

ELIZABETH PAGE NEWSLETTER

December Dates

- 5-12 Canned Food Drive
- 6- Read-A-Thon Pledges Due
- 7- 6:30 2nd Grade Music Program
- 8- Early Release 12:30
- 8- Holiday Wear Day
- 18-Jan. 2- Winter Break

January Dates

- 2- No School Winter Break
- 11- STEM Night 6:00
- 12- Early Release 12:30
- 15- No School MLK Day
- 22-Feb.2- 4th Grade Swimming Lessons
- 26- Hat Day
- 26- Early Release 12:30

Coming Soon

- February 2- No School
- Feb. 8-Valentine's Writing Event
- Feb. 16- Early Release
- Feb. 22- 4th Music Program



From the Principal

Thank you again for letting us educate your students each and every day. 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. We have started a new character traits curriculum called We Choose Virtues. Each week we are focusing on a new virtue. These character skills are then being taught and reinforced in the classrooms. The traits are attentive, self-control, perseverant, patient, kind, helpful, diligent, gentle, content, honest and forgiving. I think it is 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



January is School Board Appreciation Month!!!

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

Zach Bessett

Tony Jobanek

Erik Bischoff

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 21st**. 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.

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**- 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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Page Pride!**- 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!

◆ **Spirit Days**-

Dec. 8th- Holiday Wear

Jan. 26th- Hat Day

Feb. 16th- Pirate Day

April 13th- Crazy Hair Day

May 11th- Color Wheel Day

June 14th- Page Spirit Day

- ◆ **Weather Closures/Delays**- Our district uses the FlashAlert.net system

- ◆ <http://flashalert.net/id/SpringfieldPS>

to inform the community about current delays or closures related to inclement weather conditions. Information is sent directly to local media and shared through the district's communications venues.

We suggest that you not rely on any single source of information, however. If the weather conditions are questionable, or if for some reason the FlashAlert service is not working, you can try checking the district's Twitter or Facebook feeds, the district's website, or local radio or TV stations: KEZI-TV 9, KVAL-TV 13 or KMTR-TV 16.

About Springfield Public Schools Weather Policies

When do we know: If snow or ice is predicted, designated staff take to the road between 4:00 and 6:00 a.m. to assess travel conditions on the bus routes. They also take radar maps and forecasts into account. The goal is to determine by 6:30 a.m. whether schools will be closed, on delay, or operating as usual.

If you don't hear any information about Springfield Public Schools, you can assume that the schools are operating on their normal schedules. However, the decision of whether to send your child to school always rests in your hands. If you do not feel that it is safe to transport your child to school, contact the school to let them know.

After-school activities: If schools are closed on account of weather, all after-school activities are cancelled, including athletic games, practices, and building rentals.

Snow routes: If conditions warrant it, families who live at certain higher elevations may need to bring their child(ren) to a lower elevation to catch the bus. The district has developed snow routes that may be used if hazardous road conditions exist. These snow routes may change from year to year.