may pick up an application at the above listed schools or access from the district website. Submit completed application to the King Elementary school office by 3:00 P.M., May 19, 2017. Applications received after this date and time will be added to a wait list. A lottery drawing will occur at 3:30 P.M. on May 26, 2017 at King Elementary School. All applicants will be notified of the lottery drawing outcome. Those students not selected through the lottery drawing will be notified and placed on a waiting list. Those on the waiting list will be contacted if and when space opens up in the program.

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.

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.

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: This is the last week to turn in all those Labels For Education. All labels need to be in by Friday, May 5th. Thank you to everyone for participating. Let's see if we reach our goal of 5,000. Which class is going to win the pizza party?

Upcoming Events:

May 3 – 2 nd Grade Field Trip to Fort Vancouver	May 12 – Popcorn Friday Today!
May 5 – PTA Labels for Education Due	May 12 – Principal Coffee with Parents (English) 8:35
May 8 – 5 th Grade Walking Field Trip – Burnt Bridge Creek	May 12 – Food Drive Ends
May 8 – One Hour Early Release (Last One)	May 15-19 - PTA Spring Book Fair