

March 9, 2020 Welcome to the PTA e-news blast!

Once a week on Mondays, the Edgewood PTA will provide you with the latest news on upcoming events, volunteer needs, success stories and people appreciations. We promise these e-mails will be timely, concise and keep you well-informed of Edgewood and Edgewood-related happenings! To keep up with the news, visit the PTA Website: edgewoodpta.com

SEEKING A FEW GOOD OFFICERS!

Our PTA officers have all agreed to run again for the next school year – but then most of them will have “graduated” from Edgewood with their children who will be in middle school.

The PTA is seeking new officers who want to learn about the job while the officers are still here. Let’s keep our wonderful PTA up and running well into the future!

Let Tanya know if you are interested in any of the positions: President, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

Good Luck, Edgewood OBOB Team!

Edgewood's OBOB team will compete this weekend at the Regional OBOB Competition against the top teams from 57 schools. They represent all of Edgewood's amazing readers and the 60 students who participating in this year's OBOB competition. Congratulations and good luck to Angus, Asher, Malina, Marcus, and Nathan!

Eat out every Tuesday in support of Edgewood!

Mandy's Family Restaurant on Willamette will donate 15% of all flier sales on every Tuesday in March. Fliers were sent home on Friday and are also attached or can be found in the office

Help out in the garden to ensure the best garden experience for our students! Work party on March 14.

Did you know that Edgewood has a school garden? School gardens are a great place for kids to do hands on learning, get an extra dose of the outdoors in their school day and learn to love the dreaded vegetable- because if you grow it, you're more likely to be willing to taste it! Many Edgewood classes get to spend some time out in the garden with The School Garden Project and parent volunteers. Spring is just around the corner and we need to get the garden ready for the kids with some weeding and deer-proofing. Join us for a work party on Saturday, March 14th, 1-3pm at the garden. Bring the whole family and stay for 15 minutes or the whole 2 hours! We'll have tools available but our gloves are kid sized so you may want to bring your own. If you can't make the work party but you might be able to help with weekend mowing or weeding during the spring or summer please get in touch with Jenny Laxton (parent of a 1st grader)- education@mountpisgaharboretum.org

FUN NIGHT AND SILENT AUCTION REQUESTS!

Does anyone have any goods or service they might want to donate for the Silent Auction? The Silent Auction gets better each year as people donate their own services or an experience of their own (think cabin in the woods!) Please contact the office with any donations—and thank you for supporting your school!

The School will also be collecting books and clothing 1-2 weeks before Fun Night for the Fun Night Bookcycle and clothing Freecycle. It is such a great way to clean your closet and make sure another student gets “new” clothes and books!

Nominate "A Champion in Education" Today!

Who is your champion in education? An inspiring teacher? An encouraging school secretary? A caring school counselor or nurse? A dedicated volunteer? A principal who leads by example? A bus driver who always takes the time to listen? A custodian who helped in a time of need?

Now is the time to recognize their contributions by nominating them for an ACE (A Champion in Education) Award!

To learn more and nominate a 4J employee or volunteer, visit 4j.lane.edu/2020-ACE. The nomination deadline is March 31.

Come celebrate our amazing educators and cheer on the nominees at the awards ceremony on May 12, 5–7 p.m., at Sheldon High School.

One nominee in each of the categories will be named an ACE Award champion and win a \$250 grant from the Eugene Education Foundation for the 4J school or program of their choosing. Every nominee will be recognized as an exceptional educator at the awards ceremony.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact 4J Communications at 541-790-7734 or johnson_hi@4j.lane.edu.

Coronavirus COVID-19 Information

Parents and students may have questions about the spread of novel coronavirus COVID-19.

At this time there are no identified cases of COVID-19 in our area. Our school district is monitoring the situation, staying in contact with public health authorities, and planning for the possibility that COVID-19 could affect our schools.

We are taking extra steps to reduce the spread of germs at school. Custodians are doing extra cleaning during the day and each night, focusing on frequently touched surfaces. Our teachers are reviewing proper handwashing and cough/sneeze hygiene with students.

Two important things for families to do to help keep yourselves and others healthy are to wash hands well and often, and stay home when sick—if your child has a fever of 100.4° or higher, or cold or flu symptoms, please notify the school and keep them home. Public health officials also emphasize covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, not touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands, and cleaning frequently touched items. These are best practices for preventing the spread of illness.

Concern over this new virus can make children and families anxious. Talking with your kids calmly and reassuringly and providing accurate prevention information and facts can help them cope with anxiety. The National Association of School Psychologists and National Association of School Nurses have provided suggestions for talking with children about COVID-19. We hope you may find this helpful.

More information:

Coronavirus COVID-19 Information: www.4j.lane.edu/coronavirus

Talking to Children about COVID-19 (Coronavirus): tinyurl.com/talkaboutcovid19

Información sobre el coronavirus COVID-19

Los padres y los estudiantes pueden tener preguntas sobre la propagación del nuevo coronavirus llamado COVID-19.

En este momento no hay ningún caso identificado de COVID-19 en nuestra área. Nuestro distrito escolar está monitoreando la situación, manteniéndose en contacto frecuente con las autoridades de salud pública, y planificando para la posibilidad de que COVID-19 pueda afectar nuestras escuelas.

Estamos tomando medidas adicionales para reducir la propagación de gérmenes en la escuela. Los conserjes realizan limpiezas adicionales durante el día y cada noche, enfocándose en superficies que se tocan con frecuencia. Nuestros maestros están revisando con los estudiantes el lavado adecuado de manos y la higiene de tos y estornudos.

Dos cosas importantes que las familias deben hacer para ayudar a mantenerse saludables son lavarse las manos bien y frecuentemente, y quedarse en casa cuando están enfermos. Si su hijo tiene fiebre de 100.4 ° o más, o síntomas de resfriado o gripe, notifique a la escuela y manténgalos en casa. Los expertos en salud pública también recomiendan cubrirse la tos y los estornudos con un pañuelo de papel, no tocarse los ojos, la nariz o la boca sin antes lavarse las manos, y limpiar los artículos que se tocan con frecuencia. Estas son las mejores prácticas para prevenir la propagación de enfermedades.

La preocupación por este nuevo virus puede hacer que los niños y las familias se sientan ansiosos. Hablar con sus hijos con calma y tranquilidad, y brindarles información de prevención y datos precisos, puede ayudarlos a sobrellevar la ansiedad. Las asociaciones nacionales de psicólogos escolares y enfermeras escolares han proporcionado sugerencias para hablar con los niños sobre COVID-19. Esperamos que le sea útil.

Para más información:

Información sobre el coronavirus COVID-19: www.4j.lane.edu/coronavirus *(if embedding a link you can instead use*

https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=&sl=en&tl=es&u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.4j.lane.edu%2Fcoronavirus%2F)

Hable con sus hijos sobre el COVID-19 (Coronavirus): tinyurl.com/hableconhijoscovid19

2020 Census: Every Kid Counts

Every 10 years, everyone living in the United States is asked to complete a simple questionnaire that asks for basic information about all the people in their home.

The 2020 U.S. Census will determine congressional representation, inform hundreds of billions in federal funding including for schools and families, and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade.

Families will receive a letter in the mail in March, telling you how to participate in the head count. Responding to the census is important, it's easy, and it's confidential. You can complete the census form online, by phone, or by mail.

Children under the age of 5 are often missed. All kids count on the 2020 Census, no matter their ages. Make sure to count every child living in your home on April 1 on your census form.

Visit 2020census.gov to learn more.

Censo 2020: Cada niño cuenta

Cada 10 años, a todos los que viven en los Estados Unidos se les pide que completen un cuestionario simple con información básica sobre las personas en su hogar. La ciudadanía no importa, solo dónde viven.

El Censo 2020 determinará la representación en el Congreso, informará a cientos de billones en fondos federales, incluso fondos para escuelas y familias, y proporcionará datos que impactarán a las comunidades durante la próxima década.

Las familias recibirán una carta por correo en marzo, informándole cómo participar en el recuento. Responder al censo es importante, es fácil y es confidencial. Puede completar el formulario del censo en línea, por teléfono o por correo.

Los niños menores de 5 años son frecuentemente extrañados. Todos los niños cuentan con el Censo 2020, sin importar su edad. Asegúrese de contar a cada niño que vive en su hogar el 1 de abril en su formulario de censo.

Visite 2020census.gov/es para obtener más información.

Important Dates

March 13 – No School – Professional Development Day

March 17 – PTA meeting 6:30

March 23-27 – No School – Spring Break

**Dine and Donate – Every Tuesday in March at Mandy's Family Diner!

Appreciations

A special thank you to **Amelia Reising**, who secured the great dine-and-donate nights at Mandy's Family Restaurant.

See you in the breezeways,

Beth Casper, PTA co-president

Julia McMorran, PTA co-president

Shaun Haskins, PTA vice-president

Amelia Reising, PTA Secretary

Lyndee Prill - PTA Treasurer