

Hawks Specials Newsletter, February 2019

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Personal Health Update:

Hey Hawk Families! During the month of February K-5 classes are focusing on growing students' personal health in the the following ways:

Kindergarten: Everyone experiences anger. Kinder students are spending time this month discussing how we know we are getting angry and learning/practicing appropriate ways to express and handle anger. Anger can be triggered in each person by different sparks. We can learn our personal sparks and be ready to handle those big feelings when they arise. Ask your student about the many ways they can choose to calm down while at school and see if these will also work for your family at home!

1st-5th Grades: Students have been learning about and practicing ways to be engaged in mindful movement, in order to keep their bodies appropriately engaged in whatever activity they find themselves facing. Whether they are sitting quietly at the carpet listening to stories, carefully moving around the classroom for learning activities, or shooting hoops in the gym during PE students can use their brains and body regulation strategies to keep their bodies moving or stilling in just the right ways. The more we practice, the better we get! These skills enhance our abilities to support ourselves, our friends and our families on a daily basis.

Core Virtues: The PBCCS Core Virtue for February is Forgiveness. Teachers will be focusing on these virtues throughout the month, and each class will have a virtue-focused lesson taught by me as well.

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

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Art and Music Learning Update

Happy February! We are continuing Art here at PBCCS. We have completed our Agricultural artwork to be submitted to Oregon's Agriculture in the Classroom calendar competition. Let's hope some of our students artwork is chosen for the calendar! Winners will not be announced until next school year.

- **Kindergarten through 5th Grade** completed a rocket project over the last few weeks! They used various techniques and mediums such as splatter painting, watercolor, and oil pastel blending. These rockets are out of this world awesome!



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

As we weather the winds and snows of February we continue to plan for spring with its wealth of campus and field based learning that will allow us to learn more about our place through the lens of agriculture. Here are a few events we have going this winter and a sneak peak to spring.

Middle School takes a humanities approach to place based education through the study of economics and a educator in residence from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. To anchor their study of economics the middle school students will host a business forum during which representatives from local businesses will answer questions from the students on the following topics: the purpose and the basic structure of their business, competition, pricing and marketing, cooperation and competition with other businesses and how the business affects local and global society. The forum is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm and Thursday, February 28 from 8 to 10 am. Please contact kstryker@powellbuttecharterschool.org if you want to participate in the forum; it would be ideal to have community businesses represented!

STEAM night: Disaster Preparedness, March 14, 5:30 to 7 PM: Bring the whole family for a night out with activities centered on engineering design challenges to address regional natural disasters. And since March 14 is officially pi night there will be some pie measuring and circle art activities too.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and field studies:

Below is a list of currently scheduled campus and field events for the next few months. As plans solidify for the spring agriculture units expect more grade band field studies to local ranches and farms.

- February 26: Grade 8 visit to Ridgeview and Redmond Proficiency Academy
- February 27-28: MS local business forum
- March 7: 7:30am Grade 4 overnight trip information meeting for parents
- March 14: STEAM family night 5:30 to 7 PM
- March 18-22: Jefferson Greene, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs educator with middle school
- March 22: Grades 3 to 5 Ag day at the Expo Center
- April 3: MS at Willow Creek
- April 9: MS at McKay Creek
- April 25-26: Grade 4 overnight at Tumalo State Park
- April 30: MS final Willow Creek
- May 5-10: Grade 5 Oregon Coast Trip
- May 9: MS final McKay Creek
- May 13-17: Grade 6 outdoor school
- May 14: Grade 1 to 3 USFS Wildfest
- May 31: Culmination day & community celebration of learning
- June 4-7: Grade 8 Portland and Mt. St. Helens trip