

Reynolds



April 7, 2006

Dear Families,

Building update

The storage container has been moved out of our parking lot and returned to Reynolds School District. We are very appreciative that the district allowed us to use it and keep it so long, which we all know was not our intention. The sidewalks should be redone by now and the railings are all in place. The buildings have passed the fire marshall's inspection. I'm just waiting to find out what else there is But we are SOOO close.

Playground!!!

Wow – we get to do something fun that will really excite the kids! Our playground installation is scheduled for **Saturday, April 29**. We have hired a crew leader who is experienced (honestly, he knows what he's doing), but **we need lots of able-bodied volunteers to do all the labor**. I will let you know the details as soon as I get them, but for now please try to mark this date on your calendar for Reynolds Arthur Academy's Playground.

Parent Conferences

If you have not yet signed up for your parent-teacher conference, please be sure to do so. Conferences will be held Wed., April 12 after school and evening, April 13 day and evening and again on Friday for part of the day. We are all looking forward to having the opportunity to share progress reports and talk with you about your children.

It is so hard to believe that it will be the middle of April. It always seems like school is almost over after spring break, but in reality there is still a lot of learning and activity that will happen in the next two months.

Oregon Department of Education Charter School Survey

As a Charter School, we are required by the law to have our parents complete a survey each year conducted by the ODE. This survey must be completed on-line and the results go directly to ODE. It only takes about 10 minutes and your input is essential. Please go to

<http://www.ode.state.or.us/surveys/> to access the survey. Three very important things to remember:

1. BE SURE TO GO DOWN THE LIST OF SCHOOLS TO FIND OUR SCHOOL – **REYNOLDS ARTHUR ACADEMY**. Otherwise, you may be completing the survey for one of the other Arthur Academies.
2. Be sure that your answers reflect your opinions about our school and our school's staff only – not any of the other Arthur Academies, daycare, or general administration of the Arthur Academies.

3. Additional comments are welcome and may be typed in at the end of the survey.

All surveys **MUST be submitted before May 19**, but the earlier the better. Let's see if we can get 100% of our families completing the survey this year. Thank you for your time. It is important that the state receive a high percentage of responses from each school.

Plant Sale

Order forms went home on Monday for our 2nd annual plant sale. This was a huge success last year and the plants were very beautiful. Thanks to Heather Schefter for organizing this again this year. You may bring your orders in through the end of the week at conferences.

Arthur Academy Shirts

RAAPO is planning on having shirt and sweatshirt samples out next week at conferences and also at the carnival. Order forms will go home shortly. Please come in and look at the sizes so that you get what you want.

Spring Carnival

We hope that everyone will come and have a fun evening at the carnival, Friday, April 21 at the Greater Gresham Baptist Church. Our parent group has been hard at work to ensure there is plenty of food to eat, games to play, raffle items to buy and time to socialize. We will even have our own popcorn vendor. Karen Wells tells me that there are many wonderful items in the raffle and auction which you won't want to miss out on. The classroom theme baskets look wonderfully inviting too. If you can help out in any way, please call Allyssa Young, carnival coordinator.

Field Trips

Mrs. Abing and Mr. Pereyo took their classes to see a live theatre production of the "Wizard of Oz" this week. The only complaint I heard was that it was a little short and they didn't sing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow", but it seems that a good time was had by all. Both teachers were very proud of the students' behavior on the bus and at the theatre.

I will be taking the Kindergarteners to the Oregon Children's Museum on Wed., May 17.

Mrs. Marks will take the 1st graders to YMCA Camp Collins on June 5, where they will be joined by the 1st graders from the Portland Arthur Academy – the class of our very own Tina Long.

Fondly,

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