



Arthur Academy

Our Mission

- Accelerate educational achievement and academic competency of all our students
- Provide a uniquely effective and specialized approach to teaching
- Become an effective and innovative model of instruction that can influence teaching practices in other schools

Cougar Chatter

May 2010

Oregon Charter School Survey

Each year ODE requests our participation in a charter school survey. This information helps ODE in grant reporting, reports to the State Board of Education, and media and legislative requests. Your survey results are helping the charter school movement in Oregon! There is a student **and** parent survey. Each takes about 10 minutes. We have computers at school if you would like to complete the survey on campus. Ask your child's teacher for assistance.

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

Drop Off Times

Do not drop off your students before 8:05 AM. There is no supervision outside for your children. A staff member will be outside from 8:05 AM – 8:15 AM with students rain or shine. 8:15 AM is the earliest children are allowed in classrooms.

SAT and Other School Assessments

We are getting close to the end of the school year, yet all teachers have so much to teach and students have so much more to learn. Each student has made progress in their own way and will continue that progress until the very last day of school. We have 2 special events planned for the last school days in June where the kids can let loose. Until then, attendance is vital, particularly the weeks of May 17th -21st and May 24th -28th. All classes will be conducting SAT testing and other in-house assessments. Please make sure that you do not plan vacation or appointments during these times. If you **MUST** miss a day, please contact your child's teachers.

Thinking of Volunteering ???

If so, next year we have a job for you! We are looking for volunteers to be on recess duty during our lunch hours. Currently, our wonderful teaching assistants are supervising recess. However, we would like to utilize their talents more in the classrooms working with students. In order for this to happen we need 2 volunteers to cover from 11:15 AM-12: 45 PM each day on the playground (or classroom for inside recess). The ideal goal is to have enough people that there is a rotation of volunteers. You will be trained in August and we will pay for your criminal history background check. In order for you to do this job you must: like kids, be able to watch 10 different things at once, solve 5 problems at the same time, and LOVE rain. Basically being an Oregonian parent qualifies you!

Papa's Pizza Fundraiser Day

Wednesday, June 9th, is an opportunity for you to help the school raise money and help purchase new outside benches, plus, have a good meal. We will send out the flyers that you must take to the restaurant for us to get credit. You may go anytime on Wednesday and we receive 50% of the funds (does not include drinks).

Panoramic Picture

Monday, May 10th, will be our all school panoramic picture day. Students should be in dress code.

Talent Show

At the end of May, a Talent Show sign up sheet will be coming home for students to show off their talents. Students that are in 3rd through 6th grade are able to submit a form. The audience is kindergarten through 2nd graders. The 6th grade students MC this event and help organize the day. The talent show will be Tuesday, June 9th, starting at 9:00 AM. You are welcome to attend and watch your child shine.

Field Day

We will be looking for volunteers to help run activity stations on Thursday, June 10th. A request slip will be coming home soon. Your reward is a free trip down the Big Slide!

Chili Cook Off

We have been brainstorming ways to fundraise for the 6th grade outdoor school program next year. We have come up with a Chili Cook Off. We have the Glen Otto building reserved for Saturday, October 30th. Our goal is to have at least 10 participants in our cook-off. More information will be conveyed over the summer via email. If you have any desire to help or coordinate with the staff on our big project, let us know.

Report Cards

The final quarter report cards will be mailed out to your house during the week of June 21st. Please make sure you have given us your most current mailing address.

Summer Office Hours

The last working day for teaching staff is Tuesday, June 15th. The office will be closed after Friday, June 18th. If you need to get a hold of someone please leave a message, but understand that messages are only checked once a week in the summer time. If you need to get in contact with someone immediately you may call the main business office at 503-762-6061. All staff will be back to work or in trainings the week of August 23rd.

Field Trip

In the next few weeks, the 1st through 5th graders will take a field trip. Information should have been sent home from your classroom teacher in regards to details of when and where.

1st grade will be going to Camp Collins on Friday, May 7th
2nd & 4th grade will be going to the ZOO and a Zoo class on Friday, May 14th

6th Grade Graduation

The 6th graders will have their fun day and ceremony all on Friday, June 11th. They will spend a portion of their day at Oaks Park and then will meet family and friends for a pizza feed and graduation ceremony. We are looking for parent help to set up and serve cake. Our goal is to find parents/volunteers that are not 6th grader family members so that they can enjoy the evening with their family and 6th grade graduate.

In House Music Spring Concert

This spring each class will have a mini-spring concert in their classrooms instead of a large concert all together. Each classroom has been working on different songs and would like to share their hard work with you on Wednesday, May 19th. This mini-concert will take place during each grade's current music time, which is listed below:

Kindergarten: 11:00-11:30 AM 1st grade: 1:15-1:45 PM 2nd grade: 10:00-10:30 AM 3rd grade: 12:00-12:30
4th grade: 10:30-11:00 AM 5th grade: 11:30-12:00 PM 6th grade: 1:45-2:15 PM

Moving On to Another 6th Grade in Reynolds?

If you are not staying for 6th grade at Arthur Academy and are transferring to a middle school in Reynolds School District please note the following open house dates. Friday, May 21st, Walt Morey will have a walk through for students from 9:00-10:15 AM. Walt Morey will also be holding an open house on Tuesday, May 25th, from 6:45-8:30. We have no information from H.B. Lee or Reynolds Middle School. Please call them for times and dates.

Spring Cleaning

If you are spring-cleaning and you come across things that the kids have out grown, we would love to help you un-clutter the bookshelves or toy boxes. Teachers would love any donations of books, Lego's, K-NEX, or puzzles. Please contact the school or your child's teacher if you have anything to donate.

Coming Back Next Year...

We have completed the first phase of lottery applications. If you know that you will **NOT** be attending next year, please let the office or teacher know.

Troutdale Trot

Saturday, May 8th, is the Troutdale Trot Run/Walk. We encourage you and your family to participate as a family fitness fun day and to help sponsor the Lions Club. The Lions Club has presented flags to our 1st graders for the last 3 years which, they love having their very own little flags.

OAKS

Students in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade have been participating in the state test for reading and math in their current grade. The chart below shows how each class is doing currently with the number of students who have taken the test. Each student receives a total of 3 chances to pass or improve score.

Grade/Subject	Reading	Math	Science	Writing
3 rd	60% E / 32% M	28% E / 53% M	x	x
4 th	48% E / 44% M	8% E / 68% M	x	68%
5 th	32% E / 53% M	35% E / 42% M	39% E / 53% M	x
6 th	25% E / 35% M	27% E / 44% M	x	x

E= Exceeds M= Meets

Up Coming Reminders

May 17th-28thSAT Testing
May 20 & 21st5th grade at Outdoor Retreat
Monday, May 31stNo School/ Holiday
Wednesday, June 9Talent Show
Thursday, June 10Field Day
Friday, June 11thLast day of school and $\frac{1}{2}$ day
Friday, June 11th6th grade fun day and graduation at Glen Otto Park

Capri Suns

If your child drinks Capri Suns we have been collecting empties as a fundraiser. We receive 2 cents per container. Sounds like a little, but every penny counts. If your child likes those please continue to purchase Capri Sun drinks for their lunches or send the empties to school.

Campbell Soup Labels and Box Tops

Each classroom has a container to collect soup labels and box tops. You can send them in as you wish or you can wait for contests during the year.