

Reynolds ARTHUR ACADEMY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL



Nov. 13, 2006

Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone for attending parent conferences last week. It is so important that parents and teachers work together as a team to ensure the best education we can provide for all of our children. I encourage you to keep in touch with your child's teacher throughout the year and follow up on any questions or concerns that you may have.

Coming Up

- School will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24 for families to spend Thanksgiving together.
- The next RAAPO meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 7:00 -8:00 pm** in our cafeteria. Please do try to join us, meet new parents and become involved in the many ways available to volunteer some time and energy for our children.
- **School picture retakes will be on Friday, Dec. 1.** If you want your child's picture to be redone, do NOT cut pictures apart. You must return the complete package on the day of retakes. If your child was absent for pictures, an order form will be sent home as soon as I receive them from Lifetouch. Class composite pictures are done after retakes so that all children are in the picture.
- **Friday, Dec. 1** is also the evening of our school's winter program. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and children need to be there by 6:45. Our music program will begin promptly at 7:00, at the Greater Gresham Baptist Church.
- Winter vacation is around the corner! The last day of school in 2006 will be Dec. 15 and we will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

Box Tops

Congratulations to Mrs. Burks' 2nd grade class. They were the winners of the October box tops contest and enjoyed an ice cream treat for their prize. All other classes had cookies as a thank you for their participation.

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Sponsor sheets and pledges were due on Nov. 6, but if you still have any contributions to turn in, please do so. Jennie Gilpin will announce the final tally, individual and class winners on Friday.

Parking Lot

Drop-off and dismissal times are going well. Thank you for your cooperation. A few reminders that will help:

- Please have your children ready to exit the car when you pull up to the drop off area. Mrs. Sternberg and Mrs. Boyce will be there to help as needed. We cannot have them out there before 8:15, as that is their time to prepare for a very busy day of teaching. If there are any parents who would like to volunteer to help at this time, please let me know.
- When entering and exiting the parking lot, please stay to the right as much as possible so that 2 cars can fit in the driveway. Do not angle your car unnecessarily when exiting, as that cuts off the car trying to enter.
- If you are the first car, remember to pull up as far as you can, past the dumpsters. We need to fit as many cars as possible into the parking lot.
- If you want to leave your car, you must park in a spot. Please do not get in the line of cars and then leave your car.
- Kindergarten parents are welcome to park and come to get their children in the classroom at 11:45. Otherwise, please make 2 lines of cars at the pick up area.

Attendance

There are many families going on vacations during the next month. Teachers will do what they can to send work with students if requested, but please realize that we do not slow down our teaching for the holiday season. We hope that you will all do your best to have your children at school every day, except for illness. Thank you for your cooperation with attendance. Please allow a few extra minutes on these wet and windy mornings. Classes start promptly at 8:15.

I hope you all have an absolutely wonderful Thanksgiving with your friends and families.

Sincerely,

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