



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 Tuesday-Friday and 1:50 on Mondays for ALL students.
*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



September, 2007

UP- and- COMING

Mark your calendar for these events:

September 11th
Booster (Parent/Teacher) Club Meeting, 2:30, Media Center

September 13h
Back-To-School Night 7:00-8:00 p.m.

September 25th
Cookie Dough Orders Due
Vision Screening

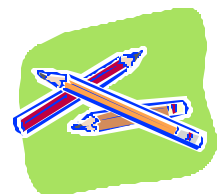
September 28th
Spirit Day

October 7th
Next Newsletter Sent Home
Booster Club Meeting, 2:30

October 10th
School Pictures

October 11th
Kinder Pictures

October 12th
No School
State-Wide Inservice



BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Fast approaching is an essential first meeting with your child's teacher and specialists. Thursday, September 13th, 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 |
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| 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.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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| 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 |

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).



FALL FUNDRAISER

Orenco's *Cookie Dough & More* Fall Fundraiser is here! Start selling on Tuesday, September 11th. The final day to turn in orders/money, is Tuesday, September 25th.

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!

Please contact Carrie Bales, Fundraiser Coordinator, at (503) 844-7271 with any questions. Additional order forms will be in the office. Thanks for supporting Orenco Elementary!!

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.



HILLSBORO PARKS AND RECREATION

Hillsboro Parks & Rec offers an after school sports program at your school. The soccer season begins September 19th. The six-week program is Tuesday/Thursday right after school until 4:00 p.m. held in the gym. The cost is \$15 per sport per participant. The schedule is:

- Fall I 9/18-10/25 Football
- Fall II 11/06-12/13 Pickleball
- Badminton
- Winter 1/15-2/21 Basketball
- Spring I 3/4-4/17 Volleyball
- Spring II 4/22-5/29 Multi-Sport

You may register on-line at www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/parksrec. If you have any questions, contact Hillsboro Parks at Rec at 503-681-6120.

JOIN A CAMP FIRE CLUB TODAY!

Camp fire programs are for boys and girls of all ages! Youth participate in fun activities, projects and events that promote the development of caring, confident youth and future leaders. Girls and boys will make new friends to last a lifetime. For more information, contact Sara Stephens 503-224-7800 ext. 161 or find us on the web at www.ortlandcampfire.org.



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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