

# Hawks Specials Newsletter, September 2018

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### Personal Health Update:

Hey Hawk Families! School is underway and we are loving it! During the month of September K-5 classes will be focusing on growing students' personal health in the the following ways:

**Kindergarten:** Knowing, recognizing & managing my feelings.

**1st, 2nd & 3rd Grades:** Growth mindsets: Knowing how our bodies work best for learning and how to keep our brains working though some things are hard.

**4th & 5th Grades:** Learning how to be our BEST at all times: Breaking down our school motto "Be Respectful, Safe, Enthusiastic and Take Responsibility" into practical behaviors at school and in life.

Thanks for supporting your students in learning these life skills that serve a lifetime!

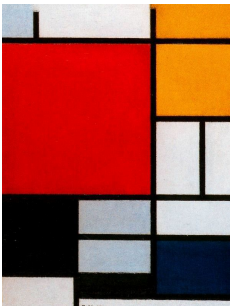
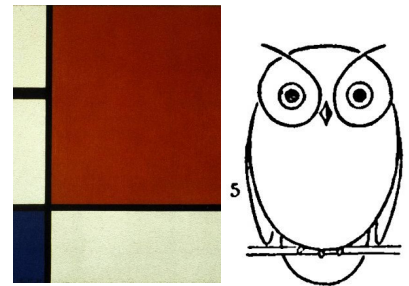
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### Art and Music Learning Update

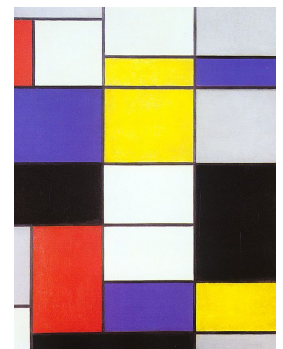
Mrs. Rhoderick (ne'e Riggs) here! I am so pleased to be able to remain at PBCCS as the Art/Music teacher. During our classes this week the students have been focusing on the abstract line and color blocking art of Piet Mondrian. Each grade band also worked on the following art skills:

- The **Kindergarteners and 1st graders** worked on using lines to create owls. We discussed what lines are and how to make shapes using lines.



- The **2nd and 3rd graders** have been working on using lines to create one line artwork. They loved the challenge of not picking up their pencils while drawing!

- The **4th and 5th graders** have been working on using lines to create patterns. They played a dice game to create mixed patterns!



Thank you so much for your continued support of the music and art program at PBCCS!

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### Place Based Learning Update

For the 2018-2019 school year, the place based curriculum will be centered around the Land theme. This fall the students will investigate how and why people came to central Oregon, the forces that shaped our landscape and how the land in our region has changed over time.

**Field Studies:** Elementary school will visit Cove Palisades State Park (grades 3-5) in late October the High Desert Museum (K-5) in November. Exact dates will be shared via the classroom teacher and in this newsletter next month. Middle School field study dates are on the calendar! We'll visit new sites to learn geology and the history of the region but will also continue our yearlong field studies at both Willow Creek and McKay Creek.

- September 26 Lava Lands Visitor Center
- October 15 at Willow Creek
- October 18 at McKay Creek

### Permission slips:

All students **MUST** have a signed permission slip / medical release to participate in field studies. Please be on the lookout for a permission slip; sign and send it back promptly to ensure that your student will be included in the field study.

### Appropriate dress for the field:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra layers                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Hat  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain shell                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long pants                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle and a sack lunch with extra snacks (since they tend to eat more when they are outside all day). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Closed toe shoes (rain or muck boots are great) |   |

**FOPBS does not provide sack lunches for students on field studies!**

Families, please continue exploring the land theme on the weekends! Here are some excursions that support the theme or are just plain fun:

- Watch or walk in the [Crook County Pet Parade](#) on September 22
- Visit the [John Day Fossil Beds](#) especially Painted Hills
- Dig for [Geodes near Madras](#)
- Attend the [Bowman Museum's](#) historical walking tour of Prineville on September 29 and the speaker series on Thursday evenings in October at 6:30 PM
- Explore our volcanic wonders at [Lava Lands Visitor Center](#), [Smith Rock State Park](#) or walk the interpretive trail at [Dee Wright Observatory](#).

If you are a land expert or have resources to support our annual land theme, please email Kirin Stryker, Place Based Education Coordinator, [kstryker@powellbuttecharterschool.org](mailto:kstryker@powellbuttecharterschool.org).