



Pelican Press

A Family and Student-Centered School

June, 2017

June Reminders

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On June 12 we will duct tape Mr. Swan to the wall at 2:00 PM.

Kindergarten Celebration is June 13 from 1:00 to 2:00 in the gym.

The Fifth Grade Celebration is June 14 from 10:00 to 12:00.

Our awards assemblies on June 15 begin at 9:30 for grades K-2 and at 10:15 for grades 3-5.

Principal's Message

June brings a short and swift end to the 2016-17 school year at Pelican. Outdoor School will finish this week and several interesting field trips are planned in the coming two weeks. We will celebrate students moving up from one grade to the next and say farewell to our fifth graders heading to middle school at Ponderosa or elsewhere next year. We will also have a Kindergarten Celebration, a Duct Tape Mr. Swan assembly, and a final awards assembly in June. Read the calendar for dates and times.

Although Pelican will have a new principal (Mrs. Michelle McCabe) and a new school secretary next year, the school will enjoy much stability in the classrooms with teaching assignments established for the 2017-18 year. We are adding back a fourth grade classroom, which will allow us to have smaller class sizes and eliminates split-grade classrooms. Teacher requests are now being accepted in the office for those interested.

This is a bittersweet message as I write one final time to Pelican families as your principal. Pelican Elementary is an outstanding environment for learning, thanks to so many dedicated students, staff, and families. Thank you for your tremendous support and enthusiasm the last four years at Pelican. I will miss everyone, but may see you in one capacity or another soon enough at Klamath Union High School.

Ahoy!
Mr. Swan

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

Outdoor School Returns

Mrs. Dahm's and Mrs. Zemke's classes will return in the early afternoon on Friday, June 2. Please be prepared to pick your child up when they get back. It is a great adventure, but everyone comes back tired and in need of a shower.

Bike Helmet Sale

The Safe Routes to School program will sponsor a bike helmet sale on Wednesday, June 7, between 1:45 and 2:15 PM. This will be outside in the front area of the school. Helmets are \$5.00. This is a great time get helmets for all the bike, scooter and skateboard riding kids will do during the summer. Please check on your children's helmets and get them one if they don't have one or get a new and/or bigger one. Helmets are important to protect these beautiful brains!

KU Graduation March

KU seniors will visit Pelican on Tuesday, June 6, and march through the halls in their graduation caps and gowns. Our students will get a sense of the significance of their accomplishments as we line the halls and honor the graduates with our applause.

Teacher Requests

If you would like to request a specific teacher for your child for next year, please stop by the office and complete a form. This gets your wishes in writing and helps us as we put the lists together in August. We cannot guarantee that we can fulfill all requests, but we do our best to honor them. We would appreciate having your requests in by June 15.

Teaching assignments for 2017-18:

Kindergarten-Mrs. Grounds & Ms. Meyer
1st grade-Mrs. Kappas & Mrs. Susee
2nd grade-Mrs. Ogborn
3rd grade-Mrs. Donarski & Mrs. Grande
4th grade-Ms. McCalister & Mrs. Mancebo/TBD*
5th grade-Mrs. Dahm & Mrs. Zemke

*One fourth grade will be shared by Mrs. Mancebo and a teacher yet to be hired.

Pelican Playground Painting

Mrs. Karen Hottman, who brings our students nutrition lessons from the Oregon State University Extension office, obtained a Fuel Up Grant to promote healthy eating and activities. Part of that money has been used to purchase stencils that will provide outlines for games to be painted on the playground. Sherwin Williams has graciously agreed to donate a portion of the special paint.

Weather permitting, the painting will take place on Saturday, June 10. We do need adult volunteers between 9:00 AM and noon to help with the painting. Please call the office if you are able to help.

We are grateful to both Mrs. Hottman and Sherwin Williams for making this possible.

Swimming Lessons

Mrs. Ogborn's class is in the midst of their YMCA swimming lessons. They will continue every Tuesday and Thursday until June 8.

Fred Meyer Rewards

We recently received a \$28.24 check from the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program. If you would like to participate, go to the Fred Meyer website and follow the links to the community rewards program. Signing up to support Pelican School does not diminish your personal rewards or gas points.

Activity-a-Thon Report

The Pelican Boosters' Activity-a-Thon was a huge success. Students worked hard getting the donations and had fun with all the activities and events on the last Friday in May. They did raise the \$5000 needed for Mr. Swan to be duct taped to the wall. That assembly will be at 2:00 PM on Monday, June 12. Join us in the gym for the event.

The top twelve students bringing in donations include: Jenae Rhine, Hope Moore, Alyse Perez, Joseph Hidalgo, Carter Dahm, Hudson Mancebo, Brooklyn Bailey, Evie Blodgett, Lucas Perez, Grace Cook, Joaquin Jaramillo, Izabella Wright and Taiven Young.

All donations, no matter the size, contributed to the success. A few students even brought money from their piggy banks. It truly was a group effort.

We are grateful to the Boosters for their hard work in putting on this fundraising event. They use these funds to bring in enrichment assemblies for students and to help teachers with supplies and materials for their classrooms.

Kindergarten Celebration

Kindergartners will celebrate their first year of formal education in the gym on Tuesday, June 13, at 1:00 PM. Parents will join students and teachers as this important accomplishment is recognized.

Fifth Grade Celebration

Fifth graders and their families will celebrate the completion of their elementary careers with a ceremony on Wednesday, June 14, at 10:00 AM in the gym.

Last Day of School

Thursday, June 15 is the last day of school. Our awards assemblies will be at 9:30 AM for grades K-2 and at 10:15 AM for grades 3-5.

Families are invited to bring their lunches and join students for a picnic on the playground at 11:30. Parents are welcome to take their children home after lunch and after checking out with the classroom teachers.

June Field Trips

As testing wraps up and academics wind down, late spring is a great time for classes to get out into the community and see in person the things they have been reading about. Here is a list of what has been scheduled so far.

June 2, Ogborn's and Grounds' classes visit the Children's Museum.

June 8, Donarski's and Grande's classes will spend the day at the Tule Lake Wildlife Refuge seeing birds and some of their local habitat.

June 9, Zemke's and Dahm's classes will tour Klamath Community College.

June 9, Susee's and Meyer's classes will go to the Children's Museum.

June 12, Grande's and Donarski's classes will be at the Ella Redkey Pool.

June 13, Kappas's class go to Jump 'n' Jax for PE.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks may be reserved in the office. They cost \$10.00 and must be paid for when you place the order. Yearbooks will be distributed on June 14.

Report Cards

Report cards will be mailed on June 19. If your address has changed, please give us your new one so your child's report card gets to you.

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School starts on Tuesday, September 5. The Pelican office will open in mid-August. We wish all our families a safe and happy summer!

