

# ELIZABETH PAGE NEWSLETTER

## February Dates

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2- No School- Teacher Prep Day

8-9 Dental Varnishing

8- Valentine's Writing Night  
6:00-7:30

16- Spirit Day- Dress like a Pirate!

16- Early Release 12:30

20- PTO Meeting 7:00pm

22- Music Program 4th Grade  
6:30

## March Dates

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2- Early Release 12:30

5-9 Classified Appreciation Week

8- Kindergarten Orientation for  
2018-2019 School Year  
5:30-6:30

9- No School- Grading Day

16- Early Release 12:30

20- PTO Meeting 7:00pm

26-30- No School Spring Break



## From the Principal

*Welcome to February. We have been up to some amazing things here at Elizabeth Page Elementary School! Has your child shared with you about our new HOUSE System? We unveiled the houses at a fun and loud assembly Friday, January 19th. All the students were randomly put into one of four houses. The houses are mixed Kinder through Fifth grade to help build community at our school! The houses are in competition with one another to earn the most house points. The winner will receive a secret surprise every month! The houses will also be meeting about once a month to do some character building education. We are so excited for this new change at Page and we hope you can be too! Now introducing our four houses...*

*Isibindi- Green House stands for courage and bravery. Head of House is Ms. Fredrickson.*

*Altruismo- Black House stands for giving. Head of House is Mrs. Bernatz.*

*Amistad- Red House stands for friendship. Head of House is Mrs. Guiley.*

*Reveur- Blue House stands for the dreamers and goal setters. Head of House is Mrs. Klym.*

*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.

**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.

**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-**

Feb. 16th- Pirate Day

April 13th- Crazy Hair Day

May 11th- Color Wheel Day

June 14th- Page Spirit Day

**Lost and Found-** Please remember to have your child check the lost and found. The lost and found is overflowing! When we have a break from school we will often donate the clothing to make room. The lost and found is located in the gym, please stop by and give it a look!

**Dress for Weather-** At Page we pride ourselves in giving our students opportunities to run and play outside as much as we can. That being said, please remind your students to come dressed ready to play outside. Proper footwear and a proper coat can go a long way when it is cold and wet outside. If you are in need of any of those clothing items, please see our Family Center liaison Heidi Hewett or call the school.

**District Wide TAG (Talented and Gifted) Testing - Springfield Public Schools**

On Saturday, February 24, 2018, Springfield Public Schools will hold their district wide Spring TAG Testing at Ridgeview Elementary School. The TAG test assesses whether or not your child is at the 97<sup>th</sup>ile or above in the areas of Reading, Math, or Intellectual giftedness. The 97<sup>th</sup>ile means that if your child was in a line of 100 students, they would know more than the first 97 students in line. These children are at the top of their class, and typically above most students at their entire grade level at school. If you feel your child may fit into this category, please talk to your child's teacher and your school's TAG contact to refer your child for the spring testing. After you refer them for testing, the referral screener will begin and you will receive a packet from your school with a parent questionnaire. Once data is gathered, the teacher will contact you to meet about whether TAG testing at this time would be a good fit for your child.

If your child is already qualified as TAG, and you feel that your child may need to be accelerated a grade level, you would also speak to your child's teacher and the TAG contact to refer your child for acceleration. The testing for acceleration will take place Saturday, February 24, 2018, for the above grade level test in Reading, Math, Writing, Science, Reference & Research and/or Social Studies. After testing, we will meet as a team with your school to discuss the next steps and fill out the Iowa Acceleration Scale.

Questions? Contact: Stephanie Lovdokken at 541-520-4012

**Exámenes TAG (Talentosos y Dotados) para Todo el Distrito - Escuelas Públicas de Springfield**

El sábado 24 de febrero de 2018, Escuelas Públicas de Springfield ofrecerá en la Escuela Primaria Ridgeview los exámenes TAG para todo el distrito. El examen TAG evalúa si su hijo/a está dentro del percentil 97 o más arriba en las áreas de lectura, matemáticas, o en dote intelectual. El percentil 97 quiere decir que si su hijo/a estuviera en una fila de 100 estudiantes, él o ella sabría más que los primeros 97 estudiantes en la fila.

Estos niños tienen un alto desempeño en su clase y típicamente están más adelantados que la mayoría de los estudiantes en su grado en la escuela. Si usted considera que su hijo/a puede estar dentro de esta categoría, por favor hable con el/la maestro/a de su hijo/a y con el contacto TAG de su escuela para que su hijo/a rinda el examen en el Febrero. Luego de haber solicitado la evaluación, usted recibirá un paquete de la escuela de su hijo/a con un cuestionario para padres de familia y más información sobre las horas en que su hijo/a puede rendir el examen.

Si su hijo/a ya ha calificado como TAG y usted considera que él o ella puede necesitar saltarse un grado, usted debería hablar con el/la maestro/a de su hijo/a y el contacto TAG para que su hijo/a sea evaluado/a para aceleración. Los exámenes de lectura, matemáticas, escritura, ciencias, referencias e investigación y/o estudios sociales para un grado más avanzado tendrán lugar el sábado 24 de febrero de 2018. Después de los exámenes, nos reunimos como equipo con la escuela de su hijo/a para discutir los siguientes pasos y para completar la Escala de Aceleración de Iowa.

Por favor contáctese con la escuela de su hijo/a si tiene alguna pregunta relacionada con el examen para calificar como TAG en el Febrero o con el examen TAG de aceleración.

**2018-2019 SPS STUDENT TRANSFER INFORMATION**

**WITHIN-DISTRICT STUDENT REQUESTS**

Completed forms must be turned into the Springfield District Office at 640 'A' Street, Springfield. Forms cannot be turned in at school sites nor may building employees accept forms to submit. Within-District Transfer requests are for students legally residing within Springfield School District attendance boundaries that wish to attend another school within Springfield.

**HIGH PRIORITY (HP):** High Priority transfer window (for within-district students only) is open January 3 – 31, 2018.

**OPEN ENROLLMENT (OE):** Open Enrollment window is open March 1 - April 1, 2018 for the coming year.

High Priority & Open Enrollment requests are placed on a four-tier waiting list (outlined below). Requests that do not exceed desired grade level, projected ratio, or school capacity will be approved. Requests that exceed capacity may be approved through the Space Availability/Exchange transfer process. **SPACE AVAILABILITY/EXCHANGE TRANSFERS:** Within-District SA/Exchange transfer requests are accepted after May 1st.

New student SA/Exchange requests are processed after registration day using one-for-one exchange or space availability guidelines.

Space Availability/Exchange transfer requests are placed on the waiting list daily (outlined below).

Space Availability/Exchange requests will be approved as space allows or secured one-for-one exchanges.

**Special Notes:**

Transfer forms are available at any school building, online ([www.springfield.k12.or.us](http://www.springfield.k12.or.us)) or Springfield District Office at 640 'A' Street, Springfield. Transfer forms must be submitted to Springfield District Office either by personal delivery, regular mail, email or fax. Forms cannot be turned in at school sites nor may building employees accept forms to submit.

Transfer requests are placed on waiting lists using a four-tier lottery: (1) Returning seniors are given top priority; (2) Students who are requesting to return to their current school for the next year; (3) siblings of a student that will be attending the requested school; will be given priority over (4) new applicants.

High Priority, Open Enrollment and Space Availability/Exchange transfers, once approved, are valid until the student completes the highest grade at that level or moves from the address the transfer was originally approved. New student Space Availability/Exchange transfers submitted after May 1 but before school starts will not be processed until after fall registration is complete. Enrollment is reviewed up to two weeks after school starts for possible transfer approval. Approval cannot be granted if desired capacity at the requested school or grade is reached.

Students must reapply when: (1) changing school levels (i.e., from elementary to mid school; or mid to high school), (2) if they've moved from the address of the original transfer approval. A student's "resident" school is the attendance boundary where the student's family lives. Daycare providers, friends, relatives or places of business are not considered the student's residence. Students may not use a business address, relative or friend's address to gain access to a school. All families are required annually to provide valid proof of address upon enrollment.

Should you have questions please contact Amy Stephens: 541-726-3254 or [amy.stephens@springfield.k12.or.us](mailto:amy.stephens@springfield.k12.or.us)