



Teachers' Report: 1/17/20

Thank You's:

Math and Literacy volunteers:

Chiarrara, Nicole A, Sarah L, Maraiiah, Caroline, Simon, Jamie C, Amy G, Cristina, Ellen, Briana, Jazzmyn, Chris W, Randelle, Jen, Jamie H, Sheana

Friday Letter: Heather D-N

CAD lesson: Simon

Food for our Compliment Chain Party: Thanks to all who donated snacks!

Upcoming:

Mon, 1/20: No School/MLK Jr. Day

Mon, 2/3-Sat, 2/8: Missoula Children's Theatre Week

Wed, 2/12: Parent Meeting, 5:45pm

Fri, 2/14: No School/Snow Make-Up Day

Mon, 2/17: No School/Presidents' Day

Thurs, 3/5-Fri, 3/6: 3-hour Early Release/Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wed, 3/11: Parent Meeting, 5:45pm

Wed, 4/1: Parent Meeting, 5:45pm

Sat, 4/4-Sun, 4/12: No School/Spring Break

Tues, 4/21: Science SBAC (5th years only)

Tues, 5/5: ELA Smarter Balanced Assessment (Smiddles)

Wed, 5/6: Parent Meeting, 5:45pm

Thurs, 5/7: ELA SBAC (Smiddles)

Wed, 5/13: Cocoa House, during school day (Early Release)

Reminders:

Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) Week!

Missoula Week is approaching, February 3rd-8th. Performances will happen on Fri, 2/7 at 7pm and Sat, 2/8 at 4pm. Students need to arrive by 3pm at the high school for both performances. Auditions are Mon, 2/3. If a student is not present, they may not receive a part. MCT Week is a busy one, so please be patient and flexible with our wacky schedule, as we will be traveling back and forth between Salish Coast and the high school. Sack lunch orders for the week were due already, so please plan to pack your child's lunch every day if you have not ordered. A wonderful way to support your child during this busy time: be sure to have your child get a good night's rest, have them bring their snack/water bottle everyday, and please help them rehearse their lines. The more practice, the more confident they will feel about being on stage.

Counselor Visit:

Ellen Thomas, our school counselor, will be visiting the OPEPO classroom to do a series of lessons about personal safety with our bodies and emotions. There is a form to sign if you DO NOT want your child to participate in the lessons. They would be sent to another classroom during that time.

Salish Coast Math Night

This will take place on Thursday, January 23rd, 5:30-7:00pm. Pizza will be provided. Students MUST be accompanied by an adult.

OPEPO Parent Meeting Minutes: January 8, 2020

Attending: Caroline Ruth, Sandy Gulin, Deb Swanson, Allegra Bothell, Angelo Gatto, Heather Dudley-Nollette, Pete Murney, Shani Keith-Barret, Abbie Little, Sarah Zablocki, Amos Freeman, Chiarra Klontz, Jazzmyn Meinzer, Josie Markwick, Shelly Little, Robin Mills, Danny MacEnerney, Zack Gayne, Nataliya Yeshyrina, Scott Jones, Ellen Jacus, Sheana Livingstone, Amy Costa Goetz, Sean Yearian, Andy Hamm, Sarah Leonard

Treasurer's Report

Bike-a-Thon collections were \$3400. The goal for the year is \$6000, so there will be some spring fundraising activities.

MCT

Week of Feb 2-8.

Families will receive role info and complete and detailed schedule info on Monday afternoon.

It's looking like performances are Friday night at 7:00, and Saturday at 4:00pm. Students need to arrive by 3pm on both days.

We are still looking for rooms for the actors.

Various volunteer sign-up sheets went around

If you have any questions about the play, or how the MCT actors assign the roles, please contact Heather Dudley-Nollette.

Vision

Survey responses from 38 people. Thank you for sharing! The results will be available next month.

Spring conferences

Even though not all families will be participating in conferences in the spring, the teachers still want to go through the goal-setting process with each student. This means we will be running Wonderful Week in the last week in February. We are looking for a couple more simple activities that the kids can participate in.

Committee Meetings

Please check the OPEPO.org calendar or specific times.

Vision Tuesday 28th

Enrollment Friday 17th

Fundraising Wednesday 15th

Enrichment Thursday 16th

January 2020

Dear Families,

Beginning the week of January 20th, I will be teaching the **Second Step Child Protection Unit** produced by the Committee for Children in the OPEPO classroom.. This award-winning and research-based curriculum teaches children how to stay safe from dangerous and abusive situations. These important lessons will be taught once per week for a total of 3 weeks. In these lessons, your child will learn:

- **Personal Safety.** Students will learn important safety rules, such as safety with fire, when riding in a car, and when crossing the street. They will also learn the importance of asking a parent or the person in charge first before going somewhere, doing something, or accepting something from someone.
- **Touching Safety.** Students will learn to recognize safe, unsafe, and unwanted touches, and the **rules about touching private body parts**. They'll also learn to say no to unsafe or unwanted touches, and to tell a trusted adult if someone breaks rules about touching private body parts.
- **Assertiveness.** These lessons will also give students a chance to practice asking an adult for help, telling an adult about an unsafe situation, and being assertive to get out of unsafe situations.

If you have any questions about the Child Protection Unit, please contact me (ethomas@ptschools.org or 360-379-4888). NOTE: **If you do not want your child to participate in the Child Protection Unit, please complete, sign, and return the bottom portion of this letter.** If you want your child to participate, no further action is necessary.

Sincerely,



Ellen Thomas
School Counselor

I **DO NOT** want my child, _____ to participate in the Child Protection Unit lessons.

Parent/Caregiver Signature

Date

Washington State Car Seat Laws are Changing

Effective January 2020

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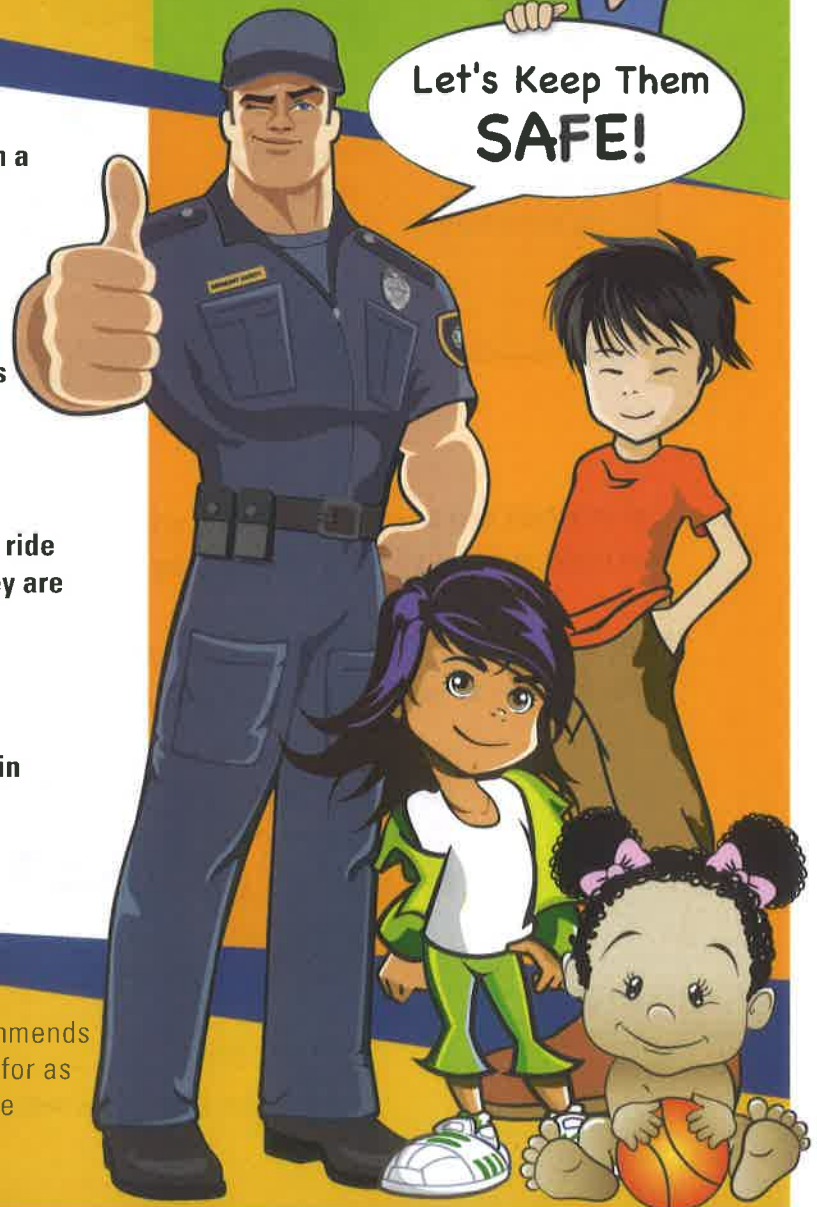
Children ages 2 – 4 years must ride in a car seat with a harness (rear or forward-facing).



Children 4 years and older must ride in a car or booster seat until they are 4'9" tall.



Children up to age 13 must ride in the back seat when practical.



The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends children remain in each stage of protection for as long as possible. Each transition reduces the protection of the child.

Manufacturer Instructions:

A child restraint system must be used according to instructions of the vehicle and child restraint manufacturer.