

# Reiche School News

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## Reiche Civil Rights Team

The Civil Rights Team is a student-led group of 5<sup>th</sup> graders (sponsored by Mr. Briley and Ms. Reed) who aim to identify and address issues of bias in our school community. Recently they wrapped up celebrating Black History Month by sharing quotes from black leaders in the school's daily morning announcements. The Team is gearing up for a Multicultural potluck in the spring; look out for the date to be announced soon! We thank the Civil Rights Team for their ongoing education efforts.

## Spring into Action!

February break to April break is 7 weeks of school. With no holidays, it can be tough to come to school every day for this long stretch. It's a great time to check ourselves at home. Is your child getting 10 hours of sleep each night? Is your child arriving at school *before* 9am with time to settle into the morning routine? It is important students are present and engaged in learning and important spring assessments. Students need rest, a good breakfast, and to arrive on time.

This is also a great time of year to think about if you have any questions or concerns for your child's teacher. Parent-teacher conferences are March 8 and 9.

## School Safety

Both parents and school staff recently received a letter from Superintendent Xavier Botana reminding us that Portland Public Schools takes very seriously our responsibility to safeguard the students entrusted to our care each day. The letter to parents is posted on the Portland Schools' website, or find it at <https://tinyurl.com/letterfrombotana>, where you can use translation buttons at the top of the page. Included in the letter are links to guidance on how to talk to our children about violence from the National Association of School Psychologist.

## FREE in Portland

Here are some free (and almost free) things to do with your family:

1. **Reiche Community Pool.** Saturdays 12-1:00pm, open swim is \$1 per child and \$4 per adult.
2. **Community Dinners.** Enjoy a meal at Reiche School, Mondays at 5:15pm, or at the Salvation Army, Tuesdays at 5:00pm.
3. **Portland Museum of Art.** Every Friday night the Portland Museum of Art is free to enter between 4-8:00pm.
4. **Portland Public Library.**
  - Smart Girls Read:* Book club for girls, Saturday, March 3, 2-3pm
  - The Kids are Alright:* A family friendly concert, Saturday, March 3, 10:30-11:30am
  - Come! Sit! Read!:* Tuesdays, March 6 & 13, 3:30-5pm. Dogs lend a listening ear.
5. **Children's Museum.** Friday, March 2. 5-8pm. \$2 admission.
6. **First Friday Art Walk.** Friday, March 2. Street artists and vendors, and open art galleries along Congress Street, 5-8pm.

Thank you for reading our bi-weekly newsletter! Please contact Susan Wiggin or Anne Baltren with questions or suggestions ([wiggis@portlandschools.org](mailto:wiggis@portlandschools.org) or [baltra@portlandschools.org](mailto:baltra@portlandschools.org)).

### Important Dates

Wednesday, Mar 7:  
2:30pm dismissal

Thu & Fri, Mar 8 & 9:  
Parent-Teacher  
Conferences  
12:30pm dismissal

Wednesday, Mar 14:  
2:30pm dismissal

Thursday, Mar 15:  
Math Night

Wednesday, Mar 21:  
2:30pm dismissal