

Reynolds ARTHUR ACADEMY

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL



Sept. 11, 2006

Dear Families,

We made it! I am now convinced that I'm not going to wake up from a dream and find out that school didn't really start on time in our own building. Our first two days went really well and we have worked out the kinks with lunch service and dismissal.

2006-2007 Staff

- Ms. Jennifer Jensen – 4th/5th
- Ms. Nova Ronningen – 3rd
- Ms. Sherri Burks – 2nd
- Ms. Andrea Marks – 1st
- Ms. Peggy Concillo – Kindergarten and Director
- Ms. Lisa Yates – full time teaching assistant
- Ms. Barbara Sternberg – full time teaching assistant
- Ms. Katie Boyce – part time teaching assistant
- Ms. Genta Guitron – part time office assistant (will start on 9/18)

School Supplies

If you have not yet sent in your \$20 for school supplies, please do so as soon as possible. Cash or check made payable to "Reynolds Arthur Academy" may be given to your child's teacher. If you have more than one child in the school, you may combine the amounts into one check.

School Lunch

On the first day of school, students brought home a sheet containing all the lunch information. We are now able to offer hot school lunch every day, but students **MUST** purchase lunch tickets and order their lunch or milk as soon as school starts each day. Let us know if you need another sheet sent home, or you may also get this information from our website.

Dismissal Procedures:

Please pull into the parking lot, up by the garbage enclosure and form 2 lines of cars. Or you may park your car in the open spaces of the parking lot or down on Troutdale Road and walk over to the covered waiting area. **Do not park on SW 21st St.**

At 3:00, a staff member will call teachers on the walkie-talkies to send out students in the order of cars in line and parents in the covered waiting area. Students will stay in their classrooms until their teacher dismisses them. Please do not go to the classrooms to get your child. A staff member will assist children getting into vehicles quickly so that

we can keep the line moving. On Friday, we had the parking lot emptied in just 7 minutes, so please be patient. Safety is our first concern, so please do not make some other arrangement with your child.

Volunteers

Parents have already signed up to help with our lunch service and parking lot. Bob Littrell is continuing to be our parking lot/driveway manager at dismissal time. Stacy Dodson, Karen Wells, Cheryl Ross, and Carrie Yoshida have each volunteered to help one day a week at lunch. If anyone would like to help with lunch on Fridays, from 11:30-12:30, please let me know.

RAAPO and Thanks Due

Be sure to read the RAAPO news and find out all about the upcoming Jog-a-thon current Arthur Academy shirt sale and how you can be involved in this vital group at our school.

Thanks to Jennie Gilpin for spearheading the first Arthur Academy Jog-a-thon and to Kelly Ivan for managing the shirt sale again.

Thanks to Christy Taylor for making wonderful "recess vests" for our staff to wear on the playground. They are VERY snazzy, with zippered pockets for first aid supplies and will fit over our coats in the winter weather so that students can easily see the teacher on duty out on the playground.

Uniform Exchange

There are MANY uniform shirts, pants, skirts and jumpers in the exchange boxes in the lobby. Please come and take a look, find some clothing to fit your growing child and you can leave any that is in good shape and you no longer need. You do not have to make a contribution so I encourage you (especially with young children) to take advantage of this free clothing.

I cannot begin to tell you how proud I am of this school. Our students started off the year being enthusiastic, hard-working, respectful and caring individuals who are eager to learn. Our parents have been incredibly supportive and did not give up on us through our struggles the past 2 years. Our staff has put in countless hours of their time this summer to pull it all together and make our school a welcoming learning environment for your children. Judging by the "can-do" attitudes and teamwork that dominated our first two days, I know we are going to have a fantastic year together! Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Peggy Concillo

Director/Kindergarten Teacher

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www.arthuracademy.org (where you may always get lunch information and newsletters)