

Reynolds ARTHUR ACADEMY

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL



April 23, 2007

Dear Families,

The carnival was so much fun on Friday night and we had a great turn out. Coordinator Dayna Brown and all the parents who helped organize did an amazing job! Thank you also to everyone who helped set up, run games, serve food and stay late to clean up. I know that I received the best gift of all and I have found a special place in my yard for the bench the children made for me. Once again, I am very touched by your support and understanding.

Oregon Dept. of Education Charter School Survey

As part of our Charter School grant, we are required to have our parents and staff participate in the online ODE Charter School survey each year. We need to have a minimum of a 75% response rate from our families. All surveys must be done on computer with Internet access and only take about 10 minutes to complete. To access the survey, go to

<http://www.ode.state.or.us/surveys/>

Please be sure to find Reynolds Arthur Academy (not any of the other Arthur Academy schools) and respond to the questions accordingly. Since we must have a 75% response rate, we ask that you complete a separate survey for each of your children at our school.

Arthur Academy Parent Survey

Each of you received a short survey during your parent conference. Many have not yet been returned, so I ask that you do so as soon as possible. It is important for us to have input from each and every one of you regarding your degree of satisfaction with our school.

Construction Update

Things are moving ahead for the expansion to a full 5th grade next year. A building has been secured that is already "E- rated" which will eliminate many of the obstacles faced with the present buildings. The target date for beginning construction is Monday, June 18. Contractors will soon be working on the plan for improving drainage in the field.

Oregon State Assessments

All students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will be taking the Oregon State Assessments sometime between May 9 – May 18, depending on when the tests are actually delivered by ODE. The Reading and Math tests are shorter versions than in previous years and should only take about an hour for each subject.

Stanford Achievement Tests

All of our students in grades K-5 will be taking the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT) in both Reading and Math between May 23 – May 31. These multiple-choice tests will be spread out over several days in order to ensure the best performance from our children. Please be sure that your children are in school during these days so that they do not have to take make-up tests later on.

School Hours

Please do not drop your children off before 8:15 in the morning. We do not have staff to supervise them and they are not allowed on the playground before school. If you arrive before 8:15, please stay with your children in your car.

Field Trips

Each class will be taking a field trip this spring. Teachers will be sending home information and asking for volunteers to chaperone, so please help with this annual fun day if you can. Thanks again to RAAPO and to each of you for supplementing our available funds. This means that our field trips will be fully funded, with no additional cost for students.

Coming Up

- The next RAAPO meeting will be held tomorrow - **Tuesday, April 24** - at 7:00 pm.
- The next board meeting of Mastery Learning Institute will be held on Thursday, May 10 at the David Douglas Arthur Academy (13717 SE Division St.). This meeting is open to the public if you would like to attend.
- The last day of school for students is Friday, June 15 (yikes!)

5th Grade Promotion

On Tuesday, June 12 there will be a gathering of students and families of our 5th graders and the 5th graders from the David Douglas Arthur Academy. We will honor our first graduating class at 7:00 pm at the Greater Gresham Baptist Church. These students will receive more information soon.

Sincerely,

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Be sure to send in all those Boxtops this week!