

Reiche School News

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Portland Schools Facilities

Portland Public Schools is looking for your feedback. The District is undertaking an Enrollment and Facility Study to evaluate the most effective and efficient use of our school buildings. Parents, please use the following url to learn about the district work around this issue. Please also complete the survey translated in seven of our second languages for your convenience. We want to hear from you!

https://www.portlandschools.org/departments/operations/facilities/enrollment_and_facility_study

Second Step

At Reiche School, all classrooms teach a social-emotional learning (SEL) curriculum called Second Step. It is a researched-based curriculum that provides students with skills for social and academic success. Recently, all our classes completed the first few lessons on Skills for Learning. This includes listening skills, focusing attention, using self-talk, and following directions. You can help us by reinforcing these skills at home.

If you have any questions about our Second Step curriculum or would like to learn more, please reach out to your child's teacher or Anne Baltren, School Counselor. You can also visit www.secondstep.org.

School Safety

Any parents entering the building after 9am MUST sign in at the front desk. Please keep your voices low as announcements and instruction has begun.

Once in the building, please do not open any doors for a visitor or another parent under any circumstances. Everyone must enter through the main Brackett Street entrance and the front desk staff must unlock the door for each person who rings the bell. This helps them be aware of who is entering and ensures each person signs in.

Parents, please use caution when dropping off your child for school in the morning. Please use cross walks when crossing the street. **We have a second drop off area at the Clark Street Entrance.** Clark Street is a great option for a safer drop off area than the very busy bus turn around on Brackett Street. Thank you for spreading the word about these critical pieces of student safety.

Sugary Drinks

Reiche School is considered a Healthy School and serves healthy snacks. We are thoughtful about the food students are served and want to promote healthy eating. As a reminder, sugary drinks such as slurpees and hot chocolate are highly discouraged.

Reiche 5K

The annual Reiche International 5K will take place on **Sunday, October 28 at 9:30am**. You can register at www.reicheinternational.com, or on race day beginning at 8:00am. **Reiche students run for free!** And all participants receive a t-shirt and are eligible for prizes. There will be a bake sale and fruit available for purchase from 10:00am-2:00pm. This year the registration, bake sale and award ceremonies will be on the school playground, weather permitting. *This year's costume theme is Fantasy. Wear your best witch, wizard, or magical creature costume. There will be prizes for best costumes. Come join the fun!*

Important Dates

Wednesday, Oct 17
Early Dismissal
@ 2:30pm

Tuesday, Oct 23
Literacy Night
Grades K-2

Wednesday, Oct 24
Early Dismissal
@ 2:30pm

Tuesday, Oct 30
Picture Re-take Day