



Orengo 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. 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. Thanks for your continued support. Please let us know what we can do to make the experience of having your child here at Orengo even better.

Tim Bishop and the Orengo Team

Book Fair:

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

Elk's Collection Barrels:

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!



Safety Assessment:

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 11th
Veteran's Day—No School

December 19th
Vision Re-Screening

November 24th
Spirit/Twin Day

November 25th-26th
Thanksgiving Holiday

November 30th
Picture Retakes

December 3rd
No Kindergarten
Early Release—11:20
Splash Cash

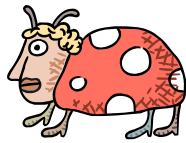
December 6th
Grade Prep—No School for Students

December 7th
Next Newsletter Sent Home
Booster Club Meeting

December 9th
Hearing Screening
Grades K-3

Flu Season Tips for Healthy Kids:

Our goal is to provide a safe and healthy environment for your child. Staff are available to assist students with health needs and dispense medication as needed per doctor's prescription and parent instructions. Please visit our office to obtain health and medication procedures. **Please call our attendance line as soon as possible if your student will be absent due to illness(503-844-1375).**



When to Keep Your Child Home

In the school environment, viruses and other diseases are easily transmitted from one student to another. Maintaining a healthy school involves prevention, early recognition of illness symptoms, prompt diagnosis and treatment. Children who are not feeling well have a difficult time concentrating and therefore do not benefit from the instruction they receive during that time. Please do not send an ill child to school. We need your assistance in providing a safe and healthy environment for all students and staff. If your child is diagnosed with a contagious disease, please notify the school as soon as possible. Some students have medical conditions and/or compromised immune systems that can become life threatening when exposed to certain illnesses.

Get Involved in the Strategic Planning Process!

Community Forum/ Supt. Listening Session will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 17 from 6:15 p.m.—8 p.m. at Brown Middle School.

Inclement Weather Announcements Stay Informed

Flash Alert Emergency Notification:

The District uses an internet-based service for weather-related school closure information and to relay important information to parents, staff, and the public in the event of an emergency. Parents and the public can sign up for Flash Alert to receive emergency alert messages through email and/or cell phone texts. To sign up, go to <http://www.flashalert.net/news.html?id=107> or you can access the link from the District website under District: School Closures Emergency Notification.

The District website will be used to communicate information regarding urgent and emergency situations, including inclement weather and school closings. Check the District website at www.hsd.k12.or.us for announcements and updates in the cases of inclement weather.

Local Radio and TV stations will receive information and updates from the Flash Alert system regarding school district emergencies, delays and closures.

Weather zone information: In the event of alternate (snow routes) for District transportation, information on the specific routes affected will be communicated by specifying the "zones" - designated areas/neighborhoods affected. The District weather zone map can be accessed through the District website: school closures/emergency notification page.



Staff and students had a great time with Spirit/Costume Day!



Secondary Schools Grading & Reporting Information:

Visit the District website for the latest updates on the changes and implementation of District grading practices for secondary schools.

- What is balanced grading?
- What changes will be made to the District's grading practices and procedures?



Sixth Grade News

In early October the sixth graders went to Outdoor School at Camp Cedar Ridge. They 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, and to the Cedar Ridge staff for a great three days!!

