

Reiche School News

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June 14

The last day of school will be June 14th, 2019. It is a half day for students, who will be dismissed at 12:30pm.

Volunteers

Any parent who wishes to accompany students on a field trip MUST complete a volunteer application. Visit portlandschools.org and click on “Community” then “Support Our Schools.” The approval process takes up to 3 weeks so please plan accordingly.

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).

Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention month. There are many ways to help keep our children safe. We can start by ensuring children know what to do if they are in danger or feel uncomfortable. We can talk about all the helpers in our community (doctors, police, teachers, etc) and adults we trust. Kids should know their first and last name, phone number, and street address so they can tell a helper if they need to.

In addition, it is important that all children know and practice the words and actions to keep themselves safe. Our school counselor, Ms. Baltren, will be visiting Kindergarten and 1st grade classes to help students learn about personal space, practice saying “no”, and learn how to tell a trusted adult if they feel uncomfortable.

To learn more about talking to your child about personal safety, visit the Children’s Safety Partnership at <https://www.childrendefensiveness.org/community> or Committee for Children at <https://www.cfchildren.org/resources/child-abuse-prevention/>

Author Visit

Children’s book illustrator Melissa Sweet will be visiting Reiche students on May 21st. Melissa, who is a resident of Portland, Maine, will be celebrated at this year’s Carle Honors gala in New York City in September.

Presented by the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Massachusetts, the Carle Honors recognize creative vision and dedication in the field of picture books and children’s literature. The awards celebrate artists, mentors, funders and presenters who bring picture-book art to large audiences. Past recipients include Paul O. Zelinsky, Maurice Sendak and Ashley Bryan.

Important Dates

Tuesday, Apr 9
Talent Show
2pm & 6pm

Wednesday, Apr 10
2:30 Dismissal

Friday, Apr 12 –
Friday Apr 19
April Break
No School

Wednesday, Apr 24
2:30 Dismissal

Wednesday, May 1
2:30 Dismissal

Thank you for reading our bi-weekly newsletter!

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