



Pelican Press

A Family and Student-Centered School

April, 2017

April Reminders

Spring pictures are Wednesday, April 5. Everyone will have their picture taken.

Friday, April 7, is grade prep day. Students do not attend school.

Conferences are Wednesday, April 12, and Thursday, April 13. Students are dismissed at 11:30 AM both days.

Our third quarter awards assembly is Friday, April 28, at 8:45 AM for grades K-2 and 9:30 AM for grades 3-5.

Families are invited to an assembly about Ben Franklin for grades 3-5 on April 4 at 10:30 AM., and to one about Aesop's Fables for grades K-2 on April 10 at 2:00 PM.

Attendance continues to be important. During testing season we especially encourage healthy choices to maximize brain power!

*Please call Pelican
if your child is
absent!
541-883-4765*

Principal's Message

Welcome to the end of the third quarter and the beginning of the fourth and final quarter of the school year. Teachers will be meeting with families to discuss report cards during Spring Conferences. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for conferences. Our goal is 100% participation from parents and students.

We have begun giving the required **Smarter Balanced Assessments** in reading math for all students in grades three through five. Students take these important tests in the computer lab. Students should take their time and be thoughtful in their answers on the tests, as partial credit can be given for answers to some questions.

Attendance matters! Overall, we have had improvement in attendance rates for all grades and school-wide this year. We want to reduce the number of students who are considered "chronically absent", missing 17 or more school days a year. Thank you to parents who support this goal! Students who miss school fall behind, miss out on instruction and school activities, and then can feel anxious and frustrated when they return to school.

Finally, I hope your spring break was amazing and restful.

Mr. Swan

Spring Pictures

Students will all have their spring pictures taken on Wednesday, April 5. Proofs that you can make your purchases from will go home several weeks later. There is no retake day for spring pictures.

Grade Prep Day and Conferences

Students have no school on Friday, April 7, while teachers prepare grades for report cards.

Conferences will be held the next week.

Students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, April 12, and Thursday, April 13. Teachers will meet with parents the afternoons and evenings of those days. Please return your conference appointment slip or call the office if you need to change your time. We appreciate you being aware of your conference time and keeping the appointment.

School is closed on Friday, April 14.

Awards Assembly

Our third quarter awards assembly to honor students with excellent attendance and/or displaying good character will be Friday, April 28. Grades K-2 will receive their awards at 8:45 AM, with grades 3-5 getting theirs at 9:30 AM.

Tooth Taxi

During the third week of April the Tooth Taxi will be at Pelican. We are pleased to have this mobile dental unit provided by the Oregon Education Association Foundation and the Dental Foundation of Oregon. The Tooth Taxi brings dental services to students who need care but have trouble obtaining it.

Parents who are interested need to complete the necessary paperwork and will receive a report of the work done.

Traveling Lantern Show

The Traveling Lantern Theater will be at Pelican on Tuesday, April 4, with their performance of *The Industrious Mr. Franklin*. Grades three, four, and five will meet this inventor, author, scientist and founding father. Families are invited to join us for the 10:30 AM show.

Ross Ragland Theater

Mrs. Susee's and Mrs. Ogborn's classes will be attending the Ross Ragland Theater on Tuesday, April 4, for the 12:30 PM performance of *Skippyjon Jones*. This musical, based on a book by Judy Schachner, is a fun adventure about a Siamese cat who thinks he's a Chihuahua.

Aesop's Fables

Kindergartners, first and second graders will see a production of Aesop's Fables on Monday, April 10 at 2:00 PM. Families are welcome to join us for this 45 minute presentation.

Spring Concerts

The dates of our district's annual spring concerts are as follows.

Monday, May 1, 7:00 PM, Pel Court, recorder students and fifth grade band students.

Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 PM, Ponderosa, fifth grade orchestra students.

Monday, May 15, 7:00 PM, Pel Court, fifth grade choral concert.

The students involved in these concerts attend rehearsal on the morning of the concerts. In addition to elementary students, each of the concerts includes middle and high school music students. The performances are an outstanding showcase of the musical talent and dedication of both students and their teachers.

Kickoff to Kindergarten

If you have a child who will attend kindergarten in one of the city schools next fall, you might be interested the Kick-off to Kindergarten evenings to be held at Conger Elementary on April 27, May 25, and June 8. Each session includes dinner and parent activity time. You will have the opportunity to meet kindergarten teachers and other parents with children starting kindergarten. Families will receive games, books, puzzles and other items that promote kindergarten readiness.

Space is limited, so please call 541-883-4748 soon to make your reservation.

Kindergarten Roundup

Kindergarten Roundup is Thursday, May 11, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. All families with children ready to start kindergarten in the fall (five years old on or before September 1, 2017) are urged to attend.

A light dinner is provided, along with information from the principal and teachers. Registration papers are available. Students will get to visit and explore one of the K classrooms. Parents are asked to bring their child's birth certificate and shot record.

Please share information about Kick-off to Kindergarten and Kindergarten Roundup with friends and family who will have a child starting kindergarten.

Coin Drive for Mills Student

We are conducting a coin drive for a Mills Elementary student recently diagnosed with cancer. Please consider contributing your change to the container in the Pelican lobby and help us show support for her and her family.