



# Astor Connection

John Jacob Astor School (K-8)

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## October Events:

28 Friday

- Halloween Dance (Grades 6-8) from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

31 Monday

- Grandparents Day & Halloween Parade

## November

4 Friday

- Astor Connection – Deadline for Submissions

7 Monday

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10 Thursday

- NO SCHOOL (Teacher Planning Day)

11 Friday

- NO SCHOOL (Veterans' Day)

15 Tuesday

- Picture Re-Takes

17 Thursday

- PTA Meeting from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Library

21-22 NO SCHOOL (Parent Conferences)

23-25 NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)

## December

3 Saturday

- Astor PTA Bazaar from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the School

## Saturday Academy Comes to North Portland

Astor's Principal for Almost a Day this year was Dr. Jeri Janowsky, the new Executive Director of Saturday Academy (SA). SA is a non-profit organization that provides classes and workshops in science, engineering, technology, the humanities, and the arts for children in grades 2-12. Classes are small, hands-on, and taught by professionals in their fields. For the past 28 years, SA has enjoyed a phenomenal reputation with students and their parents. This year, SA has moved its offices to, and announced a new affiliation with, the University of Portland (UP). It will work with UP to reach into the K-12 education arena, particularly informal and out-of-school hands-on education. This represents a unique opportunity for Astor – SA writes grants for student tuition, as well as grants to provide on-site, after-school programs. More information will be forthcoming in the next newsletter (or see [www.saturdayacademy.org](http://www.saturdayacademy.org)).



Dr. Janowsky and Principal Newsome at the October 20<sup>th</sup> Principal for Almost a Day Celebration

# The Fall Scholastic Book Fair Is Coming!

October 31–November 4  
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
In the Cafeteria

## FROM THE PTA

Astor's annual fall book fair begins on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Since this is the same date as our annual Friends & Family day, we encourage you to visit us while you are in the cafeteria for the Halloween Parade - check out our great selection!

**New this year: on-line ordering!** Are you looking for a book we don't have in stock? Can't come to the book fair? You can buy on-line at <http://www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs/2885257> and the books will be delivered right to the school! On-line ordering starts October 24<sup>th</sup> and ends November 11<sup>th</sup>. (Through an exclusive offer with Scholastic, you can preorder the newest Wimpy Kid book *Cabin Fever* and it will be delivered to the school on or right after its release date. And, because it's a paperback copy, it's only \$8.50 instead of the regular hardback price.)

On Wednesday evening, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we'll host our annual **Café Night**. This is a great time for working families or others who can't stop by during the day to shop for books. (Look for more information in your child's backpack this week.)

**Contribute books to your child's classroom.** Look for **Teacher Wish Lists**, (more information will be available soon) and then simply pick the book you'd like to purchase for the classroom.

**We always need volunteers!** For just two hours of your time, you receive a \$5 credit for the book fair. Sign up in the office!

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at [jeniferi@comcast.net](mailto:jeniferi@comcast.net).

Jennifer Ingraham, Book Fair Coordinator



International  
Walk and Bike  
to School Day  
at Astor



3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Carving Pumpkins



## S.M.A.R.T. (Start Making a Reader Today)

SMART is a program where volunteers read to children grades K-2 to help them become better readers. The program is looking for volunteers to read for one hour starting at 12:15p.m. and 1:15 p.m. For more information please contact Deanna Cantrell at [astor.mu@getsmartoregon.org](mailto:astor.mu@getsmartoregon.org)

## Volleyball Schedule

For 8<sup>th</sup> Graders, all volleyball matches will be Saturdays on the Beverly Cleary/Fernwood campus; for all other grades, matches will be at Harrison Park.

Additional information is available at [www.portlandonline.com/parks](http://www.portlandonline.com/parks)

Coaches: Jason Ferres, Lisa Mizee, and Justin Sipoloa

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade practices on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade practices Tuesdays & Fridays from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m.
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade practices Mondays from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade practices Mondays & Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.



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