

Reiche School News

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Welcome!

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! If you are new to the Reiche community, welcome to Reiche Community School. We welcome families as partners and value your involvement in your child's education.

Thank you for reading our bi-weekly community newsletter. We hope you find it both enjoyable and helpful. The newsletter will be sent home with students every other Monday. If you have any suggestions about what should be included in our newsletter, please reach out to Anne Baltren (baltra@portlandschools.org). Let's have a great school year!

Attendance

We know you have hopes and dreams for your child's success in school and beyond. Excellent school attendance is key to keeping students on track academically and engaging them in all aspects of school. Studies have shown that students who miss just 2 days per month (that's 4 weeks of school!) often fall behind in reading and are more likely to drop out of high school.

Of course, some absences cannot be avoided. If your child is sick, *please call the front desk to inform us of your child's absence: 874-8175.* We are a community and miss our students when they are not with us! Please expect a phone call from your child's teacher when they are absent. We want to touch base and let you know we care.

The 3 R's

At Reiche School we have three school-wide expectations: Students are RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and READY TO LEARN. These expectations are reinforced in every part of the classroom and the school building. Please help us by asking your child about what these three expectations mean to them.

Student Information

There is no "First Day" packet of paperwork this year, as in past years. Instead, parents must visit the parent portal on Portland Public Schools' website and update information about their children online. This is very important information that includes phone numbers and emergency contacts.

If you have questions or need instructions, check the Reiche website for more information in multiple languages. If you do not have access to a computer, please visit our front desk for assistance.

Did you Hear?

In an article about Congress Square Park's gardening program, the Portland Phoenix featured members of the Reiche Community, including Nasir (a Reiche Foster Grandparent), Lola (Reiche 4th grader), and Corey (former gardening teacher and social work intern). Read the article at tinyurl.com/CongressGardening.

Important Dates

Monday, Sep 17
1st Day of Learning
Works

Monday, Sep 17
Boys & Girls Club
Closed

Wednesday, Sep 26
Early Dismissal
@ 2:30pm

Wednesday, Oct 3
Early Dismissal
@ 2:30pm

Monday, Oct 8
No School