

SUMPTER ELEMENTARY

NOVEMBER 2017

BACK TO SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL PRATS:

Dear Sumpter families,

November is full of reasons to celebrate and enjoy time with those you love. As your children experience shortened school weeks this month, they may forget about some of the rules and expectations. Please help us in reminding them that even though there may be a shortened school week, the other days are all filled with exciting things to learn, so their participation and attentive listening continues to be very important.

Our wonderful Parent Club raised around \$30,000 with this year's Jog-a-thon! I want to thank everyone for participating in one way or another. It is a collective effort that made this year's Jog-a-thon a great success. The After Dark reward party on October 27th was a lot of fun too. It was great seeing so many kids and families having fun together. Thank you to all of the parents who pitched in at the end of the event to help clean up. This collective effort made clean up complete in only 30 minutes!

I hope you enjoy the upcoming conferences on Nov 20 & 21. Please be conscientious of your conference timeframe so as not to delay another family from learning about their child's progress at school. If you need additional time, please request another meeting date to talk with the teacher.

Every year we have more families picking up students from school than we have had in past school years. This year is no exception. Please allow yourselves enough time so our school parking lot remains safe for everyone. It is important that all adults and students observe every safety precaution possible. Please use crosswalks, even if they are not convenient. Please walk down to the nearest crosswalk to walk across Rockwood safely to access your vehicle. Children are always watching to see if other children and adults are following the safety rules they've been asked to observe. We want ALL of our Sumpter students to arrive home safely after school, every day.

I hope you all enjoy November. I feel so thankful for being a part of this most amazing community.

See you as you visit the school this month!

Take care,

Janet Prats

Sumpter's Principal

SUMPTER ELEMENTARY

525 ROCKWOOD ST SE

SALEM, OR 97306

503-399-3337

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM — 4:30 PM

SCHOOL HOURS

9:30 AM — 3:50 PM

SCHOOL WEBSITE:

<http://sumpter.salemkeizer.net/>





NO SCHOOL

November 3, Elementary Grading Day

November 10, Holiday

November 20 - 24, Thanksgiving Break

Visit our Kindergarten Readiness page at <http://www.salemkeizer.org/parents/kindergarten-readiness> for information on how to prepare for Kindergarten.

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NOVEMBER 1-30

**IN DISTRICT TRANSFER
(IDT)
APPLICATION WINDOW**

Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!



SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH

Salem-Keizer Public Schools provides healthy, nutritious meals to our students. The cost for full price meals is as follows:

Breakfast \$1.05

Lunch \$2.40

Milk \$0.40

Your child may qualify for free or reduced price meals if:

1. Your household receives Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or benefits from the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), OR;
2. Your household income is at or below the amount on the Income Chart.

HOW TO APPLY IN PERSON OR BY MAIL FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS

Download and fill out an application and [return it to your school](#) or send to:
FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES
3625 FAIRVIEW INDUSTRIAL DR. SE
SALEM OR, 97302
503-399-3091

HOW TO APPLY ONLINE

[GO TO THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WEBSITE](#). APPLICATIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM AT 503-399-3169.



Volunteers and community partners play an important role in Salem-Keizer Public Schools. Each day in every school, volunteers support and encourage staff and students, take an active role in helping every student achieve. Through their contributions of time, energy, inspiration and expertise, volunteers often report they receive more than they give.

Anyone may apply to become a volunteer. Before taking part in a volunteer activity, applicants must complete a criminal history check.

Please visit www.salemkeizer.org and click on the volunteer link at the top of the page to learn more.

SCHOOL MESSENGER

At the start of each school year, information from student registration forms is input into the student information database.

SchoolMessenger, the system the district uses to send out phone notification to parents, receives updated information from this database once each day.

It is very important that parents keep their contact information current.

Be sure to let your school office know if you have a new address, email or phone number.

The parent or guardian marked as the primary contact in the student information system will receive automated communication.

Messages will also be sent to the student's home phone number contained in the database, if different from the primary contact phone number.



BOND MEASURE “LISTENING & LEARNING” SESSIONS PLANNED

The Salem-Keizer School Board is working on a general obligation bond for the May 2018 ballot. The bond measure is not yet final, but it is important for parents and members of our community to have the opportunity to learn about why a bond is needed and how it will benefit our schools.

Listening & Learning sessions give parents, school neighbors, interested community members, and district officials the chance to listen and learn from each other about the process to determine school needs and the School Board's progress on developing the bond measure.

Invitations will be made soon by auto-dialer to parents of students in all schools in each high school feeder system. Mark your calendar now for our meeting date:

November 1, 2017, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at South Salem High School

November 8, 2017, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Sprague High School

Please contact the Community Relations & Communications Department with any questions about the event. (503) 399-3038.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

November 20 & 21, K-5 Conference Days



For emergency messages regarding school closures or delays, please visit <http://www.salemkeizer.org/about/emergency-school-closures-and-delays>.

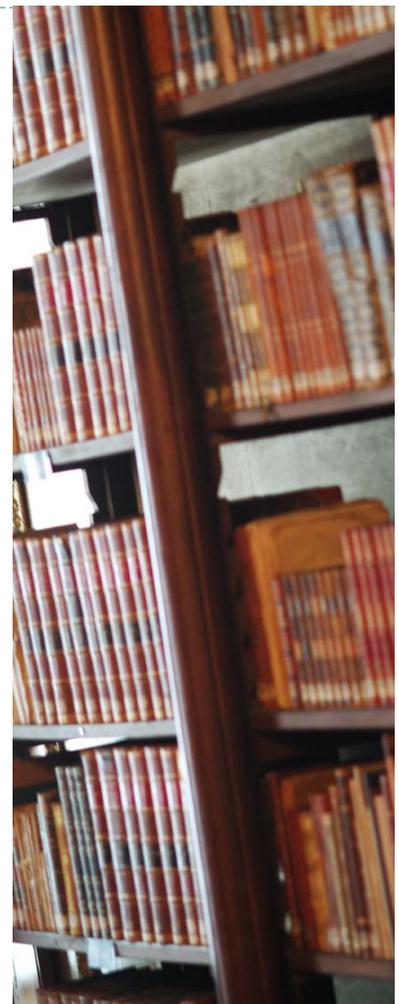
PREVENT GETTING THE FLU

A message from Health Services:

Flu season has begun, and it's a good time to get vaccinated

Other ways people can help prevent flu:

- Stay home and limit contact with others if you are sick, including staying home from work or school when you are sick.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue out when you are done.
- Wash hands with soap and water. Use an alcohol-based hand rub if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may have flu germs on them.
- Avoid getting coughed and sneezed on.



ALL STUDENTS GRADUATE PREPARED

In 2010, Oregon adopted higher K-12 standards in English Language Arts and Math to ensure all students move from grade to grade with the academic knowledge and skills necessary for success beyond high school. Because we raised the bar for what we expect students to know and be able to do, we have also changed the way we measure student progress through our state tests, known as Smarter Balanced.

Why does participation matter?

While no single test can give a complete picture of your child's progress, having your child take the statewide tests provides educators and administrators with information about what educational approaches are working and where additional resources are needed. Your child's participation is important to ensure schools and districts receive the targeted resources they need to help all students succeed.

Description of rights

House Bill 2655 permits parents and adult students to annually opt-out of Oregon's statewide summative tests in English Language Arts and Math by submitting an annual form to the school the student attends. Schools will provide parents with the annual form for 2017-18 at least 30 days prior to the start of testing. Visit this link to learn more about House Bill 2655: <http://tinyurl.com/OR-HB2655>.

STATEWIDE TESTING WINDOWS

Smarter Balanced English Language Arts & Math Tests
February 6 – June 8, 2018

Oregon Extended Assessments for English Language Arts & Math
February 15 – April 26, 2018

OREGON'S STATE TESTS

- **Challenge your child to think critically** and apply his or her knowledge to real-world problems
- **Go beyond multiple choice** and ask your child to explain his or her answers
- **Act as a snapshot of your child's progress** and may be considered along with other pieces of information to determine your child's academic success
- **Help identify schools and districts** that need additional supports to ensure more students are meeting higher standards

When will my child take the test?

Your child will be tested once after he or she has completed at least two-thirds of the school year. Your child's school will determine the specific dates your child takes the tests within the statewide testing window.

STAY INFORMED

Talk to your child's teacher or school principal if you have questions or want to learn more.

Resources

To learn more about what your child should know and be able to do in English Language Arts & Math: <http://tinyurl.com/ELARoadmap> & <http://tinyurl.com/MathRoadmap>

To view sample test questions: <http://tinyurl.com/ORPracticeTests>

To read more about your child's test results: <http://tinyurl.com/ORTestResults>



2017-18 Calendar for Parents

The following calendar lists key dates for the Salem-Keizer School District. Please note that individual schools might have additional key dates so check with your local school.

Key Dates for 2017-18

☐ These are the key dates for the 2017-18 school year listing no school days, district office closures and other significant dates.

Sept. 5: First day for grades 6 and 9
Sept. 6: First day for grades 1-5, 7-8, 10-12
Sept. 13: First day for all Kindergarten

Oct. 12: No school for 6 - 12 grade students
Oct. 13: No school

Nov. 3: No school for K - 5 grade students
Nov. 10: No school and district offices are closed
Nov. 20-24: No school for all students
Nov. 23-24: District offices are closed

Dec. 18-29: No school - Winter Break
Dec. 25-26: District offices are closed

Jan. 1: No school and district offices are closed
Jan. 15: No school and district offices are closed
Jan. 26: No school

Feb. 19: No school

Mar. 9: No school
Mar. 22-23: No school
Mar. 26-30: No school - Spring Break

April 27: No school

May 28: No school and district offices are closed

June 6-8: High school graduation
June 13: Last day for K - 5 grade students
June 14: Last day for 6 - 11 grade students

February 19 and June 18-20: Designated as make-up for emergency closure days called by Superintendent.

For additional calendars, please visit the district Web site at <http://www.salemkeizer.org/content/calendar>.



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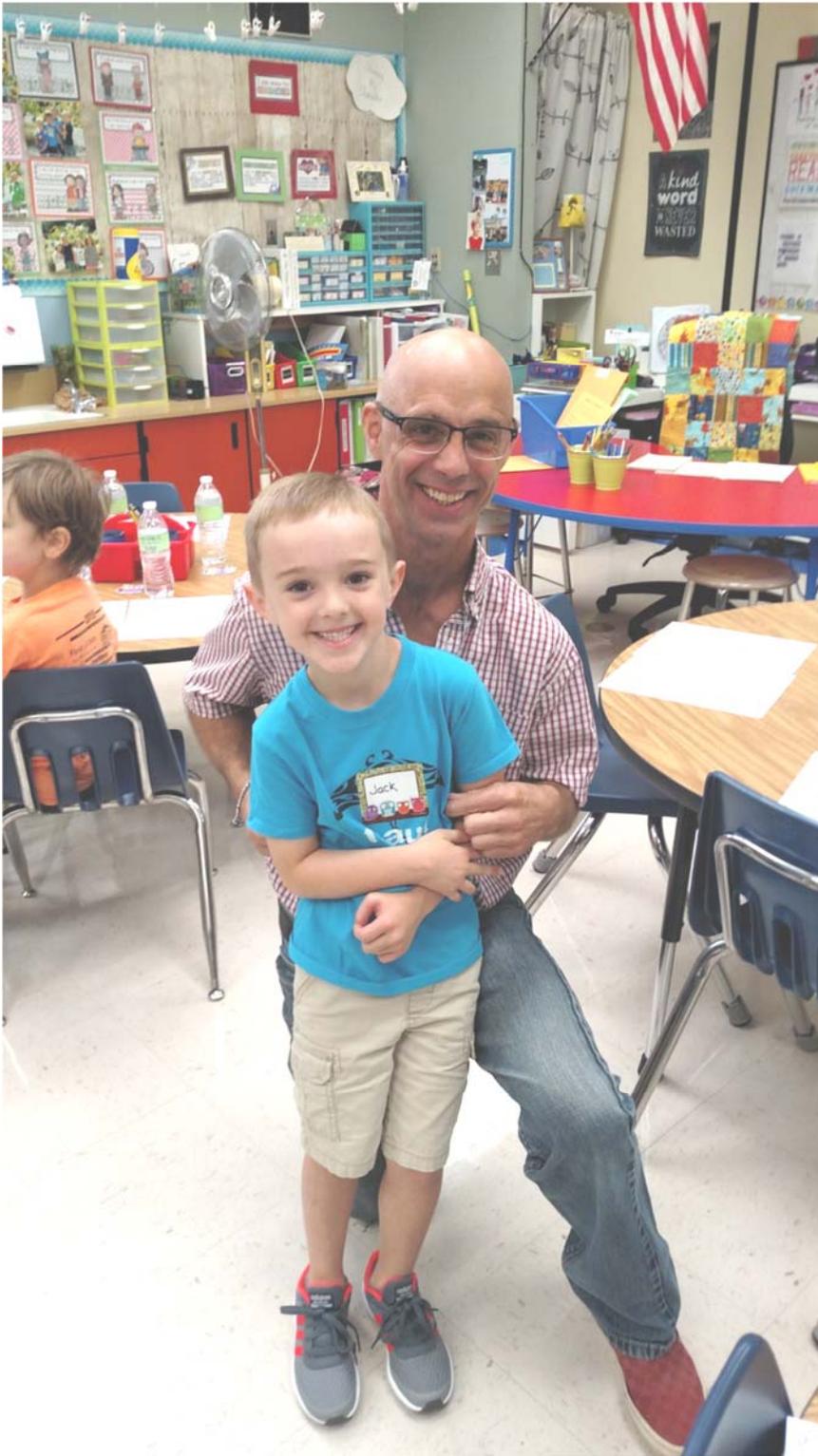
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SUMPTER FAMILY INVESTING IN OUR KIDS

Tony Penrose, PTC Treasurer

I enjoy volunteering and giving back to the community. My son gets excited when he knows I'll be coming to school to help out. Whether I'm cutting circles for an art project, helping with reading or math, it is fun seeing and being a part of kids' growth--watching them learn as they discover themselves and the world. I am reminded of how simple things can be when their eyes light up with understanding or when they do better than they expected on a project.

When my son joined Sumpter Elementary I realized the importance of helping out and wanted to give in any way I could. I've realized being a part of Sumpter will help his education and give us both a sense of community with the parents and staff of Sumpter.

I'm already meeting and getting to know great people and I know those relationships will carry on for many years to come.

Tony