

Reynolds ARTHUR ACADEMY

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL



March 19, 2007

Dear Families,

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 ODE Charter School survey each year. We need to have a minimum of a 75% response rate for each of the surveys. 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.

If you do not have access to the Internet, we will have laptops available during parent conference days at school and you may do the survey then. All surveys must be completed before May 15, but the earlier the better.

Parent Conferences

School will be closed on April 12 and April 13 for parent-teacher conferences. Teachers will have flexible schedules during that week to try and best accommodate parent needs. **We will have sign-up sheets available beginning the Monday after spring break (April 2) and will do our best to coordinate conferences for those of you with multiple children at our school.**

Coming Up

- The next RAAPO meeting will be held tomorrow - **Tuesday, March 20** - at 7:00 pm. Planning for the **Spring Carnival on Friday, April 20** will continue. Please offer to help in whatever way you can.
- Spring break will be here before we know it! **School is closed the week of March 26.**

- **The city of Troutdale planning commission hearing has been moved to March 28.** Unfortunately, this is during spring break, but I will let you know the decision made regarding our application to add a third building for next year. Your show of support at the meeting would be greatly appreciated.

Oregon State Assessments

You have probably heard the news that the Oregon Statewide Assessments must all be given the “old fashioned way” – with paper and pencil tests. The state was not able to resolve the problems with the computerized testing system vendor and is in the midst of a dispute with that company. The students seem to be quite disappointed with this news, so please do what you can to increase your child’s enthusiasm for the testing, which will be sometime in May.

Last Call for Siblings!

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. We currently have 10 kindergarten siblings for next year’s class. **Overall, we have 115 applications for grades K-5, with only 30-35 openings schoolwide!**

Carnival Art Projects

Each class will be doing a substantial art creation to be raffled off at the carnival. We are in need of people who can help with mosaic tiles, decoupage, and perhaps printmaking. Please let me know if you have experience and would be willing to help us with these projects at school.

Staffing Decisions

Mr. Arthur has not made any decisions yet regarding staff for next year, though of course discussions and planning continue. I want to assure all of you that our school will be in good hands next year and I thank all of you for your understanding and continued support.

Sincerely,

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Be sure to send in all those Boxtops this week!