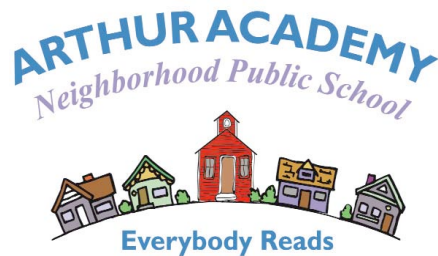


Reynolds



February 24, 2006

Dear Families,

Construction Update

We are so excited about setting up our classrooms! We are having the interior of part of the big building cleaned today and it will be finished on Monday. A few parents will move things around on Saturday to make it all go easier. The interior of the small building will be done in the next couple of days. So we are going to be ready to empty out the big storage container in the parking lot next **Saturday, March 4**. We will need a couple of trailers to go back and forth between the container and the buildings, hand trucks, box cutters, and strong backs. If moving furniture isn't your thing, we need people to clean the desks and furniture that have been in the container for the past 8 months. Bring a bucket and rags and help us clean things up. There are 25 new desks that need to be put together. There's something for everybody! We will start at 9:00 a.m. on March 4. Please park along the street side of the parking lot as much as possible so cars are not in the way. Let's hope we have a clear day. We do not yet know when the rest of the work and all the inspections will be done that will allow us to actually start school, but having our rooms set up will be a huge step forward. **Please call or send an email if you are able to help on March 4, so I have an idea of how many people will be there. Come for an hour or two - you don't need to stay all day, but whatever you can do will be appreciated greatly!**

Arrival Time

Please remember that teachers are ready for children to arrive at 8:15. Please do not drop off your children before 8:15 unless you have a specific arrangement for that day. Before school daycare is available, starting at 7:00 a.m. if your family has a need for this service.

Contacting Teachers

Given our situation this year, we know it has not been the easiest to reach us. We do check our messages at **503-465-8882** each day before school, before lunch and after school. If you need to reach us in between those times or have an emergency, you may also call our temporary cell phone at **503-502-3596**. Teachers have frequently needed to use their personal cell phones to make calls, but please do not use those numbers, unless a teacher has given you that number to return a call. We appreciate your understanding.

2006-2007 Enrollment – Due by March 1

If you have a child who will be entering Kindergarten in 2006, he/she will receive first priority in our class. However, you **MUST** submit an enrollment application before March 1 in order to be guaranteed a spot in the class. We now have enough applications to know that a lottery will be held on March 2. We continue to take applications for waiting lists in the other grades in the order they are received. Enrollment is easily done from our website at www.arthuracademy.org.

“Adopt a Soldier” Service Project

We are starting to receive emails and online photos from the soldiers in Iraq who received our packages. They are very appreciative and moving letters, which teachers will share with students. I am sure we will continue to

correspond with our new friends overseas. Thank you again to Jennie Gilpin for organizing and for all of you for contributing in whatever way you were able to.

Transportation Needed

We have a family in need of carpool/transportation. If you live near the Palmquist Rd. area or would be able to help one of our 3rd graders get home from school each day, please call Beatriz Marron at 503-663-0896 at work or 503-708-5554 on her cell phone.

“Free Money”

Do you know someone who works in an office? Collecting printer cartridges and old cell phones is a great way for you to contribute to our school and it doesn't cost you a cent. We just received another check for \$145 for our recycling efforts – and we are keeping these things out of our landfills.

Please read the attached flyer about Washington Mutual's "Wamoola for Schools" fundraiser. If you bank with them, use your credit card, and designate our school, we earn money. It's that simple and I just received \$600 for the 2005 year, thanks to this program.

RAAPO Meeting

Please join us at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28** for the monthly meeting of the Reynolds Arthur Academy Parent Organization. Come and find out how you can help make our spring carnival a smashing success. It will be held on Friday, April 21 at the Greater Gresham Baptist Church. Our parent group has been working hard on organizing and getting things started, but there are many opportunities for you to help.

Spring Break

Time is flying. School will be closed the week of March 27 for Spring break.

Warmly,

Peggy Concillo, Principal

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