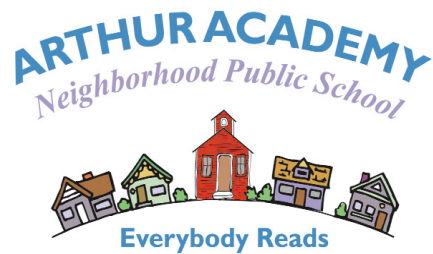


Reynolds



May 8, 2006

Dear Families,

RAAPO Meetings

The last meeting of the year will be held on the Tuesday before Memorial Day, May 23. Daycare will be provided that evening so that hopefully more parents may attend. Your board members for next year will be elected that evening, so please make every effort to attend. Be sure to send in your nominations for next year's board elections and get involved.

Playground

A heartfelt thank you goes to Ed Davis and his crew at Precision Contractors. Ed was hired to dig the holes and set the posts in concrete for our playground structure. After hearing some of the on-going delays we have had in getting our school opened, the crew decided to stay and work extra days on their own to finish our playground for us. That is why we were able to cancel the volunteer work party last Saturday. We are all overwhelmed by their generosity and caring about our children. The students have made a thank you banner and it will be delivered, along with some gifts of appreciation, in the next week.

Thank you to Bob Littrell for helping to unload the truckload of playground parts when they were delivered to the school.

Surveys

As of Sunday, we had 71 responses submitted to the Oregon Department of Education online Charter School survey. (23 from K., 18 from 1st gr., 11 from 2nd gr. and 19 from our 3rd/4th gr. class). If you have not yet completed yours, please do so before the survey closes on May 19 so that everyone's opinions are represented. We need you to go to the website at:

www.ode.state.or.us/surveys/

and complete this short survey.

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.

1. 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.
2. Additional comments are welcome and may be typed in at the end of the survey.
3. There are both English and Spanish versions.

Please submit one of each of these surveys for EACH child at our school.

Testing:

Beginning on May 23, all of our students will be taking the Stanford Achievement Tests in Reading and Math. Please plan in advance so that your children will not miss any school during that week. More information will come home before the testing.

Plant Sale:

A big thank you to Heather Schefter for orchestrating our 2nd annual plant sale. Last Thursday, some 230 plants were delivered to the parking lot and taken home by many of our families to be enjoyed for the next several months. Ms. Abing's 2nd grade class sold the most plants, earning Ms. Abing her own beautiful hanging fuchsia to take home.

"Staying Put", as they say:

It has been determined that we will not be able to move into our school before June. There are just too many unfinished items and occupancy issues to allow us to move in time. This process has been beyond anyone's wildest expectations and I can only say that there are so many factors involved that I have lost track. Work will resume on Tuesday, but when we will actually get occupancy is not yet known.

As I have said many times before, I am so grateful for the support from all of you and the faith you have in our fantastic teaching team. The children are all learning so much and are happy to be at our school.

On Friday I met with a reporter from the Gresham Outlook, along with Mr. Arthur and Mr. Liljegren, our project manager. Our past two years make quite a story and I will let you know when it will be published. She will be back at our school on Tuesday to see more of the children in action. I have no doubt that I will be very proud of what she sees.

Fondly,

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