

Reynolds ARTHUR ACADEMY

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL



February 20, 2007

Dear Families,

Today you are also receiving information from RAAPO about our second year with the "Adopt-a-Soldier" campaign. Please read this information carefully and participate in whatever way you and your family are able to.

Coming Up

- The next RAAPO meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 27, 2007** at 7:00 pm.
- Planning for the **Spring Carnival on Friday, April 20** will continue. Please come and join in on the excitement!
- Spring break will be here before we know it! **School is closed the week of March 26.**

Oregon State Assessments

Our 4th graders are about to complete the required Oregon State Writing Assessment. I am administering this to the 4th graders over a three-day period, while Ms. Jensen has had some extra time to teach Science with our few 5th graders.

All of our students in grades 3-5 will be taking the Oregon State Assessments in Reading/Literature and Math on computers this year, instead of with paper/pencil, as required. The testing will be conducted much differently and spread out over a period of time. We have 8-10 laptops that are set up with the TESA program and students will be tested in small groups. The TESA program has several advantages: we have flexibility in testing dates over a much longer period of time, which will help with scheduling around student absences, and students may take the test up to 3 times during the testing window if they do not meet the benchmark the first time. Most likely, I will be conducting the testing sessions in the afternoons, beginning next week.

Student Conduct Expectations

I find it necessary to remind students that there are some things that are just NOT allowed at school. Under no circumstances is anything related to a weapon – even a toy- allowed at school, even in a backpack. Cell phones, radios, Ipods, headsets or any other electronic gadgets are also prohibited at school. Please help us to keep our school a safe learning environment for all of our children by making sure that your children are not bringing these items to school in their backpacks.

2007-2008 Enrollment

Please be sure to submit an application before April 1 if you have a younger child who will be entering our kindergarten in the fall. Your child will not automatically have a spot in the class without an application by April 1.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who continue to help in so many ways - at lunchtime, listening to students read, monitoring student independent work time in the classrooms, assisting teachers in the classrooms and with projects, controlling parking lot traffic – not to mention all the work being done by RAAPO members on the “Adopt a Soldier” campaign and the carnival!

You are all amazing and we thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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