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## Looking Ahead

### DECEMBER

11 - Early Release 12:30

18 - Popcorn All Pop

December 21 - January 1 Winter Break

### JANUARY

7 - Spotlights: Kindergarten 6:30

1st grade 7:00

8 - Early Release 12:30

14 - PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m. Cafeteria

15 - Popcorn .25

18 - No School MLK Day

19 - 29 4th Grade Swimming

20 - 21 Mucho Gusto Fundraiser

22 - Early Release 12:30

29 - No School

## ✂ Letter From The Principal ✂

Dear Parents and Students:

Thank you for your continued investment in your child's education here at Ridgeview. Our parent teacher conferences were well attended and are key to your child's academic success. During your conference you should have received the first of three progress reports. These progress reports are meant to provide an ongoing review of you child's academic progress towards proficiency of academic skills. The progress report is not a final assessment of your child's learning, rather it is a snapshot of your child's progress in reaching benchmark standards along their journey towards a bright and successful future.

Lastly, please pay close attention to the school boundary information included in this newsletter. I continue to look forward to meeting each and every one of you and hope that your child's year is off to a great start. Please feel free to come by and say hello, share a concern, or offer your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jim Crist, Principal

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# School Notices



The Ridgeview Kindergarten and 1st Grade Spotlight Program is scheduled for January 7th in the Ridgeview Gym. Kindergarten will perform at 6:30 p.m. 1st grade will perform at 7:00 p.m.. This will allow for a rotation of performers and audience members in the gym. Brief classroom visits are encouraged following the performances.

**There will be a rehearsal performance at 1:30 p.m. in the gym on December 7th if you are not able to attend the evening performance.**

We have a wonderful PTO here at Ridgeview  
Friend us on Facebook  
PTO website: [ridgeviewptoskyhawks.weebly.com](http://ridgeviewptoskyhawks.weebly.com)

## **Battle of the Books**

Battle of the Books is underway and students are busy reading and studying their books. Battles will begin in January. For more information, practice questions, and everything 'BOB' please check-out the library's website:

<https://sites.google.com/a/springfield.k12.or.us/ridgeview-library-media/>

## Parking Lot Safety

Please remember that we all play an effort in keeping Ridgeview safe. We can best do this by modeling behaviors that encourage our children to follow our lead in being safe, respectful and responsible. Please do not park in the pick-up and drop-off zone, directly in front of the school, between the hours of 8:15 – 8:45 and 2:30 – 2:50 as posted on the signs in this area. This area should be used as a drop-off or pick-up area where the driver remains in the vehicle and “Pauses” for their child to exit or enter the vehicle. Another helpful tip is to have your child exit or enter on the curb or school side of the vehicle so that they do not have to step out into traffic. In addition, if you are using the neighborhood culdesac(s) for drop off or pick up, please be a good neighbor and do not block neighborhood homes. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping make Ridgeview a safe place for children.

# Weather Closure Information

The District office has released the following updated information for parents regarding weather closures. In the event of a weather forecast predicting possible snow or ice below the 1000-foot elevation, designated staff take to the road between 4 and 6:30 a.m. to assess travel conditions on the bus routes. They also take radar maps and forecasts into account, and make a determination by 6:30 a.m. at the latest as to whether schools will be closed, on delay, or operating as usual.

In the event of a weather closure, scheduled athletic games, practices, after-school activities, and building rentals are automatically canceled. If the weather causes a delayed start, morning kindergartens are canceled.

Information can be found on the District's website at [www.sps.lane.edu](http://www.sps.lane.edu), or by visiting Ridgeview's website at <http://blog.sps.lane.edu/ridgeview/> under the Parent Information tab of our website for Inclement Weather Information and school bus routes on snow days. You can also tune into the following TV and radio stations:

**TV Stations:**      **KEZI-TV 9**                      **KVAL-TV 13**                      **KMTR-TV 16**

**Radio Stations:**      **KUGN 590 AM**                      **KPNW 1120 AM**                      **KLCC 89.9 FM**  
                                 **KRVM 91.9 FM**                      **KKNU 93.1 FM**                      **KMGE 94.5 FM**  
                                 **KSND 95.1 FM**                      **KZEL 96.1 FM**                      **KDUK 104.7 FM**

If you don't hear any information about Springfield, you can assume that the schools are operating on their usual schedules.

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.

## Email/Text Alerts for School Closures

Springfield School District is now hooked up to FlashAlert's texting/emailing alert service. To get instant notification of school closures, delays or emergencies via email or text message, follow the link to register: [www.flashalert.net/news.html?id=124](http://www.flashalert.net/news.html?id=124)

You'll need to provide an email address and a password to register. You can add multiple email addresses or cell numbers for alert service.

Also, if you're on Twitter, emergency messages will be tweeted right away, and those tweets go right to the district's Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/springfieldps>

The district is excited to be able to add this functionality so that families can get fast, accurate information!

## 2016-2017 SPS STUDENT TRANSFER INFORMATION

### WITHIN-DISTRICT STUDENT REQUESTS

Within-District (Intra-District) Transfer requests are for students residing **within** Springfield School District attendance boundaries that wish to attend another school within Springfield.

**HIGH PRIORITY:** High Priority transfer window (for within-district students only) is open **January 4 – 29, 2016**.

**OPEN ENROLLMENT (OE):** Open Enrollment window is open **March 1 - April 1, 2016** for the coming year.

High Priority & OE requests are placed on a four-tier waiting list (outlined below).

Requests that do not exceed desired grade level or school capacity will be approved. Requests that exceed capacity may be approved through Within-District transfer process.

**WITHIN-DISTRICT Transfers:** Within-District transfer requests are accepted after May 1<sup>st</sup>. All Within-District requests are processed *after* registration day using one-for-one exchange guidelines.

Within-District transfer requests are placed on the waiting list daily (outlined below).

Within-District requests will be approved as 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 from the Instruction Office at 525 Mill Street, Room 311.

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 and Open Enrollment 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.

Within-District transfers, once approved, are valid for the remainder of the current school year only. Parents must reapply to return the following year.

**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, or (3) if they have been granted a transfer through within-district transfer (approved after May 1<sup>st</sup>) guidelines.

A student's "resident" school is the attendance boundary where the student's family lives. Daycare providers 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 to provide valid proof of address upon enrollment.**

Ridgeview Elementary, Thurston Elementary and Thurston Middle School remain closed to transfers. Requests for these schools will be placed on a waiting list.

Completed transfer request forms should be turned into the Instruction Office at 525 Mill Street, Room 311. Should you have questions please contact Amy Stephens, 541-726-3254.

## 2016-2017 OPEN ENROLLMENT & INTER-District Transfer Request INFORMATION

Open Enrollment & Inter-District transfer requests are for students residing outside Springfield School District boundaries (i.e., Bethel, Creswell, Crow, Eugene, Fern Ridge, Junction City, Lowell, Marcola, McKenzie, Pleasant Hill, South Lane) wishing to attend a school within Springfield boundaries.

Any student whose family resides outside Springfield School District boundaries that currently does not have an approved *Open Enrollment* transfer must submit either an Open Enrollment or Inter-District request to apply to attend a Springfield school for the 2016-2017 school year. Additionally, Inter-District students currently attending a Springfield school with an approved Inter-District Exchange (approved after 4/1/2015) transfer must re-apply should they wish to return to a Springfield school for the coming year.

**OPEN ENROLLMENT (OE):** Open enrollment window is March 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup> for the coming year.

Open Enrollment applications will be placed on a four-tier waiting list: (1) Returning seniors are given top priority. (2) Students who attended a Springfield school during the previous school year and are requesting to return to their current Springfield school for the next year are given priority over (3) siblings of a current Springfield student; and (4) new applicants.

Open Enrollment requests that do not exceed the number of designated transfers accepted or desired grade level or school capacity will be approved. Approved OE requests are valid until the student completes the highest grade at that level or moves from the address the transfer was originally approved. Applications that exceed the number of designated transfers to be accepted will be placed on the Inter-District list and may be approved through Inter-District Exchange process. **Approval cannot be granted if the requested school or grade capacity is reached or if there is a waiting list of within-district students for the requested school. Into-District Open Enrollment requests cannot be approved over a within-district request.**

**INTER-DISTRICT Transfers:** Inter-District transfer requests are accepted after July 1<sup>st</sup> for the coming year. All Inter-District requests must be processed using Inter-District exchange process.

Inter-District transfers are assigned to the waiting list by lottery draw. Returning students will be given priority over new applicants.

Inter-District requests will be approved that: (1) do not exceed the declared number of transfers the District determines it will accept, (2) does not exceed the grade, level or building capacity, and (3) there is no within-district wait list to the requested school/grade. Approved Inter-District transfers are valid for the current year only.

Transfer forms are available at any school building, online ([www.springfield.k12.or.us](http://www.springfield.k12.or.us)) or from the Instruction Office at 525 Mill Street.

Once the *Open Enrollment* transfer has been approved, your student will be able to remain at the school you have chosen until they complete the highest grade at that level. You must submit a transfer for new students entering kindergarten, for students not currently on an approved OE transfer, or when changing from one level to another (i.e., elementary to middle or middle to high school, or if your address changes from that of the initial approval.

Students approved through Inter-District Transfer process must re-apply each year. Students must also reapply when changing school levels (i.e., from elementary to mid school; or mid to high school).

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