



Astor Connection

John Jacob Astor School (K-8)

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January

16 Monday
Dr. Martin L. King's Birthday – NO SCHOOL

17 Tuesday
Regular school day and hours

18 Wednesday
LATE OPENING (10:00 a.m.)

21 Saturday
Fix-It Fair (with Free Bike Tune-Ups) from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Rosa Parks School, 8960 N. Woolsey

28 Saturday
Chess for Success Regional K-5 Tournament at Astor from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



February

1 Wednesday
Performances of *Macbeth* in Rm. 49! AM Core performs at 10:00 a.m. and PM Core at 12:50 p.m. (be sure you know your student's performance time)

2 Thursday
Last day of the second quarter

3 Friday
Second Annual Astor Career Day
Teacher Planning Day – NO SCHOOL for students

9 Thursday
PTA Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the library

10 Friday
Valentine's Dance from 2:20 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

21 Tuesday
Kindergarten Round-Up

23 Thursday
Bingo for Books (tentative new date) and Academic All-Stars Celebration

FROM THE PTA

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 3rd – it's Astor Night with the Portland Winterhawks! More information will be sent home soon.

Don't forget – Saturday, March 3rd is the auction. If you can help with a donation, please contact Jessica Roth at auction@astorpta.org.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Karl Newsome

Hello everyone and Happy New Year!! As we enter 2012, here are a few items to keep in mind:

Drop Off/Pick Up Safety

Our Safety Patrol does a fabulous job helping students walk to and from school safely; however, we need your support. We sent out diagrams at the beginning of the year illustrating the appropriate circulation pattern for student drop off and pick up. Whether dropping off OR picking up, please drive north on Yale (towards Monteith St.). We are having problems with students being dropped off against the flow of traffic (i.e., parents are driving south on Yale and dropping off or picking up students). Our School Resource Officers (School Police) are monitoring this safety issue; they have followed up with home visits for safety violations. We strongly encourage everyone to follow the expectations of moving in one direction so we keep everyone safe. Thank you for your cooperation.

Valentine's Dance

Our Student Leadership team has worked very hard this year to provide student activities. Their sponsors, Mrs. Lindquist and Mrs. Birch, deserve high praise and recognition for their willingness and dedication in working with them. The Valentine's dance will be held on Friday, February 10th, from 2:20 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. In conjunction with the upper grade team, we have established some expectations for attending students. Six, seventh, and eighth grade students may attend the dance only if they:

- have no suspensions after January 10, 2012
- have no tardies or absences after January 10, 2012 (except those excused for illness or appointment)
- have two or less after school detentions after January 10, 2012, and none the week before the dance.

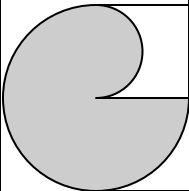
These expectations were announced to the 6-8 graders on Monday, January 9th. Permission slips will be sent home in a few weeks.

Bingo for Books

Bingo for Books has been tentatively rescheduled to Thursday, February 23rd, the same night as our Academic All-Star Celebration.

Scripps Spelling Bee for 6-8th Graders

This year, we will host the Scripps Spelling Bee for the second year in a row. Our finalist will represent Astor in the Regional Competition at the Hollywood Theater on Saturday morning, March 3rd. Additional information will be sent home soon.





■ **5th Grade Girls – Coach Molony**

January 14 th	1:50 p.m.	Harvey Scott
January 21 st	3:00 p.m.	Roseway Heights Small
January 28 th	1:40 p.m.	Harvey Scott

■ **5th Grade Girls – Coach Kinnie**

January 14 th	3:00 p.m.	Harvey Scott
January 21 st	10:10 a.m.	Harvey Scott
January 28 th	10:10 a.m.	Harvey Scott

■ **5th Grade Boys – Coach Mizée**

January 14 th	12:40 p.m.	Tubman
January 21 st	12:40 p.m.	Tubman
January 28 th	1:50 p.m.	Tubman

■ **6th Grade Girls – Coach Santiago**

January 14 th	10:10 a.m.	Harrison Park New
January 21 st	11:20 a.m.	Harrison Park New
January 28 th	12:40 p.m. & 1:50 p.m.	Harrison Park New

■ **6th Grade Girls – Coach Ferres**

January 14 th	1:50 p.m.	Harrison Park New
January 21 st	11:20 a.m.	Harrison Park New
January 28 th	1:50 p.m.	Harrison Park New

■ **6th Grade Boys – Coach Martin**

January 14 th	3:00 p.m.	Tubman
January 21 st	3:00 p.m.	Tubman
January 28 th	3:00 p.m.	Ockley Green

■ **7th Grade Girls – Coach Mizée**

January 14 th	10:10 a.m.	Harrison Park Old
January 21 st	9:00 a.m.	Harrison Park Old
January 28 th	11:20 a.m.	Harrison Park Old

■ **7th Grade Boys – Coach Blanton**

January 14 th	10:10 a.m.	Mt. Tabor
January 21 st	3:00 p.m.	Mt. Tabor
January 28 th	10:10 a.m.	Mt. Tabor

■ **8th Grade Girls – Coach Siploa**

January 14 th	9:45 a.m.	UPCC
January 21 st	9:00 a.m.	UPCC
January 28 th	9:45 a.m.	UPCC

■ **8th Grade Boys – Coach JC**

January 14 th	10:10 a.m.	Faubion
January 21 st	9:00 a.m.	Jackson #1
January 28 th	11:30 a.m.	Fernwood West

Please note that the game schedules can change on a weekly basis. Contact your child's coach or visit <http://www.portlandonline.com/parks> and follow the Recreation link for up-to-date basketball schedules.

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