



Astor Connection

John Jacob Astor School (K-8)

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September Events

29 Thursday - Back to School Night

- 6-8th grade parents meet in cafeteria (6:00-6:30 p.m.)
- K-8th grade parents visit classrooms (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

October Events

5 Wednesday

- NNAT testing for 2nd graders

9-11 Sunday - Tuesday

- Outdoor School (Birch to Camp Howard; Clark to Sandy River)
- Students board buses on Sunday to Outdoor School (2:30 p.m.)

11 Tuesday

- Picture Day (re-takes on November 15th)
- Outdoor School students return (7:00 p.m.)

12 Wednesday

- Cluster TAG Parent Night at Peninsula School (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

14 Friday

- NO SCHOOL (State In-Service Day)

18 Tuesday

- ESL Family Night at James John School (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

24 Monday

- Astor's day at the PPS Clothing Center at Marshall High School

31 Monday

- Grandparents/Special Guests Day

October 31-November 4

- Scholastic Book Fair

Ape Cave Field Trip

On September 23, 2011, Ms. Kishpaugh's and Ms. Moore's 3rd grade classes travelled to the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. They spent the day exploring Ape Cave and the Trail of Two Forests, both located less than one mile apart on the volcano's south side. Two miles long, Ape Cave is the longest lava tube in the Northwest. The Trail of Two Forests is a boardwalk that winds through an area with 1,900-year-old molds of trees.



Third grade field trip to Ape Cave and Trail of Two Forests.



A few of the happy faces on the Ape Cave 3rd grade field



FROM THE PTA

- Return any unused Entertainment Books now; bring in orders on October 30th or November 3rd
- Chinook books go on sale September 25th
- Next scrip order due October 4th
- Movie tickets go on sale next week, before and after school. Movies begin the weekend of October 15th

For more information, visit www.astorpta.org

Cross County Schedule

Coaches: Jenny Wallingford
and Jen Ingraham

- Practices on Mondays & Wednesdays, 2:20 - 3:00 p.m., on the playground
- Meets on Thursdays at Overlook Park:
 - September 29
 - October 13 (Dragonslayer Championships)

Volleyball Schedule

5th Grade Coach: Mario Molony

- Practices on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

6th Grade Coach: Jason Ferres

- Practices on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

7th Grade Coach: Lisa Mizee

- Practices Mondays from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. & Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

8th Grade Coach: Justin Sipoloa

- Practices Mondays & Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

All Volleyball matches are on Saturdays at the Beverly

Self-manager applications will be available to 4-8th graders next week.

October 12 is the deadline for Free/Reduced Lunch Applications

Ms. Whatley will be in the Cafeteria on Back-to-School Night from 6:00 - 7:30 pm; parents are welcome to pay on their child's account or turn in their lunch application at that time.



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New Attendance Procedures for Parents/Guardians

Please notify the school if your child will be absent. There are several ways to contact us:

1. Email astorattend@pps.net each morning that your child will be absent. You may also email your child's teacher; however, it is best to include the school office as well in your email as well.
Please send your email by 8:15 a.m.
2. Send a note, in advance of the absence, to the school office, (e.g. vacations, appointments, etc.)
3. Call the office at (503) 916-6244. Mornings are very busy in the office. The best practice is to contact us by email if this option is available to you.

Excused absences include:

- Appointments
- Family Emergency
- Field Trip
- Funeral
- Health Exclusion
- Hospital
- Illness/Injury
- Outdoor School
- School Event
- Vacation

If we do not receive notification of your child's excused absence, you will receive a call from the Auto-dialer attendance line or from the school.

Thank you for your help!

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District Title VI & Title IX Contact: Carolyn M. Leonard, Compliance (503-916-3183)

District 504 Contact: Suzi Harris, Compliance (503-916-2000 x74234)

American Disabilities Act Contact: Jeff Fish, HR Legal Counsel (503-916-3246)