



Peninsula K-8 School Family Newsletter

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Carlos Galindo, Principal Volume 4, Issue 5

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Principal's Pen. . . A Word from Mr. Galindo, Principal

I begin this letter with information regarding my most recent health. As some of you know, I was out in mid-November through December due to surgery on my left leg. Unfortunately, my left leg has not improved and I will go through another surgery this month. I will be absent from school February 6th-April 12th. It is my hope to return to work April 16th the beginning of the 4th quarter of school. Upon my return, I want you to be aware that I will be using a wheel chair to get around the building for a few weeks. It is my personal goal to return to Peninsula K-8 as healthy as I can be to do the very best job for this incredible school. I LOVE Peninsula K-8! ☺ Helen Nolan, a retired PPS administrator will be the substitute principal during my absence.

The Peninsula K-8 Staff is asking all parents to remember that teachers are not available until 7:55am each morning unless an appointment has been scheduled. Please do not drop your child off in the classroom until 7:55am when students are given permission by a duty staff member to walk to classrooms. Students are allowed in the building and to the cafeteria for breakfast each morning beginning at 7:45am. The library is open every morning from 7:45am-8:00am. Thank you for supporting the Peninsula K-8 staff.

Reusable Lunch Trays are coming to the Cafeteria. We are excited to announce that in February, Peninsula K-8 will be switching to reusable lunch trays in the cafeteria. Currently the cafeteria uses approximately 275 disposable polystyrene trays at lunch each day. Discontinuing the use of these disposable trays will help to reduce waste from the cafeteria. The switch to reusable trays is just one part of ongoing earth friendly efforts that Nutrition Services is making across the district. Other efforts include: serving locally grown and produced foods in school meals, partnering with school garden programs, and supporting Green Team efforts. Students and staff will be trained on the use of the lunch trays. The Nutrition Services staff would be responsible for washing the trays, so the only part that we would need to support would be teaching the students about the change and making sure they are stacked properly.

The next 2 Hour late opening will be Wednesday, February 15th, 2012. Breakfast will begin at 9:45am and instruction begins at 10:00am. Students are not permitted on school grounds or in the building until 9:45am. Thank you for helping in this situation and not dropping off your child without supervision. Our SUN School does offer morning SUN activities on 2 Hour Late Openings. Please see Rachel in the SUN Office for more information.

Grand Parent's and Loved One's Day is coming up. The day is Tuesday, February 14th from 9:30am-11:00am. All grandparents and special friends are invited to visit Peninsula K-8 and spend time with their grandchild or special person. We will begin at 9:30am with check in and a few words from our assistant principal, Ms. Streeter. Coffee and pastries will be served from 9:30am-10:00am. Please join us for this special event.

Peninsula K-8's Kindergarten Round Up is just around the corner. The day is Wednesday, February 22nd from 6:00pm-7:00pm. If you know of any students in the neighborhood who are age ready for school, please encourage them to attend this important event.

Finally, the PTA Spring Clean Up will take place on Saturday, February 11 from 9:00am-12:00pm. We hope to clean up our school grounds as we prepare for our Spring activities. Please bring your mower, rake, shovel, garbage bags, gloves, etc. and join us to make Peninsula K-8 School look beautiful. ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺

Carta del Sr. Galindo. Director de la escuela Península K-8

Esta carta comienza con información acerca de mi estado de salud. Como algunos de ustedes saben yo estuve ausente desde mediados de noviembre hasta finales de diciembre debido a una cirugía en mi pierna izquierda. Desafortunadamente mi pierna no ha mejorado y será sometida a otra cirugía este mes. Estaré ausente desde el 6 de febrero hasta 11 de abril. Espero regresar a trabajar el 16 de abril fecha en la que comienza el cuarto periodo de este curso escolar. Una vez que regrese, quiero que sepan que estaré usando una silla de ruedas para moverme dentro de la escuela por unas semanas. Es mi objetivo muy personal regresar a Península K-8, ESCUELA QUE AMO!, lo más saludable posible. Helen Nolan, administradora jubilada, será mi sustituta durante mi ausencia.

El claustro de trabajadores de la escuela Península K-8 quiere recordarles a todos los padres que ellos no están disponibles hasta las 7:55 a.m. a menos que tengan una cita que haya sido programada previamente. Por favor, no envíe a sus hijos a las clases hasta las 7:55 a.m, hora en que todos reciben permiso, por parte de los maestros, para pasar a las clases. A los estudiantes se les permite estar dentro de la escuela y en la cafetería cada mañana para desayunar a las 7:45 a.m. La biblioteca también abre cada mañana de 7:45 a.m- 8:a.m. Gracias por apoyar al claustro de trabajadores de nuestra escuela.

Bandejas reusables estarán en la cafetería muy pronto. Nos complace anunciar que esto comenzara en febrero. Actualmente nuestra cafetería usa aproximadamente 275 bandejas desechables durante el horario de almuerzo. El uso de las nuevas reducirá los gastos de la cafetería. Este cambio forma parte de la contribución de los esfuerzos de los Servicios de Nutrición de nuestro Distrito Escolar por un planeta más sano. Otros esfuerzos incluyen: servir alimentos locales en nuestras comidas, en coordinación con los huertos escolares y el apoyo del Equipo Verde. Los estudiantes y el claustro serán entrenados en el uso de estas bandejas. El Departamento de Servicios Nutricionales será el responsable de lavar/fregar las bandejas, por tanto, lo único que nosotros tenemos que hacer será explicarle a los estudiantes acerca del cambio y asegurarnos que ellos lo han entendido apropiadamente.

El próximo día en que las clases comenzaran dos horas mas tarde será el 15 de febrero del 2012. El desayuno comenzara a las 9:45 a.m y las clases a las 10:00 de la mañana. No se permitirán estudiantes en las áreas de la escuela o dentro de la misma hasta las 9:45 a.m. Gracias por ayudarnos con esta situación y no dejar a sus hijos sin supervisión en las afueras de la escuela. El Programa SUN ofrece actividades durante estas dos horas. Por favor, contacte a Rachel en su oficina para más información.

El Día de los Abuelos y Otros Seres Queridos se esta acercando. Será el 14 de febrero de 9:30 a.m – 11:00 a.m. Todos los abuelos y amigos especiales están invitados a visitar la escuela y pasar un rato con sus nietos u otras personas especiales. Comenzaremos a las 9:30 a.m con la bienvenida por parte de Ms. Streater, quien es la asistente del director. Café y golosinas serán servidos de 9:30 a.m - 10:00 a.m. Por favor, júntese con nosotros en este evento.

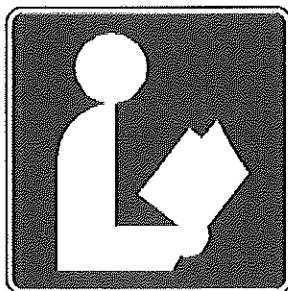
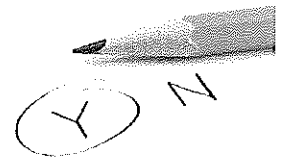
La pre- matricula para Kinder se acerca. Será el día 22 de febrero de 6:00 p.m- 7:00 p.m. Si usted conoce algún estudiante en nuestro vecindario que tiene la edad requerida para entrar a la escuela, por favor, anímelos a que asistan a este evento.

Finalmente, la limpieza de las áreas de la escuela organizada por el PTA será el sábado 11 de febrero de 9:00 a.m – 12:00 del mediodía. Esperamos dejar la escuela limpia para las actividades de primavera. Por favor, traiga su chapeadora, rastrillos, palas, depósitos para recoger basura, etcétera y júntese con nosotros para que la escuela Península K-8 luzca bonita!

Attention parents of 3rd-8th grade students:

You can have your child start preparing for state tests! Peninsula has bought access to an online program to help your students meet and exceed on Oaks. Your child should know their username (if not, contact your student's teacher.) The password for all students is: Panthers. Just go to studyisland.com to start practicing for Math and Reading!!

Each year students are typically given 2-3 chances to take the OAKS test in Math & Reading. As of 2012, if you would prefer that your child take each test **only once**, please let your student's teacher know immediately. Testing for all students begins soon!



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY?

Does your student have overdue library books?

You may receive an e-mail indicating that your child has an overdue book. This comes directly from VIA, our automated library circulation software.

This is simply a courtesy reminder. Please contact Ms. Gapp directly with questions and concerns at jgapp@pps.net or 503-916-6275 x7416

Daily fines are not accrued; however, if a book is not returned within 42 days of the due date a bill will be generated. Additionally, if the book drowns, is eaten, burned, or otherwise damaged you will be charged for the cost of replacement.

Volunteers in the Library

A few detail oriented, literacy loving souls are needed in the library! Typical volunteer duties include shelving, processing new books, preparing books for discard, repairing books, assisting in prep and set-up for student activities (copying, cutting, pasting, laminating, etc.)

My philosophy is that YOU are volunteering YOUR time, so I am flexible. All I ask is that if you are scheduled for a particular day and time, please send me a quick e-mail or phone call if you are going to be gone. One to two-hour blocks seem to be popular, but I'm open to folks who want to devote longer blocks of time. Hours open to volunteers are: 7:45 — 11:00 a.m. and 12:05 – 2:15 pm M-F. You will need to go through a training session with me before you begin your volunteer time. I am only available for training in the afternoons Monday, Wednesday, and Friday beginning at 12:05 pm.

Keyboarding Practice for Students K-8

During Media Arts (6th – 8th grade) students have been learning about proper posture during keyboarding as well as where the “home row” is. The home row is a row of keys that both fingers of both hands hover over and return to after each key is pressed. Each finger has specific keys it is responsible for. This method is much more effective than the “hunt and peck” approach which can take hours to type just a few hundred words. The average words per minute (wpm) for middle school students should be in the mid-20s. Professionals in the workforce are expected to type 60 wpm as a standard. Just like learning to play an instrument, people can only type as well as they practice. To help your student improve their typing skills, try the following links for lessons and typing games. Note that two are downloads and two are website links.

<http://www.powertyping.com/qwerty/lessonsq.html>
(repetition lesson: remember: posture and home row!)

<http://www.typingtest.com/>
(pre/post test for wpm = words per minute)

TuxType2 (download on computer desktops)
<http://tux4kids.alioth.debian.org/tuxtype/index.php>

RapidTyping (download on computer desktops)
<http://www.rapidtyping.com/downloads.html>

Remember that accuracy is better than speed!



Food for Thought from Nutrition Services

It is that time once again to make sure your student's lunch accounts are up to date and all negative balances are taken care of as soon as possible. If you have any questions about lunch accounts, please feel free to call or come in and have a visit with us to make sure your student is not running out of lunch money.

When students run out of lunch money or have not taken care of their negative balances for an extended period of time, we will no longer be able to provide your student with a hot entrée, but they will receive an "emergency lunch" which consists of salad bar, fruit, and a milk.

Just a footnote: if you are not aware, we do serve breakfast at 7:45 each and every morning at no cost. Please start your student with a breakfast. It is the most important part of starting their day.

Thank you, and we look forward to serving all Peninsula students.

Kim Hall & Susan Minich

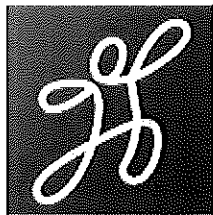
Portland Public Schools
Nutrition Services Peninsula Cafeteria
503-916-2000 ext. x77433

Free or reduced-price Family Meal Applications may be submitted at any time

If your household has experienced a change in income, your child(ren) may now qualify for free or reduced-price school meals. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, if your income goes down, if you lose your job, if you start getting SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly food stamps) or TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families). You may submit an application for the first time, or you may reapply if previously denied and your income has changed.

For more information and to apply online go to: www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/nutrition/3984.htm or call the Meal Application Center at 503.916.3247.

PLAYWORKS



Rockin' Recess News:

I love to see everyone using ROSHAMBO! to help solve conflicts and get back to playing faster! Rock Paper Scissors!

Totally Awesome Teams:

Congrats to the following ladies for their participation in the Playworks Basketball Leagues! They rocked their most recent game against Sitton School!

Alyssa Stratton
Terrie Kowalski
Nadra Spires
Lindsey Phan

Anjeanea Guidicatti
Kalonice Walker
Citlalli Hernandez
Tuyetnhi Lam

Ariana Alvarez-Phoeun
Taylor Greene
Maddisyn Bailey
Stephanie Dike

We only have **TWO MORE GAMES** so come and cheer on our girls at the **Peninsula Park Community Center-** (700 N. Rosa Parks Way) on the following game days!
January 30 – 7:15 p.m. and February 6 – 7:15 p.m.

Thank you to all of our parents that have been so supportive and attending the games and extravaganza's this season. You are the peanut butter to our jelly, and we couldn't have such a successful team with out you!



FROM CAMPFIRE

This past month, Camp Fire has welcomed back students, new and old, to the program. We've begun to identify the qualities of good goals and have learned how goals help us turn our sparks into dreams. *Zoo Zap*, a team of high school interns from the Oregon Zoo, visited our classroom with a few of their furry and scaly friends. We learned about animals, but more importantly, learned about how these high school interns set goals for themselves in order to reach their dreams. In February, we'll have a troupe of performers from the organization *Up and Over* speak to us about overcoming obstacles to achieve academic success. And, of course, we'll keep monitoring our academic goals throughout the Spring. If you have any questions about the Camp Fire program, please call or email Armin at 971-409-4783 or peninsula@campfirecolumbia.org.

PTA Parents, Teachers and Staff Making a Difference Together

Saturday, February 18, 2012 9 a.m. – noon Winter Clean Up. All Peninsula families and community members are welcome to help clean up our school yard. Let's make a great impression for Kindergarten Round UP. Please bring rakes and pruning tools.

Tuesday, February 21, 2012 6:00 — 7:30 p.m. PTA monthly meeting. All family and community members welcome. Childcare and light snacks provided. Do not need to be a PTA member to attend.

On **Saturday, May 12**, we will be holding our annual Silent Auction fundraiser. We need all Peninsula families to help gather items to sell. All profits go directly to our students! If you have any questions about an item or if you have an idea about a service or business, please contact Elizabeth Welch at bizwelch@yahoo.com. The attached forms are for submitting items.

Stay informed: Join us on Facebook: Peninsula K-8 PTA



Hello from North Portland's Peninsula K-8 PTA! Puttin' on the Ritz is the theme of our third annual silent auction and Gala. This year we will take you back to the Roaring 20's for a speakeasy at the historic and newly renovated Kenton Masonic Lodge. Featured will be the NOPO Big Band, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, classic drinks and of course a silent auction.

Last year we grossed over \$7,500 for Peninsula K-8. We were able to give directly back to our teachers and school for classroom field trips and supplies. We made a difference- and we hope to do it again.

This year our goal is \$15,000. Money raised will enable teachers to continue to bring quality educational experiences to our children. We want Peninsula's teachers to dream big and make their wishes come true.

To do this Peninsula K-8 needs your help.

There are **THREE** ways you can help:

SPONSORSHIP: Our silent auction booklet will have pages for Sponsors to advertise their businesses. The prices are as follows:

- \$25 Printed Acknowledgment
- \$50 Printed Business Card
- \$100 Half-page Advertisement

DONATE: Would you like to donate a product or service to our silent auction? Please send back the certificate or let us know when we may pick up the item. We also welcome direct cash donations.

ATTEND: Tickets are affordable and available at the door. The entire community is welcome! We will see you, your friends and neighbors there!



THE PENINSULA K-8 PTA PRESENTS
PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ
MAY 12TH, 2012 AT THE KENTON MASONIC LODGE 8130 N. DENVER



Please return this completed form to Peninsula's Silent Auction Committee:

Fax: 503.286.3788

Email: bizwelch@yahoo.com

Address: 5828 N. Lombard, Portland, Oregon 97203

BUSINESS NAME:

CONTACT NAME:

PHONE & EMAIL:

ITEM DONATED:

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL:

DONATION AMOUNT:

SHOULD WE ARRANGE TO PICK THE ITEM UP? :

WHEN WILL THE ITEM BE AVAILABLE:

Peninsula K-8's PTA is a not-for-profit group and any donations may be tax deductible for your business. Please check with your tax advisor. We really appreciate your help. Thanks!

Peninsula K-8 School PTA Tax ID No.: 936039387

THE PENINSULA K-8 PTA PRESENTS
PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ
MAY 12TH, 2012 AT THE KENTON MASONIC LODGE 8130 N. DENVER



El PTA de La Escuela Península K-8 en el Norte de Portland le saluda! Puttin' on the Ritz (Luzca sus mejores Galas, traducción mas cercana al español) es el tema de nuestra Gala y tercera subasta silenciosa. En esta ocasión lo llevaremos a la década de los 20 en el histórico y completamente renovado Kenton Masonic Lodge. Disfrutaremos de la Gran Banda NOPO, baile, tragos clásicos, aperitivos, y por supuesto la subasta silenciosa.

En nuestra pasada subasta recolectamos mas de \$7,500 para nuestro PTA. Lo recaudado fue dado directamente a nuestros maestros para ser empleado en viajes y suministros. Logramos hacer una gran diferencia y esperamos hacerlo otra vez.

Esta vez nuestro objetivo es \$15,000. El dinero que se recaude les permitirá a los maestros continuar brindando una educación con calidad y nuevas experiencias para con los estudiantes. Queremos que los maestros de Península sueñen en grande y que sus deseos se hagan realidad.

Para hacer esto la escuela Península K-8 necesita su ayuda. Hay TRES formas en las que puede ayudar:

PATROCINADORES: El libro de nuestra subasta silenciosa tendrá páginas para que nuestros patrocinadores anuncien sus negocios. Los precios son los siguientes:

- \$25 Reconocimiento Impreso.
- \$ 50 Impresión de Tarjetas de Negocio.
- \$100 Anuncios formateados en media pagina.

DONACIONES: Le gustaría donar un producto o servicio a nuestra subasta silenciosa? Por favor, envíenos el certificado o háganos saber cuando podemos recoger el articulo. También aceptamos donaciones sen dinero en efectivo.

ASISTENCIA: Los boletos son baratos y estarán disponibles en la puerta de entrada. Toda la comunidad es bienvenida! Esperamos verlo a usted, sus amigos y vecinos ese día!





Por favor, complete esta forma y regrésela al Comité de la Subasta Silenciosa de Península:

Fax: 503-286-3788

Email: bizwelch@yahoo.com

Dirección: 5828 N. Lombard, Portland, OR, 97203

NOMBRE DEL NEGOCIO:

NOMBRE DE LA PERSONA A CONTACTAR:

TELEFONO Y CORREO ELECTRONICO:

ARTICULO DONADO:

NIVEL DE PATROCINAMIENTO:

CANTIDAD DONADA:

TENDREMOS QUE RECOGER EL ARTICULO?:

CUANDO EL ATRTICULO ESTARA DISPONIBLE?:

Península K-8 es una organización sin fines de lucro y cada donación será deducible cuando pague los impuestos de sus negocios. Por favor, cheque esto con su consejero de impuestos. Apreciamos mucho su ayuda. Gracias!

PTA de la Escuela Península K-8.

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2011-2012 LATE OPENING DATES

Breakfast begins at 9:40am and **Classes start at 9:55am** on the following dates:

February 15th — March 21st — April 18th — May 16th

Dear Parents and Students:

Mrs. Gregor's third grade class is opening the 2nd annual Peninsula Post Office starting in February. January 2nd-6th we are having the post card design contest. Have your student submit a postcard design to room 109. Join us in the fun! Write letters, cards and Valentines, too. Send letters through our school post office to anyone at Peninsula or anyone in Portland Public Schools (we can send letters via the pony).



Who can you surprise with your wonderful letter or card?

- Friends in your class or another class
- Your sister or brother in another class
- Your students or former students
- Your teachers
- Mr. Galindo or Judy and Paula in the office
- School staff such as Ms. Streeter, Mr. Harkness, Mr. Hildner, Mrs. May, Kim and Susan
- Classroom Volunteers
- Anyone who comes to mind!

Questions, Comments, or Concerns? Write the Post Master General, Rm.109.

The Peninsula Post Office will be located outside room 109 and will be open for business Tuesday, January 31st–Monday February 13th. (Final deliveries will be made Tuesday, February 14th)

Products for sale: **Stamps \$.05**
 Postcards \$.25

Postal Hours : 7:45 – 8:15 am
 11:00-11:30 am
 2:00-2:30 pm

Individuals or small groups can come anytime during postal hours to make purchases or mail letters.

Thanks for joining in the fun! ☺

Estimados maestros, padres y estudiantes:

La clase # 109 de la maestra Gregor abrirá el Segundo Correo Anual de Península en febrero. Del 3 al 7 de enero tendremos un concurso de diseño de postales. Dígale a sus estudiantes que entreguen los diseños en la clase # 109. Júntese con nosotros en esta actividad de gran disfrute para todos! Escriba cartas y postales de San Valentín también. Envíelas a través del correo de nuestra escuela a cualquier persona en la escuela o en nuestro Distrito Escolar en Pórtland.(nosotros también las podemos enviar vía pony)



¿A quienes puedes sorprender con tu maravillosa carta o postal?

- A tus amigos en tu clase u otras clases.
- A tus hermanos o hermanas en otras clases.
- A tus estudiantes o a quines ya no lo son.
- A tus maestros.
- Al Sr. Galindo, Judy , o a Paula en la dirección.
- A todos los miembros del claustro de trabajadores y maestros.
- A los voluntarios que trabajan en la escuela.
- A cualquiera que le venga a la mente.

El Correo de Península estará situado fuera de la clase #109 y comenzara el **martes 31 de enero hasta el 13 del propio mes.**

Postales de diferentes diseños y postales del Día de San Valentín estarán disponibles!!(La ultima entrega será el martes 14 de febrero)

Productos en venta: Sellos \$.05
Postales \$.25

Horario: 7:45 a.m – 8:15 p.m; 11:00 p.m- 11:30 p.m y de 2:00 p.m – 2:30 p.m

Personas o grupos de las mismas pueden visitarnos durante los **horarios del CORREO** para efectuar sus compras o enviar sus cartas.

Gracias por unirse a en la diversión! ☺

Add to Your Calendar. . .

School will be CLOSED for students on the following days:

February 3rd – Teacher Planning Day
February 20th – President's Day Holiday
March 26th – 30th – Spring Break
April 13th – Teacher Planning Day
May 28th – Memorial Day



Health Notes from our school nurse



Did you know that February is National CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH? It has its roots way back in 1941, but despite media attention and our emphasis on preventive care, tooth decay is one of the most common health problems affecting children, second only to colds. Children with dental pain may have trouble concentrating which negatively impacts their learning, and they miss more school days than other students do.

To keep teeth healthy:

- BRUSH with a soft toothbrush at least twice daily. Parents may need to remind their children and depending on the children's ages, may need to help them. Thorough brushing takes 2-3 minutes. One suggestion is to brush through an entire song that is playing on the radio or repeat the ABC song 3 times in your head while brushing.
- PROTECT with FLUORIDE - using a tooth paste with fluoride and taking fluoride tablets (offered at school) provides important protection by reducing the ability of oral bacteria to produce acid and strengthening enamel before permanent teeth erupt.
- FLOSS daily. Children may need help until about age 8-10. Floss reaches many areas that a toothbrush cannot.
- EAT HEALTHY FOODS - a well balanced diet, and limit sugary snacks between meals.
- SCHEDULE at least yearly DENTAL CHECKUPS. Professional cleaning will remove debris on teeth that builds up despite the best tooth brushing efforts at home. Sealants applied to 1st and 2nd permanent molars provide protection against decay

If you need help obtaining dental care for your child please let me know.

Dental Trivia: Adults have 32 teeth. Dogs have 42 teeth. Cats have 30 teeth. Armadillos have as many as 104 teeth. Sharks may shed as many as 50,000 teeth in a lifetime.

Teeth are the hardest substance in the human body.

Paul Revere, who rode his horse in 1775 to warn American Colonists "the Redcoats are coming", was a dentist.



Child Care Survey for Parents/Guardians

Do you use school-based child care? Tell PPS about your experience. Go to: www.pps.k12.or.us and click the "Families" tab. Please complete the survey by Friday, February 10th. Responses are confidential.

SUN School



Did you know that Peninsula SUN School offers a **FREE Zumba** class for adults? Please join us on **Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. in the cafeteria** for a fun, fast-paced dance workout!

Please also save the date for our winter SUN School Showcase on Thursday, March 15th from 6-7 p.m.. Performances will include cheerleading, ballet, tap dance, hip hop dance, hip hop music and technology, and flute! Dinner will be served following the showcase performance.

Note for Special Education Parents

The Oregon Tax Code provides an additional tax exemption for parents of eligible children with disabilities in Oregon. The procedure for claiming an exemption for the 2011 tax year is explained in the Oregon Individual Income Tax Return and Instruction booklets.

Who qualifies for the exemption? A child qualifies if he or she meets all of the following criteria:

- Qualifies as your dependent for tax year 2011;
- Is eligible for early intervention services, early childhood special education services or receives special education as defined by the State Board of Education of the state where the child attends school; and
- Is considered to have a disability as of December 31, 2011 under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and related Oregon laws.

Eligible disability categories include: Autism (code # 82); Hearing Impairment (20); Serious Emotional Disturbance (60); Deafblind (43); Vision Impairment (40); Other Health Impairment (80); Traumatic Brain Injury (74); Orthopedic Impairment (70); and Intellectual Disability (10). As per Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 316.099, children receiving special education services for communication disorders (50) and specific learning disabilities (90) do not qualify for this tax exemption.

What documentation must be submitted with your tax return to qualify for this exemption? The tax instruction booklet explains that your child must have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) and an eligibility statement for one of the qualifying disabilities listed above. A copy of the IEP or IFSP coversheet and a copy of the student's eligibility statement may be obtained from the school district. The coversheet and copy of the eligibility statement should be kept with the child's permanent health and education records, as maintained by the family – they DO NOT need to be submitted with your tax return. Parents are advised to store an additional copy with their 2011 tax records. To claim the exemption on your 2011 state taxes, write the child's name along with the names of all other dependents on the line titled "All dependents" (line 6c on Form 40). In addition, write the name of the eligible child on the line provided for "Disabled children only" (line 6d on Form 40).

Peninsula K-8 Student Recognition Night

Who: Peninsula students who have received an invitation ☺

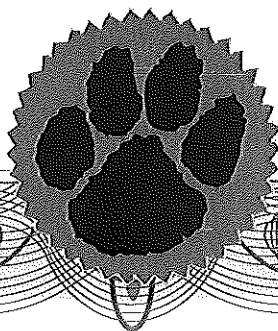
What: Recognition of Excellence

When: Wednesday, February 8th
From 6:30-7:30

Where: Peninsula Cafeteria

Why: To celebrate our achievements!

Refreshments will be served!



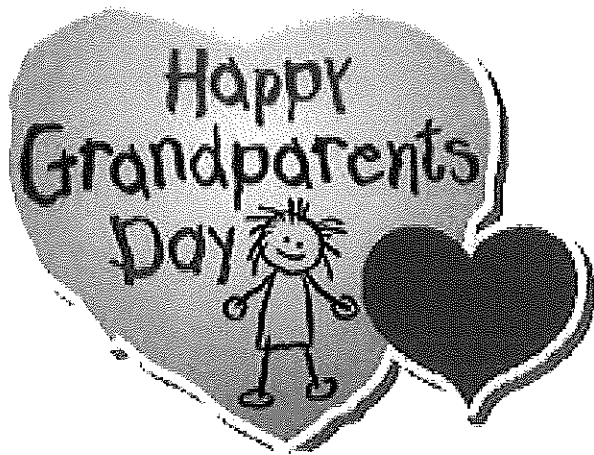
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8th grade parent High School Information Night

**Tuesday, February 7
6:30pm - 7:30
Peninsula Library**

**Come learn about Benson, Young Women's
Leadership Academy, and other options
and requirements for HIGH SCHOOL**



Join us for

Grandparent's and Special Friend's Day!

Tuesday - February 14th

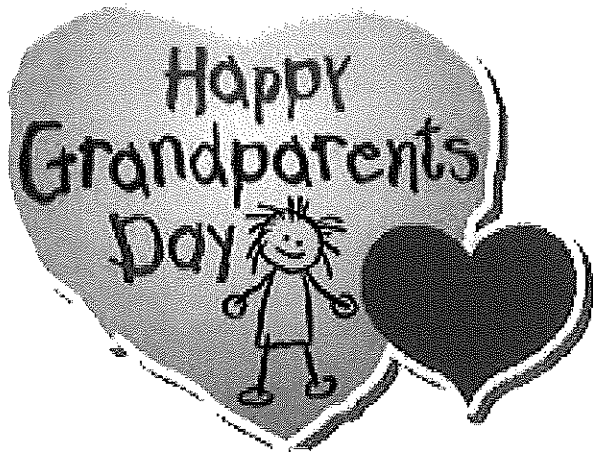
9:30am – 11:00am at

Peninsula K-8 School

8125 N Emerald Avenue (4 blocks North of Lombard Ave)

Join us for a special day
to meet the Principal,
visit classrooms
and learn about
your students' school!





Júntese
con nosotros
para celebrar

el Día de los Abuelos y Amigos Especiales!

Martes 14 de febrero

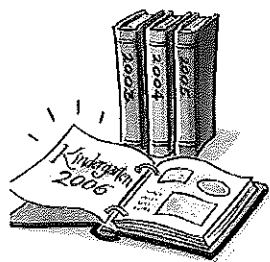
De 9:30am a 11:00am

en la escuela Peninsula K-8

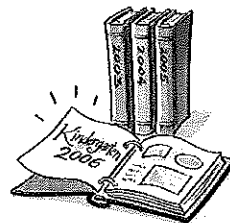
8125 N Emerald Ave. (4 cuadras al Norte de la Ave. Lombard)

Reúnase con nosotros en
un día especial para conocer
el Director, visitar las aulas y
aprender acerca de la
escuela de sus estudiantes!





2011/2012

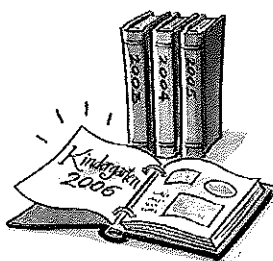


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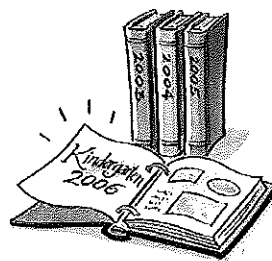
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Kindergarten Round-Up

Wednesday, February 22 – 6PM – 7PM



K-8 School Mini Tours



By appointment • To schedule, call 503-916-6275

Peninsula K-8 School offers the positive atmosphere of a small, neighborhood school, where we come together to seek knowledge, develop potential, provide opportunities and create a joy in learning.

Peninsula K-8 Family Calendar 2011-2012

FEBRUARY 2012

February


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6 th -8 th Caldera room 124 @ 1:30pm-2:15pm PSM Party, 1:30pm, Café Peninsula K-8 Family Literacy Night 6:00pm-7:30pm	2 Grading Period Ends Staff vs Student Volleyball Game, K-5, 12:30 and 6-8, 1:30 in the GYM	3 Teacher Planning Day No School High School Transfer Application Window Opens	4
5	6	7 Kinderkonzert 8:30, 9:30, 10:30am in the Gym Gary Bank Presentation, 11:50am-1:00pm 8th grade HS Parent Night, 6:30-7:30pm in library	8 6 th -8 th Caldera room 124 @ 1:30pm-2:15pm Quarter II Recognition Night, 6:30pm-7:30pm	9 Gary Bank Presentation, 11:50am-1:00pm VO FT to Columbia Pool, 8:30am-1:00pm	10 Elem/Middle Transfer Application Window Opens	11 PTA Clean Up School Grounds, 9:00am- 12:00pm
12	13	14  Grandparents/ Loved ones Day, 9:30am Welcome in Café, 10-11 Gary Bank Presentation, 11:50am-1:00pm	15 10am Late Opening 6 th -8 th Caldera room 124 @ 1:30pm-2:15pm	16 Pedestrian Safety Education 1 st , 1 st / ₂ , 2 nd 10:15-11:00, 12:00-12:45, 1:00-1:45 Gary Bank Presentation, 11:50am-1:00pm	17 Pedestrian Safety Education 1 st , 1 st / ₂ , 2 nd 10:15-11:00, 12:00-12:45, 1:00-1:45	18
19	20  Presidents' Day No School	21 Site Council, 4:00pm PTA Mtg., 6:00pm-7:30pm	22 K-2 Oregon Humane Society, 9:30am-2:00pm 6 th -8 th Caldera room 124 @ 1:30pm-2:15pm Kindergarten Round Up 6:00pm-7:00pm	23 Gary Bank Presentation, 11:50am-1:00pm	24 6-8 Winter Dance, 6:00pm-7:30pm	25
26	27	28	29 5 th Grade to Court House, 8:00am-2:00pm	High School Transfer Application Window ENDS on Wednesday, February 29, 2012		

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Peninsula K-8 Family Calendar 2011-2012

MARCH 2012

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 PSM Party, 1:30pm, Cafe	2	3
4	5 Mid Term Progress Reports	6	7 6 th -8 th Caldera room 124 @ 1:30pm-2:15pm	8	9 Elem/Middle Transfer Application Window Ends Altig, Books 2 U - 12:50-1:35pm/1:35-2:10pm	10
11	12 Start of RUN FOR THE ARTS Pledge Period (until April 2) CAMPFIRE Family Night Dinner & Awards, 6:30pm in room 124	13	14 K-8 Sack Lunches begin @ 10:30am K-8 FT to NCAA March Madness @ Rose Garden, 11:15am-3:30pm	15 VO FT to OMSI, 8:30-1:45 Winter SUN School Ends Winter SUN School Showcase, 6:00pm-7:00pm	16 Books 2 U - 12:00-2:10pm Altig, 12:55-2:10	17 
18	19 Site Council, 4:00pm	20 PTA Mtg., 6:00pm-7:30pm	21 10am Late Opening 6 th -8 th Caldera room 124 @ 1:30pm-2:15pm	22 Books 2 U - 12:00-2:10pm Anderson, Gary, Gardner	23	24
25	26 Spring Break - No School	27 Spring Break - No School	28 Spring Break - No School	29 Spring Break - No School	30 Spring Break - No School	31

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