

Reiche School News

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Congratulations, Ms. Graves

Laura Graves, 2nd grade teacher at Reiche, was selected to receive a 2018 ecomaine eco-Excellence Award in the Individual category, for leading the charge at Howard C. Reiche Community School to inspire children through experiential learning with waste-reducing staying power. Among her numerous accomplishments, the committee took note of her work to start the school's thriving Green Team and shoehorn lessons about waste reduction, composting and preserving natural resources into her curriculum. Congrats, Ms. Graves!

Early Dismissal

Please note the updated dates to the right. Due to a previous snow day, some conferences were rescheduled to April 12, which will be a half-day for all students! April break begins Friday, April 13.

Portland Family Shelter

For the past month or so the needs at the Family Shelter have been extremely high. They are absolutely full and, each night, up to 72 additional people sleep on mats on the floor of the Warming Center to ensure that no one sleeps outside. Many of us are aware that the housing situation in Portland is very difficult for folks in the low and no income brackets. Once people do get in to an apartment, it is difficult to furnish this apartment and we regularly see homes with no furniture, dishes, cups, etc. Furniture Friends is an amazing non-profit organization that helps to get furniture to those in need. Please visit <http://furniturefriends.org/>

Cat Food Collection

Clement Dean and Misha Savov are taking part in a production of "Puss 'N Boots" at the Children's Museum of Maine. As a part of this production, the cast and crew have organized a community service event to benefit the cats at the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland (ARLGP). Their goal is to collect 800 cans of wet cat food! Donations can be dropped in the marked box by the main entrance until April 12. Thank you for your support!

PMA Free for All

Beginning April 11, the Portland Museum of Art offers free, unlimited admission to anyone under the age of 21! In addition, young people or their guardians can sign up for the Susie Konkel Pass, which will provide the holder opportunities to attend special events including select free screenings of PMA Films, and more. Visit www.portlandartmuseum.org/ThePass

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 Public Library.**

Come! Sit! Read!: Children enjoy reading to furry, non-judgmental listeners. Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30.

The Kids Are Alright: A family-friendly local music series. Saturdays, 10:30-11:30am.

Smart Girls Read: Monthly book club for girls ages 9-12. Saturday, April 7, 2:00-3:00pm.

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

Important Dates

Tuesday, April 10
Talent Show
6:00pm

Wednesday, Apr 11
2:30 dismissal

Thursday, Apr 12
Parent-Teacher
Conferences
12:30 dismissal

Friday, Apr 13
No School

April 16 - 20
April Break
No School

Wednesday, Apr 25
2:30 dismissal