

Thurston THUNDER



Every Student a Graduate Prepared for a Bright and Successful Future

March 24, 2017

CALENDAR... Looking Ahead

March 27-31 Spring Break

- April 3** School Resumes
- April 6** Parent Group Mtg. 6 pm
- April 7** Popcorn Day!
- April 14** Early Release 12:30
- April 21** Dinners Out fundraiser – Spfd. Chipotle & Menchies Yogurt
- April 21** Popcorn Day!
- April 25** ACE Awards 5 pm Hult Ctr.
- April 28** Early Release 12:30
- May 1-5** **Teacher Appreciation Week**
- May 4** 1st Grade Gift of Literacy
- May 4** Parent Group Mtg. 6 pm
- May 5** Popcorn Day!

From the principal.....

Smarter Balance Testing is here!!!

Oregon’s Smarter Balance required state assessment will begin shortly at TES. If you have a student in 3rd through 5th grade, their teachers will be communicating with you in the next couple of weeks regarding their testing schedule. Adequate rest and a healthy diet can really make a difference in how students perform on these tests. Consider sending a healthy snack for your child to eat when they are working on their state assessments.

Dinners Out Fundraiser-Chipotle & Menchies

Please mark your calendar for our next Dinners Out Fundraiser on **April 21st** at Chipotle & Menchies. TES receives 50% of the overall food sales. We use these funds to provide enrichment opportunities for our students. Flyers for this event will be coming home very soon.

Parking Lot Safety

Please remember that we all play a part in keeping TES 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 2:00 – 2:50. 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. (cont’d on P. 2)



Welcome, Spring!

Just a reminder that parking on Thurston Rd. in the bike lane is prohibited. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping make TES safe.

Warmly,
Nicki Gorham

Kindergarten Search

Do you have or know a child who will be five years old by Sept. 1, 2017? If so, please contact the TES office or share this form with them. We don't want to miss anyone at Registration... Thanks!

Child's Name _____

Birth date _____ Phone _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

Please return this form to the TES office.

Parent Group Info:

April 6th is our next parent group meeting at 6:00 in the TES Library. We are looking for lots of help with filling volunteer jobs for Family Fun Night. Please come if you are able to help.

If you collect Campbell's labels and BoxTops, we'd love to have those turned in by May 1st, so we can place an order for playground balls and have them delivered before dismissal for summer. Thanks!!

Ravenous Readers

Each month at two of our morning meetings, we honor our most "ravenous" readers; students can earn a Bachelor's, Master's or



PhD for the time they spend outside of school reading. The following are students we recognized in March for **February** minutes:

PhD: Xavier G., Caleb S., Jackson C., Cage G., Heidi L., Ella M., Jace B., Reid W., Abigail O., Matthew C., Peyton R., Hannah F., Jackson K., Tristan M., Brody W., Aaron L., Lily R., Evie W., Max S., Peyton M., Annaliese S., Harlan M., Sofia W., Alex Z., Bo W., Nolan W., Destin L., Abe S., Xenia D., Peter G., Justice S., Gracie B., Katalena D., Camden A., Eleanor M., Gillian C., Tessa O., Owen M., Lola S., Hunter R., Alexis D.

Master's: Kaitlyn W., Hudson B., Jackson J., Vaydyn B., Daisy W..., Corbin W., Landon L., Bailey M., Eliza S., Perla D., Anthony P., Aubrey W., Colton C., Josie T., Fin S., Findley S., Molly D., Andrew J., Jocelin R., Olivia R., Kenzie G., Hannah L., Steven H., Laura S., Logan R., Mia



T., Kyra P., Kaelee Y., Logan F., Logan V., Addison N., Camille G., Hunter B., Serenity R., Hayden W., Brayden M., Reegan O., Jocelyn Z., Curtis J., Conner D., Amber A., Harper B., Gianna Z., Blake V., Mason S., Hailey M., Logan B., Natalia B., Malachi M., Jayden P., Rachel B., Josiah M., Olivia H., Kilion P., Blake W., Nathan S.

Bachelor's: Riley A., Deagan M., Ellena R., Bailee M., Aubrey C., Hayden P., Mason P., Gauge R., Gemma P., Meilin N., Nicky T., Blake W., Jonas Z., Aiden W., Alicia M., Deacon L., Sydney M., Michael C., David S., Joshua L., Theda S., Sarah T., Hayden M., Megan F., Zareena C., Averie G., Brody C., Treyson H., Kylie W., Beckham A., Bella F., Hadley H., Rosie M., Logan B., Braden C., Phaedra M., Khalil W., Brooklyn P., Waylon S., Aiyanna B.,

Jason W., Jillian J., Ethan P., Kiernan S., Cheryl W., Preston W., Lucas W., Lukas M., Justin F., Damon A., Maycie A., Cruz G., Carson B., Olivia D., Emma T., Jordyn V., Ellery P., Sophia K., Owen S., Tayla H., Logan F., Logan D., Ridge L., Kayden C., Elijah D., Leo S., Andre P., Piper P., Makena S., Abbi H., Morgan T., Cayden F., Alyssa W., Casey F., Shelby G., Lillyan O., Kyle M., Camden M., Layla M., Lukas P., Ellie J., Madelynn R., Breisa S., Ramsey G., Isabella S., Bailey H., Maleah M., James M., Konner N., Brody T., George F., Gracie H., Breanna H., Grady S., Taylor L., Brock L., Lillian P., Zachary R., Emily S., Halo G., Austin R., Sophia B., Brady W., Noah G., Jack H., Carter B., Connor M., Carson W., David M., Camden A., Donovan P., Holland P., Sahara R., Mason B., Noah D., Alanna J., Addison M., Abby H., Ashtyn B., Ashley W., Joel B., Delaney A., Quintin P., Brenden M.

We encourage you to read as a family every night – modeling this habit for your children!

Battle of the Books update:

Our school winners, the Comeback Cats, made a great showing at the regional battle on March 18th! Good job, team!!!

If your student wants to get a head start on next year's books, the following titles have been chosen for Grades 3-5; three more will be added within the next month.

- **Blast-off!** By Nate Ball
- **The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity** by Mac Barnett
- **Dash** by Kirby Larson
- **The Door by the Staircase** by Katherine Marsh
- **Ella Enchanted** by Gail Carson Levine
- **Esperanza Rising** by Pam Muñoz Ryan
- **I Survived the Eruption of Mount St. Helens, 1980** by Lauren Tarshis
- **Masterpiece** by Elise Broach
- **My Life in Dog Years** by Gary Paulsen
- **Poppy** by Avi
- **The Red Pencil** by Andrea Davis Pinkney
- **We the Children** by Andrew Clements
- **Wild Wings** by Gill Lewis

Current 5th graders interested in participating in OBoB next year at the middle school level can find more information and book titles at <http://www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org/2017-2018-obob-book-titles/>.

From the Health Room:

We are getting closer to the heavy spring allergy season; we often see students with very itchy eyes due to the grass/tree pollens outside. If you think your child may need allergy eye drops here at school, please contact Erin, our Health Assistant; she will provide you with the paperwork needed for us to administer the drops for your child.



Clothing Exchange: Springfield offers a free clothing exchange every Wednesday at the Brattain House, 1030 G St, from 3:30-5:00. This is a free service for students whose families live in the Springfield School District and school districts in east Lane County. Please bring your student to assure a correct fit. For more info, phone 541-744-6769 or 541-744-2581.

Summer camp: LCC Spark Academy – Coding & Computer Arts Summer Day Camps, ages 9-15. The camps feature activities that kids love like video games and digital world and character development. But instead of *playing* video games, kids learn code to make the games; instead of *looking* at characters, kids will learn how to *create* them. For information, visit lanecc.edu/sparkacademy or phone 541-463-6100.

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A B C's Of Student Success

Q is for QUESTIONS.

Find out what is on your child's mind by asking questions.

- Ask specific questions. Your child is more likely to have an answer to *Who did you play with at recess?* than *How was your day?*
- Ask open-ended questions. *How did you do that?* or *What would happen if...?* questions will yield more information than questions that can be answered in a word or two.
- Help your child develop critical thinking skills by responding to his or her questions with questions.

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R is for RESPECT.

If children are to show respect for others, they need to understand what it is to be respected. Author Michelle Borba emphasizes these parent practices that nurture respect:

- Treat your child as the most important person in the world.
- Encourage children to have high -- but achievable -- expectations of themselves.
- Give love with no strings attached.
- Listen attentively and respectfully.
- Enjoy being together.
- Tell kids often *why* you love them.

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S is for SECURITY.

More than ever, we need to reassure our children that they are safe and secure. We can do that in many ways:

- Limit exposure to TV, adult conversations.
- Give children only the information they need to know.
- Help them understand that images on TV are far away events, not impending threats.
- Avoid overreacting.
- Watch for children's unspoken reactions.
- Listen to what our children have to say and reassure them that their feelings are normal.

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T is for TESTING.

We all know test results are important. They are important because they help us measure the impact of our instruction. To encourage kids to do their best on a test, we can...

- encourage a positive attitude: *It may be tough, but you can do it!*
- be sure they eat a good breakfast. Kids think better on a full stomach.
- tell them not to worry if a question seems tricky: *Reread it. Answer the best you can.*
- Remind them to go back to make sure they didn't make careless mistakes.

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2017-2018 SPS STUDENT TRANSFER INFORMATION

WITHIN-DISTRICT STUDENT REQUESTS

Within-District (Intra-District) Transfer requests are for students legally 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 3 – 31, 2017**.

OPEN ENROLLMENT (OE): Open Enrollment window is open **March 1 - April 1, 2017** 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 1st. All new 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 space allows or one-for-one exchanges.

Special Notes:

Transfer forms are available at any school building, online (www.springfield.k12.or.us) or from the Instruction Office at 525 Mill Street, Room 311. **Transfer forms must be submitted to the Instruction Office either by personal delivery, regular mail, email or fax.**

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 or if they move from the address of the 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, or (3) if they have been granted a transfer through within-district transfer (approved after May 1st) 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 must be turned into the Instruction Office at 525 Mill Street, Room 311. Should you have questions please contact Amy Stephens: 541-726-3254 or amy.stephens@springfield.k12.or.us

2017-2018 OPEN ENROLLMENT & INTER-District Transfer Request INFORMATION

Open Enrollment & Inter-District transfer requests are for families 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 District 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 2017-2018 school year. Additionally, Inter-District students currently attending a Springfield school with an approved Inter-District Exchange (approved after 4/1/2016) 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 1st through April 1st 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 for returning students are accepted after May 1st. New student applications are accepted after July 1st for the coming year. All Inter-District requests must be processed using Inter-District guidelines.

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.

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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, 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) or if they move from the address of the approval.

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