

Reiche School News

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Parents are Heroes!

Research shows kids who receive affection and nurturing from their parents have the best chance of developing into healthy and competent adults, and are less likely to engage in risky behaviors.

The Department of Health and Human Services has launched a website: www.bemyherotoday.com which outlines small things you can do to connect with your children each day.

Second Step Skills

At Reiche School we teach a social-emotional learning curriculum called Second Step. All classes are currently finishing up their unit on empathy! Students have learned a lot of new vocabulary to name their emotions. We've learned that others might have the same or different feeling from us. Help us practice showing compassion by figuring out how someone else feels, and doing or saying something kind.

Weather Cancellations

Winter weather is here! Portland Public Schools will close when it is unsafe for children to get to school due to the conditions of the roads and sidewalks. Closing decisions are generally made by 5:30am. If schools are closed it will be announced on the district's website (www.portlandschools.org) and on local radio and tv stations. It is typically posted on the district's facebook and twitter pages, and there is a robo-call and email sent to parents and staff.

Drop Off

Please use caution when dropping off students. Streets around our school are heavily trafficked. Cars may not stop in the bus circle. Buses cannot get around cars parked in the circle. No students should be dropped off in the circle after 8:45 as busses are on their way in.

Stay in School!

Beginning at 8:30am our grounds are supervised and students are under our care. Once students have arrived on school property, they **MUST** stay under the supervision of school staff. Students may **NOT** leave the building, the playground, or the basketball court for any reason, without a parent notifying school staff of their dismissal. Please help us talk to your children about staying on school grounds.

Teacher Powered Schools

Reiche Community School is the first public school in the country to convert from a traditional principal-led model to an innovative teacher-powered model. Reiche continues to do pioneering work in this growing movement, and now will be featured at a national Teacher-Powered Schools conference to be held in Boston Nov. 30-Dec. 2.

David Briley and Lori Bobinsky, will be presenting during the conference. In addition, more than 30 conference participants will be bused up to Reiche on Friday, Nov. 30, for a pre-conference school tour to see the school's culture of collaboration at work.

Important Dates

Wednesday, Nov 28
2:30 Dismissal

Wednesday, Dec 5
2:30 Dismissal

Tuesday, Dec 11
Multicultural Potluck
5:30pm

Wednesday, Dec 12
2:30 Dismissal

Thank you for reading our bi-weekly newsletter!

Please contact Anne Baltren with questions or suggestions (baltra@portlandschools.org).