



Astor Connection

John Jacob Astor School (K-8)

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September Events:

- 12 Monday
- PreK-2 Literacy Assessment Data and Reporting Start
 - Staff meeting starting at 2:55 p.m.
- 13 Tuesday
- Safety Patrol Training at 2:20 p.m. in library
- 14 Wednesday
- First Leadership Meeting in Room 21 from 2:20 – 3:30 p.m.
- 15 Thursday
- First Cross-Country Meet at 5:00 p.m. at Overlook Park
- 17 Saturday
- Volleyball Jamboree at Beverly Cleary Fernwood Campus from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- 23 Friday
- 3rd Grade Ape Caves Field Trip
- 29 Thursday
- Back to School Night from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Welcome Mrs. Sandra Ndubisi!

There are more than a few new faces at Astor this year. Sandra Ndubisi (pronounced “N-due-BEE-see”) joins Astor as the new Assistant Principal.

Mrs. N, as she is also known, has more than 20 years of experience with Portland Public Schools. She began teaching in 1988; during her 18 years at Boise Eliot, she taught 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade and served as the Reading Specialist. She later joined the staff at King School as the student management specialist, where for three years she served as the school disciplinarian.

A long-time resident, Mrs. Ndubisi attended public school in Portland and obtained her college education in Oregon. She is married with two young children, ages 7 and 9. When not at work, she spends time with friends and family, reads voraciously, scrapbooks, and dreams of white beaches with turquoise waters. Mrs. Ndubisi can be contacted at 503-916-6244 ext. 70093 and sndubisi@pps.net.



Mrs. Ndubisi meets with volunteers during Astor Community Care Day on August 27, 2011.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Karl Newsome

As we settle in to the school year, I want to thank you all for supporting our new entry and exit procedures. Since these procedures keep our students safe, I want to ensure that expectations are clear to everyone:

7:50 a.m. First Bell

All students enter through the door nearest to their classroom.

8:00 a.m. Tardy Bell

All students enter through the front door once the tardy bell has rung.

2:15 p.m. Dismissal Bell

All students exit through the door nearest to their classroom.

Adults should always enter through the front door. If you plan to go anywhere besides the office, please sign in and get a name tag. I realize this is a significant change from past practices, especially in dropping-off children in the morning, but for safety reasons there will be no exceptions.

On a separate note, if you need to speak to your child's teacher, we do appreciate your best efforts to make a prior appointment. Thank you for your understanding, and please let me know if you have questions.

School and Community Spirit Soars

Last Friday, we held our first Spirit Assembly of the year in the cafeteria. Mr. Walters reminded us that regardless of our differences, we are committed to making Astor the best it can be, and together, WE ARE ALL ASTOR. It doesn't matter how we look, or where we come from, or whether we are students, family, staff, or members of the community. TOGETHER WE ARE ASTOR. We could not have had a more powerful demonstration of this collective effort than our recent Community Care Day when seventy-three staff, students, parents, and community members came together to beautify our school. Let us continue to have a great year as we learn and grow together.



Here are some of the volunteers who turned out on Community Care Day to make Astor even more

FROM THE PTA

- Entertainment book sales begin on September 19th.
- The next scrip order is on September 20th.
- Chinook Book sales begin on September 26th.

For more information, visit

KIDS' CORNER

Joke: What do you call a person who is afraid of Santa Claus?
Answer: Claustrophobic

Cross County Schedule

Coaches: Jenny Wallingford and Jen Ingraham

- Practices on Mondays & Wednesdays from 2:20 – 3:00 p.m.
- Meets on Thursdays:
 - September 15
 - September 22
 - September 29
 - October 13 (Dragonslayer Championships)

Volleyball Schedule

6th Grade Coach: Jason Ferres

- Practices on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 2:30 – 3:45 p.m.
- 7th Grade Coach: Lisa Mizee
- Practices Mondays & Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- 8th Grade Coach: Justin Sipoloa
- Practice Practices Mondays & Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.



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