

ELIZABETH PAGE NEWSLETTER

December Dates

- Nov. 29 Picture Re-takes
- Nov. 30 No School-Grading Day
- 1-2 No School- Conferences
- 5-13 Canned Food Drive
- 8- 5:30 Music Program 5th & Ely's class
- 9- Early Release 12:30
- 9- Holiday Wear Day
- 19-Jan. 2- Winter Break

January Dates

- 2- No School Winter Break
- 3-13 4th Grade Swim Lessons
- 13- Early Release 12:30
- 16- No School MLK Day
- 19- STEM Night 6:00
- 27- No School Prep Day

Coming Soon

- February 3 & 17 Early Release
- Feb. 7-Valentine's Writing Event
- Feb.9- 2nd Music Program



From the Principal

Thank you again for letting us educate your students each and every day. The students here at Page are busy learning everything from their ABC's to the life cycle of a salmon. During this busy time of the year I would like to take a moment to talk about kindness. Kindness and acceptance is one of the most important things we teach in elementary school. We are busy teaching our students how we treat one another and how to speak to one another. I think it is more important now more than ever to talk with your students about kindness and how we are to treat each other. Let us pull together as a community and make sure all of our Page students are taken care of and safe each and every day.
—Lacey Macdonald

Reminders:

♦ Immunization Exclusions- If your child is due for immunizations, please update them as soon as possible. Oregon state exclusion day this year is **February 15th**. Any student not up-to-date with immunizations will be excluded from school on that date, until immunizations are given and we have record of it.



Battle of the Books for 3rd-5th Graders

Because of Mr. Terupt, Rob Buyea

Escaping the Giant Wave, Peg
Kehret

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's
Stone, J.K. Rowling

Hook's Revenge, Heidi Schulz

Joshua Dread, Lee Bacon

Knucklehead, Jon Scieszka

Matilda, Roald Dahl

Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen
Keller, Sarah Miller

Quinny and Hopper, Adriana
Brad Schanen

Ramona Quimby, Age 8, Beverly
Cleary

Rescue on the Oregon Trail, Kate
Messner

Skateboard Party, Karen English

Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio,
Peg Kehret

A Snicker of Magic, Natalie Lloyd

Upside-Down Magic, Sarah
Mlynowski

Woof, Spencer Quinn

Immunizations may be obtained from:

- Your family doctor
- Lane County Health Department at 135 E. 6th in Eugene, please call for an appointment, 541 682-4041
- Springfield School Based Health Center 541 682-3550

If your child receives additional immunizations, please bring the updated record to the school and give to Heidi Hewett.

♦ALICE- We thought you'd appreciate an update on the ALICE emergency training in our schools. Last year, we conducted training for both staff and students. This year, staff will receive refresher drills, and we will also be conducting practice drills for students.

Elementary students will receive three drills in the course of the school year. We will announce the times of these drills in advance and prepare students beforehand with tips from the "I'm Not Scared...I'm Prepared" handbooks. Students and staff will practice protocol for different scenarios.

At all times during the drills, staff will be on the lookout for any individuals who have a negative reaction to the drills, and specialists will be on hand.

While we know that these incidents, while highly covered by the media are actually quite rare, I think we can all agree that to be prepared is to be empowered. These drills are vitally important to ensuring that students and staff understand what is expected of them, and practice scenarios will also help the schools and emergency responders to continue to refine their procedures and practices.

For more information about ALICE training in our school district, visit <http://www.springfield.k12.or.us/ALICE>. Please contact your principal with any questions.

♦Dogs at School! While we do love to see your dogs with you and whomever may be picking up your child at school, we need the dogs to be safe and on a leash that is close to you. Please do not let your student or other students walk your dog. If your dog is not on a leash or not safe we will ask you to not bring your dog.

January is School Board Appreciation Month!!!

November 21, 2016

Thanks to our dedicated School Board Members!! We appreciate all you do for Elizabeth Page Elementary School and Springfield Public Schools.

Thank you:

Laurie Adams

Emilio Hernandez

Erik Bischoff

Sandra Boyst

Tina DeHaven

✦Cell Phones and Personal Electronic Devices- We understand that many parents provide personal electronic devices (cell phones and smart watches) for their children, but we require all personal devices be turned off and kept in backpacks until the child leaves school property. We have phones in the office for students to use should they need to make contact with a parent during the school day. Should a student violate this school policy, the personal device will be taken and placed in the office until the end of the school day. Should it happen a second time, the device will be kept in the office until picked up by a parent and/or guardian.

✦Attendance-This is an important reminder! If your student is sick or will be absent for any reason, please call and notify us at school. We are monitoring absences closely this year. State of Oregon law states: If your student has 4 unexcused absences in a 30 - day window, your student will be considered truant. Truant behavior will be reported to our building and school district truancy team. We value your efforts in keeping us notified about your student being out of school.

✦Cough Drops- At school cough drops are considered medication. If you would like your child to have cough drops at school please come to the office with the drops in original packaging and fill out the proper medication forms. Any medication your child needs during the day, whether over-the-counter or prescription, must be brought to school by an adult; a medication authorization form will need to be completed for proper administration.

✦Spirit Day!- At Page we show our school spirit by wearing our Page gear every Monday! Please help your child remember that Page Day is on Monday!

✦Fence Project- Thanks to the hard work of the PTO a project to build a fence separating the Willamalane park and Page Elementary is underway. The PTO is going to begin to fundraise to pay for this fence to be built. Before we get started we would like to hear from you! If you have any concerns or questions regarding the fence please email lacey.macdonald@springfield.k12.or.us.

✦After School- We are having an issue with students sticking around after school and playing on the playground. If you are with your child they can stay. If they are unsupervised they need to walk home immediately after school.

After the Election from the Superintendent

In the Springfield, Eugene 4J, and Bethel school districts, we work to ensure that our schools are safe places for our students—ALL students. We are committed to providing a welcoming environment and keeping our focus on supporting student learning.

Many of our students came to school today with strong and varying feelings and questions about yesterday's election outcome. Some are pleased while others are upset and genuinely frightened. Some feel harassed, fearful or discriminated against. Some feel marginalized or disrespected based on their political views. Unfortunately, this means that there is a greater possibility of behaviors and interactions that can be hurtful and inappropriate.

Whatever the political climate outside our schools, we work to ensure a safe and caring climate in our classrooms and hallways. We stand together in saying that:

- We will continue to promote kindness, compassion, and respect regardless of political views.
- We are clear that language and actions that are harassing or intimidating are not acceptable at any time.
- We will support students to speak their minds in appropriate ways, welcome all viewpoints, and disagree respectfully.
- We will help students collaborate, problem solve, and resolve their differences using positive language and approaches.
- We will work to bring our school communities together and maintain a welcoming environment where every student feels safe at school.

Please consider what you can do and what words you will use that will support these efforts. Let's do our best to come together, work together, and show the rest of our country what unity looks like! Our children deserve the best we have to offer.

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Susan Rieke-Smith, Superintendent, Springfield Public Schools

Gustavo Balderas, Superintendent, Eugene School District 4J

Chris Parra, Superintendent, Bethel School District