



# Pelican Press

A Family and Student-Centered School

October, 2016

## October Reminders

Good News Club begins October 4.

Softball games continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays, ending with a tournament on Saturday, October 22.

Starbase begins for Mrs. Dahm's class on October 18.

We have assemblies on October 18 (Marine Mammals) and October 21 (Chinese Acrobats).

Third grade swim lessons are the week of October 24.

Students may dress up in school-appropriate costumes on Halloween, October 31.

## Principal's Message

Ahoy Pelican Families,

This has been the greatest start to a new school year that I have every experienced as a principal (11 years). Pelican Pirates have been recognized for several notable achievements since school began last month:

1. **Blue Zone Project School** approval and ribbon-cutting during our Open House. We are the first school in Oregon to achieve this recognition for creating a healthy learning environment for students and staff.

2. **Amazing attendance from our students in September (best ever)!** Average school-wide attendance is 99%. We had one day with 100% attendance, too. Over three-fourths of our students still have perfect attendance.

3. **AVID Certified School status.** On October 13, Pelican will present an AVID Showcase event for visiting educators to see first-hand what we have achieved in our third year of implementation of our rigorous and engaging teaching strategies.

Pelican parents are super supportive of their students and school. Please consider being involved in our Booster group (the first meeting is Thursday, October 6) and be a school volunteer in classrooms, in the Scholastic Book Fair during conferences, assisting with staff appreciation days, and during the Activity-a-Thon Fundraiser.

Mrs. Swan (aka Captain)

*Please call Pelican  
if your child is  
absent!*

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### **Starbase**

Mrs. Dahm's class will begin attending five sessions of Starbase on October 18. These full-day classes on science, physics and flight are taught by certified teachers and held at Kingsley Field. Students are brought a little closer to the real-world applications of things they learn during this time, hopefully sparking an interest in the sciences and offering opportunities to ponder career choices.

### **Softball Games**

Softball games that started the last week of September continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays, culminating with a tournament on Saturday, October 22. The start times of the games are on the calendars for 4:30 PM but are dependent on the arrival of the buses that return to the elementary schools after making their regular dismissal runs. The actual start times will be sometime between 4:30 and 4:45 PM for the games. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding.

### **Volleyball**

Co-ed volleyball is the next sport offered through the After School Program for our fourth and fifth graders. Practice starts on October 24. Permission forms with front and back sides completed need to be back to our office by October 20.

### **Third Grade Swim Lessons**

Our third grade classes will have swim lessons the week of October 24. Both classes will go to the Ella Redkey Pool each morning of that week. Permission slips will be out soon and will require your signature in two places. Students need to bring their swimsuits and a towel each day. Because the lessons begin at 9:00 AM, they will need to have their gear and be on time; buses will leave very shortly after school begins at 8:30.

We are grateful to the Ella Redkey Pool for providing this valuable knowledge and skill to our students at no cost to students or the district.

### **October Assemblies**

We have two assemblies this month and invite families to join us if possible.

On Tuesday, October 18, the Oregon Coast Aquarium will be here with their Marine Mammals show. Grades K-2 will see it at 12:45 PM with the grades 3-5 presentation at 1:45 PM.

And on Friday, October 21, the Chinese Acrobats will astound us with their skills and flexibility at 8:40 AM.

Our Pelican Booster Club has paid for both these enriching events.

### **Advantage Dental**

Next month Advantage Dental will provide screening and dental hygiene services for students who have turned in consent forms. If you are interested and

have not already signed a consent for your children, please stop by the office.

### **Good News Club**

Permission slips for Good News Club were distributed several weeks ago. This Tuesday after-school group sponsored by the Child Evangelism Fellowship is held at Pelican School for grades 1-5, but is not an activity of the school or district. Forms are available on the case in the lobby for interested families.

### **OSU Nutrition**

Again this year we are grateful to Mrs. Karen Hottman of the OSU Klamath Extension Service for the nutritional knowledge and fun taste tests she provides. She teaches routine lessons in kindergarten, second and fourth grades and has a monthly Try Day when the whole school can sample healthy foods in interesting combinations. This information is an important building block in our students' health as we all work toward building a healthier community.

### **Fall Conferences**

Conferences are in early November this year. The first quarter ends on November 3; students will not have school on November 4 while teachers prepare grades for report cards.

Students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM on Monday, November 7 and Tuesday, November 8. They will not have school the rest of that week.

We are giving you this information early so you will be able to plan for your children's change of schedule.

### **Ross Ragland Theater**

Our fourth and fifth graders will see the Taiko Project, an amazing Japanese drum performance, on October 24.

### **Halloween**

Dress up on Monday, October 31! Pelican students may wear costumes to school on Halloween. This privilege does come with a few restrictions, however.

Students must come dressed; we will not allow class time to get dressed up. Costumes must be appropriate for elementary school. Weapons, props, masks, excessive makeup, or outfits that are a safety issue are not permitted. This is still a school day when learning must happen. It is also a day for regular PE classes.

Parties (if any) will be arranged by classroom teachers, and will emphasize healthy activities and minimal food.

And on the same note, Halloween is on a school night. We want students to have a good time with their families, but to party responsibly and be at school on time and ready to learn the next day.