



Orenco School Times



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A Message from our Principal, Mr. Bishop

Dear Students and Parents:

We have had a great opening . All of us are proud to be a part of Orenco. We look forward to working with you in bringing success for your child. We hold high expectations for academic achievement and in behaviour standards. The results have been good over the years.

The remainder of the newsletter contains many first of the year items. Included this month is also literature on our enhanced Positive Behavior Support Program. In addition, please take time to review our calendar/handbook. The school newsletter will be sent home the second Tuesday of each month and also each classroom teacher will send you a letter sharing news specific to their individual classroom.

We anticipate a great year and all of us will continue to work hard to enhance our school's programs and in meeting the expectations you have of us.

Thanks for your support and assistance this past week—we are pleased to be part of your child's education.

Tim Bishop and the
Orenco Team

REMINDERS

*Students may arrive at school after 7:40. We serve breakfast in the cafeteria and those not eating will be supervised on the playground then excused at 7:50 to go to their classrooms. All students may enter their classrooms at 8:00. Lunch money may be deposited until 8:00 daily in mealtime accounts located in the cafeteria.

*Ending times are 2:20 with the exception of Wednesdays release at 1:50.

*If your child takes ANY type of medication or over-the-counter products during the school day, you need to come to the school office and complete the required form before the medication can be given. This form must be completed each new school year.

*Parents and other visitors are to sign in at the office and wear a visitor's badge.

*Always sign your child out in the office when he/she needs to leave before regular dismissal time.

*Be sure to read and keep the Elementary Handbook and our school's Parent/Student Handbook



UP-and-COMING

Mark your calendar for these events:

September 11th

Back to School Night
7:00-8:00 p.m.

September 24th
School Pictures

September 26th
Spirit Day

October 7th
Vision Screening

October 10th]
No School State Inservice

October 14th
Next Newsletter Sent Home

Booster Club Meeting,
2:30

October 15-17th
No School
Parent Conferences



BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Fast approaching is an essential first meeting with your child’s teacher and specialists. Thursday, September 11th, at 7:00 p.m. will be Back-to-School Night for parents.

You will learn about your child’s educational program, our expectations and goals, and have the opportunity to ask questions that will help you make this year the best for your child. We will have two 25 minute sessions, so that parents with multiple students can visit more than one room or allow you the opportunity to visit with specialists activities.

ATTENDANCE

It may seem obvious that children with better school attendance records also have better grades, but the link is proving even stronger than educators have thought. Research in Minnesota and New York has found that even small improvements in attendance yield large test score gains. Students who scored in the 85-100 percentile on state exams attended school 93% of the time, whereas students in the 65-84 percentile attended only 91% of the time.

Scores	Rate of Attendance
0-54	85%
55-65	89%
65-84	91%
85-100	93%

PLEASE NOTE :

If your child will not be in school, you need to call our attendance line (503) 844-1375 BEFORE 9:00 A.M. and leave your name, student's name, date and reason for the absence. If we do not receive a call, the absence will be considered unexcused. You will receive a phone call from the school if your child’s absence is not called in.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteering can be a rewarding experience for the volunteer, the school, and the student. We need your participation, and your effort strengthens the school’s program. Opportunities include assisting in the classroom, working in the Media Center, Booster Club activities and at-home projects. Thank you for the time you are able to spend with us.

FALL FUNDRAISER

Orenco's *Cookie Dough & More* Fall Fundraiser is here! This year we are selling cookie dough, cheesecakes, pretzels, and other goodies. Watch for the fundraiser packet in your child's backpack. Check out all of the great prizes you can win!



Adult supervision is provided to students during regular school hours, while traveling on district-provided vehicles to and from school, and while engaged in district-sponsored activities. Supervision will be provided before school on the playground at 7:30 a.m. and after dismissal until 2:35.

Such supervision does NOT include early morning or the time following usual student departure unless students are present for a scheduled activity.

Commercial daycare providers have been informed that they must consistently pick up students at dismissal times in a timely manner, which does not extend beyond the time following usual student departure (15 minutes following student dismissal times).



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Boy Scout of America	503-226-3423
Girl Scouts	503-620-4567
Portland Area Camp Fire	503-224-7800
Hillsboro Parks/Rec	503-681-6120
Boys/Girl’s Club	503-640-4558
Hillsboro Soccer	503-648-5425
Hillsboro Aquatic Center	503-681-6127
Hillsboro Public Library	503-615-6500
Washington County 4-H	503-725-2110

Orenco's POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT PROGRAM

Orenco's Positive Behavior Support Program is designed to teach students what behavior we expect them to exhibit, reinforce their positive choices and use interventions when necessary.

We believe that a school environment that is positive, preventative, predictable and effective is the key to behavior support for our children.

Orenco's PBS is based on three school expectations:

BE SAFE

Be free from harm of any kind

BE RESPECTFUL

Be polite and cooperative with others

BE RESPONSIBLE

Be dependable and trustworthy

The entire learning community has responsibilities for creating a safe, responsible and respectful environment. Children must strive to meet learning expectations in behavior and academics. Families must help their children to understand the importance of learning and partner with school staff to help their child meet learning expectations. Staff must provide quality instruction that inspires, teaches, motivates and challenges children to meet and exceed learning expectations.

"They are all of our kids."



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