



Orenco School Times



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A Message from our Principal, Mr. Bishop

Dear Students and Parents:

We were pleased that so many of you joined us for conferences. The teachers actually did extra conferences. We have 424 students and 465 conferences were completed! I hope you learned that everyone is working hard in achieving their best in both academics and behavior. Stay in touch with the staff your child works with, and should you have any questions please give us a call.

Be sure to ask your child about Splash Cash. It was held last week on the 7th. Thanks for your continued support. Please let us know what we can do to make the experience of having your child here at Orenco even better.

Tim Bishop and the
Orenco Team

BOOK FAIR:

Students at Orenco want to thank the Booster Club, volunteers and Mrs. Maines for their amazing book fair. We appreciate all the hard work!

ELK'S FOOD COLLECTION BAR-

RELS: We will participate with the Elk's organization in collecting non-perishable food items for local families. The food barrels will be located in the entrance. Barrels will be delivered some time during the second week of November. Sharing with those less fortunate is something we can all do. Please let your child know what your family can give, and allow them to bring the donations to school. Thanks!



SAFETYASSESSMENT: The Safety Assessment process is an important tool for promoting and maintaining safe schools. Whenever a student is violent or threatens others, school staff will initiate a Safety Assessment. The Safety Assessment is a multi-step process that evaluates the student for risk factors. The assessment may include interviews with the student, parents, and school staff; review of student records and behavior history; and evaluation by a mental health professional, such as a clinical social worker or clinical psychologist. The results of the Safety Assessment are used by school and district administration to determine disciplinary actions to develop behavior interventions, and to establish supervision and monitoring strategies. These actions serve to protect students, staff and the school community. As part of our comprehensive Safe School's Plan, the District will not tolerate weapons and replicas of weapons on school property or at school activities. Please be sure that your child knows the weapons rule under Oregon law and District policy. Refer to the Elementary Parent/Student Handbook for more information to ensure safety for all students.



UP-and-COMING

November 14th
Booster Bingo Night

November 18th
Booster Club Meeting

November 21st
Century/Orenco Student Council
Walk/Jog-a-Thon for Diabetes

November 24th
Third/Fourth Grade Assembly
8:45 a.m. in Gym

November 25th
Spirit Day
U of O/OSU Day

November 26th
Early Release 11:20
No Kindergarten Classes

November 27th-28th
Thanksgiving Holiday

December 1st
No School—Grade Prep

December 8th
Report Cards Sent Home with Students

December 9th
Next Newsletter Sent Home
Booster Club Meeting

POPCORN AND POETRY:

We will be holding a family reading event in February . The event is called Popcorn and Poetry, and everyone is invited. We are hoping to give each student that attends a free book at the end of the evening. Here's how you can help: We will be sponsoring a Book Drive for the Popcorn and Poetry night. Please consider donating a new or used book. There will be a Book Donation box located in the office for these books. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.



STUDENTS ENJOYED SPIRIT/COSTUME DAY!



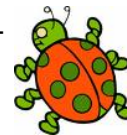
DIABETES WALK/JOG-A-THON:

Student Council with the help of Century seniors are putting on a community service project for the American Diabetes Association. The walk/jog-a-thon will be held November 21st. This is a great opportunity for students, and they are excited to help!



FLU SEASON:

The flu is a highly contagious viral infection of the upper respiratory system (nose, throat and lungs) Symptoms include: fever, muscle aches, sore throat, congestion and coughing.



Influenza is easily spread from person to person when an infect person coughs or sneezes. The flue can be spread by an infected person from the day before they get sick until about seven days after they first show symptoms. How do you prevent getting the flu: 1. Get immunized 2. Wash hands often, using soap and water 3. Avoid unnecessary contact with large crowds during flu season 4. Keep children home from school and daycare when they are sick in order to avoid infecting others 5. Eat a well balanced diet. Foods containing vitamin C, E, Selenium and many B vitamins are important in fighting infections, such foods include fruits, vegetables, whole grains and nuts.6. Teach children "cough etiquette:, which is the act of turning your head and coughing/sneezing into your elbow or into a disposable tissue, followed by hand washing.



SECOND GRADERS HAD FUN AT THE OREGON ZOO!

Sixth Grade News

Last month, the sixth graders went to Outdoor School at Camp Cedar Ridge. The kids learned about animals, water, plants, and the Earth at each day's field study. They also enjoyed the wonderful meals, making new friends, and nightly campfires. We know that life-long memories have been made. Below are a few pictures from our trip. Thanks to all the parents for helping us get ready for Outdoor School!

