

# Reiche School News

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## Problem Solving

Our students are beginning the last unit of the Second Step curriculum: Problem Solving! In these lessons, we will learn how to state what the problem is, without blaming anyone, think of multiple solutions, and think through what could happen so we can pick the best one. We aim for students to be able to use these steps with each other to resolve their own conflicts.

## PreK and K Enrollment

You can register now, through March 8<sup>th</sup>, for PreK and Kindergarten next year! Your child must be 4 years old by October 15<sup>th</sup> to pre-register for PreK, and 5 years old by October 15<sup>th</sup> to enroll in Kindergarten.

Visit [www.portlandschools.org](http://www.portlandschools.org). Click on the “Families” menu, then “School Enrollment” for forms and more detailed instructions.

## Volunteers

Any parent who wishes to volunteer their time at school, in a class, or on a field trip **MUST** complete a volunteer application. Visit [portlandschools.org](http://portlandschools.org) and click on “Community” then “Support Our Schools.” The approval process takes up to 3 weeks so please plan accordingly.

If you have completed this process in the past, your approval expires after 3 years. You must update your information by completing the online application.

This process is critical for the safety of our students and the accountability of our school. If you have any questions, please contact our Community Coordinator, Sylvie Montello ([montes@portlandschools.org](mailto:montes@portlandschools.org)).

## Office Changes for Dismissal

Student safety is our greatest priority in creating school procedures. We are concerned that the activity level in the main office at the end of the school day results in a reduction in our capacity to be safely responsive to everyone’s needs. Moving forward we will be enforcing our policy regarding early dismissals: **We will not be able to dismiss students between 3:15pm and 3:30pm**, or between 2:15 and 2:30pm on Wednesdays. If you need to pick up your student early, please come prior to 3:15pm.

Beginning Monday, February 25, **phones will not be answered between 3:15-3:30pm**, and 2:15-2:30pm on Wednesdays. If you have a change to your child’s dismissal plan, please inform your child’s teacher in the morning, or call the office before 3:15pm.

We believe these practices will strengthen our capacity to grow the most safe and calm dismissal process possible. Please see Andrea at the front desk with any questions.

## Important Dates

Tuesday, Feb 26  
PTO Night at  
Flatbreads  
5-9:00pm

Wednesday, Feb 27  
2:30 Dismissal

Wednesday, Mar 6  
2:30 Dismissal

Wednesday, Mar 13  
2:30 Dismissal

Thursday & Friday,  
Mar 14 & 15  
Parent Teacher  
Conferences  
12:30 dismissal

Wednesday, Mar 20  
2:30 Dismissal

Tuesday, Mar 26  
Talent Show Dress  
Rehearsal  
3:30-5pm

Tuesday, Mar 26  
PTO Auction @  
Salvage BBQ  
7-9:00pm

*Thank you for reading our bi-weekly newsletter!*

*Please contact Anne Baltren with questions or suggestions ([baltra@portlandschools.org](mailto:baltra@portlandschools.org)).*