

PAES Postscript

September 2010

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Portland Adventist Elementary School and to another year of Christian education on this campus. I trust each of you has had an enjoyable and relaxing summer vacation and that you are rejuvenated and ready to face another school year. Our teachers have returned and have been making preparations for the school year to come. I know that they are excited to be back and have been working very hard in preparation for the return of your children. I believe that many of our children also are excited to be back to school. After a long summer break they are anxious to see their friends, meet their new teachers and advance to another year of schooling. Thank you once again for sending your children to PAES. We are so pleased to have them and we look forward to many opportunities to help them in their education. As a school staff, we want to work closely with you this next school year.

Parent Night

We want to start out the school year as quickly as possible in a manner by which our teachers may connect with you, the parents, to create a common understanding of the curriculum and program that your child will be exposed to this year. Thus, we invite everyone to our Parent Night, Thursday, September 9th at 7:00pm. At this time you will have an opportunity to find out more about the school and to spend some time in your child's classroom as the teacher shares with you their plans for the new year. Please plan on being present at 7:00pm, commencing in the gym and afterwards proceeding to the classroom.

Services offered by PAES

I do want to remind you of the special services available to you and your children at PAES this school year. In the music department, you have an opportunity for

private piano lessons with Mrs. Lynn Rognsvoog, or string lessons with the Rose City Music Academy. Older students have the opportunity to participate in one of the two hand bell choirs that Mr. Neely will be directing. These hand bell choirs begin rehearsing at approximately 7:45am. If you are seeking extra remedial tutorials in reading or math for your children the Sylvan Learning Center is available on campus and is able to provide those lessons to your children during the normal hours of the school day. Please speak to your classroom teacher about that if that is something you wish your child to participate in.

Magazine Sale

At the beginning of this school year, it has been traditional for the school to conduct a magazine sale. This has been an ongoing process for many years. Please plan on ordering your subscriptions or renewing your subscriptions with the school. The magazine sale begins September 17 and ends September 30th. We appreciate your support of this project as it assists us with some of the projected expenditures of this school year.

Barnes and Noble Book Sale

Many of you will remember last year PAES for the first time, participated in a special book sale at Barnes and Noble, Clackamas Town Center. We were very pleased with that event and appreciated the steadfast support of many of our parents and our children who participated. We are planning to repeat that event again this year on Monday, October 18th. At that time, many of your children will be participating in some form of presentation at the store during that afternoon and evening. Parents will have an opportunity to purchase books for your children's reading enjoyment. You may also take advantage of the opportunity to purchase books and other reading materials for your classroom teacher or for the school library. Your support last

year was very helpful and we look forward to your support again this year.

PTA

Portland Adventist Elementary School parent teacher organization is lead by Mrs. Nina Kight and Mrs. Sandra Blank. Christian education must be a partnership between the home and the school. These wonderful ladies have been extremely helpful in past years in providing for special needs of the school. We look forward to their continued leadership in this department. If you are willing to volunteer in any capacity of parent support for the school please be sure to talk to either of them and let them know of your interest.

Spiritual Development at PAES

Portland Adventist Elementary School is concerned not only about the educational development of your children but also their spiritual development and their relationship with Jesus Christ. Your children will have opportunities every single day of the year to be exposed to Christian ideals and principles and to learn more of their Savior. This is done through classroom worships, weekly chapels, weeks of special spiritual emphasis and day-to-day interactions between children and adults on campus. I solicit your prayers for our students and for our teachers throughout the school year. Please pray that your students will not only find success academically, but will also find a deeper relationship with Jesus through their attendance at school this year. Please pray for our teachers and support staff in the work that they do, that they may make a difference in the life of each child.

Sincerely,



R. McDonald



Dates to Remember:

September 6- No school/Labor day

September 9- Parent Night-7:00pm

September 14- Picture day

September 17-Magazine sale begins

September 26-29- Outdoor school

Soccer Coaches and Assistants Needed!!!!!!

PAES is in need of a head coach and assistant coaches for grades 6-8, boys and girls fall soccer. This would be during the months of September and October. No experience needed. If you are interested, please call the school, 503-665-4102, and ask for Jon MacLachlan.

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