

News From The Gators

Burlingame Creek Parent Newsletter

April

2018



We are excited to share some of the great things happening at Burlingame Creek. Your students make our days exciting.



Here's What's on the Calendar...



Parents & Guardians!

Spring break is over and we are on the downside of the school year. There is much still to be accomplished over the next two months and we need your support in ensuring our kiddos continue to be engaged in learning. Teachers and staff have arrived back to the building, passionate about

ensuring that your children receive the best possible education they can with additional supports in the social/emotional arena. Our commitment to our students and families is of utmost importance each and every day. If you have questions, concerns, please feel free to contact the school.

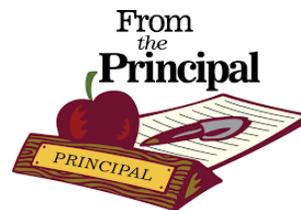
Smarter Balanced State Assessments will begin later this month. This is a state required assessment to gauge the academic yearly progress of our students. Students are asked to do the best they can on the tests, but there is no need for undue stress on your child as this is only one point of our progress tracking. Burlingame Creek students also take the STAR tests which are taken three times a year to get a better indication of student growth over the course of the year. The students will take this test one more time in May and it will provide us a picture of the academic progress of each child. This information will be shared with you as part of the final grading reports.

There is no school on April 27th. This is our last in-service day of the school year where staff are engaged in learning through professional development opportunities. The learning that takes place during these sessions directly impacts the classroom. Staff bring new knowledge and ideas to the classrooms to help support our students.

As I close today, I want to share with you a Magic Johnson statement that keeps me moving forward....."All kids need is a little help, a little hope, and someone who believes in them". I join your team in making sure your child has many people who believe in them!!! Together we can make this happen for all of our kids!

Thank you for your support!

Kari L. Sanders, Burlingame Creek Principal



- Apr 27 - In-service
No School
- May 24 - Science Fair
10:00am-11:30am
- May 25 - Bldg Closed
No School
- May 28 - Memorial Day
No School
- Jun 6 Awards Assembly
10:00am
- Jun 7 - Last day of school
12:10pm release

Fun Free or Reduced Price Things To Do With Your Kids:

- Hoyt Arboretum
- Oregon Rail Heritage Center
- International Rose Test Garden
- Wells Fargo History Museum
- OMSI \$2
1st Sunday of the month
- Oregon Zoo - \$4
2nd Tuesday of the month

Please access our Burlingame Creek Website for the school calendar, school and classroom information as well as pictures of our school activities at <https://www.mesd.k12.or.us/Domain/93>



Room #107 is digging deeper into the inner workings of cells this month and looking at how DNA, genes, chromosomes, and other building-blocks of inheritable traits interact.

Students are being held to a higher standard for academics and grappling with what it looks like to put in enough effort and time to reach their desired outcome (70% or better on the prior academics, or equivalent progress to earn a preferred activity). Our outing to the Beaver Creek site for Dig-In was delayed due to inclement weather, so we're looking forward to our macro invertebrate survey.

Room #108 With the “Dig In” Program our students get to go out into the community and perform tasks that helps our environment. In the past they've done wetland restoration, tree planting, and invasive species removal.



For March we had hoped for macro-invertebrates survey and Xmas Tree toss, but the water levels were still too high at the Beaver Creek/Sandy River Confluence site. We will keep our fingers crossed for having that outing in April.



Room #109 We are excited and ready for Spring Break! We just completed a Famous Women in History project to wrap up March as Women's History Month. Students selected and researched a woman of their choice, anyone from aviator Amelia Earhart to

Harriet Tubman, to the creator of the first American flag, Betsy Ross. The students and staff of room 109 are looking forward to the warmer weather and nicer days ahead to take opportunities to get outside, use the new basketball court, and enjoy the school campus.

Room #110 During the Awards ceremony in March one of our students was presented with his High School Diploma. This is the reason we do what we do... to help our students succeed.
Congratulations 2018 Graduate!!



MEET OUR STAFF

We would like to introduce you to our staff... each month we will highlight a few staff members to you can get to know us... here we go:

FLS Classroom Teacher
Ms. Haynes



She is originally from Ohio, loves to travel to New Mexico-Her “home away from home”. She likes to paint and one day would like to see the Alaskan Aurora Borealis.

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Education Assistant
Mr. Vaca



Originally from Washington DC. He loves to travel to Arizona, eat German sausage and watch “October Sky.” He loves the moment when a student is headed in the wrong direction, realizes it and does a self correct.

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Educational Assistant
Mr. Noland



If he could travel in time he would love to go back to the 1950's New York and visit the 52nd street for the Jazz Bands. He loves sharing his music with the students.



We like to celebrate the great things happening in the school. Ms. Sanders has begun giving "The Principal's Award" to students who are making good choices, being a great friend, and working to the best of their ability.

Congratulations to our March Reciprocates!!!

Kincaid

For overall growth in ability to self-regulate and independence when tackling challenges.

Dai

For overall growth in the classroom.

Awesome Students

Doing Awesome Things

Trevor

For coming to school and focusing on your goals on a regular basis.

Dom

For being flexible and open to the "110 way" of doing things. For being polite, working hard, funny and having an overall great attitude.

Check out our web page for more information on our Principal's Awards



Anastasia

For being awesome and having a cheerful attitude and accomplishing her work.

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"Dig In." With this program our students get to go out into the community and perform tasks that helps our environment. If you would like more information on this program, please contact the school. We have great things happening.

Burlingame Creek School Garden New Community Partners!

The revival of the Burlingame Creek School vegetable garden continues. It has become an important learning environment for the students. And, this year the school greenhouse will extend the garden season with students growing vegetable starts that will be transplanted to the garden.

The garden has benefited from many hours of volunteer labor and this year a generous donation of seeds from the Coastal Ranch and Farm Store located in Gresham, seedling starts from Al's Nursery, and narcissus bulbs from Portland Nursery. Please thank these local businesses when you visit them.

In fact, the donation of the seed packets by the Coastal store was so large, there were enough seeds to share with 20 school gardens in school districts served by MESD.

On Saturday morning April 14th, Burlingame Creek staff, students, parents and friends will have a garden work party from 10:00 a to 12:00. Please join us. Contact the school office for more information. Our garden experience is proof that gardens bring out the best in everyone.

