

Hawks Specials Newsletter, October 2019

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Happy October, Hawks! We had a lovely September allowing teachers and students time to settle into their new routines together, practicing correct school procedures and behaviors while focusing on the virtues of Respect and Responsibility. Now in October we are shifting gears a bit and challenging students to dig-in to their academic year through the virtues of **self-control** and **self-discipline**. October is a month for celebrating the discipline and hard work necessary to be a good student and live a fruitful life.

We encourage families to allow these virtues to sink into your home lives as well, practicing disciplined routines and behaviors in our families. When applied, self-discipline and control allow students to grow into self-aware and self-monitoring citizens who are capable of incredible work in their own lives and in the world around them.

Family Challenge: Paint a poster together with the October virtues. Discuss family goals for this work at home and check in regularly at dinner or while driving to activities.

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

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Art and Music Learning Update

K-2 Art Projects Lower Elementary is still focusing on community, so we are working away on different forms of transportation in our community! This month, we are finishing up an airplane artwork using a watercolor resist technique with crayon and watercolor. We will complete another freight train artwork using tempera paint and oil pastels.

3-5 Art Projects Upper Elementary is deep into their civics and government unit. In art, we will complete a spectacular watercolor of the White House, an eagle using oil pastels, and the Oregon flag using various mediums.



Toward the end of the month, we will shift into Music! That means diving head first into getting ready for the Christmas program. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the Christmas program, please contact me by the email listed below.

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

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Place Based Education Update



Won't you be my neighbor?

Place based learning is in full effect this fall! Students are learning about community in the classroom and in the field through a visit to downtown Prineville. Lower Elementary is immersed in a Mr. Rogers storyline, what a fun way to learn about community helpers! Upper Elementary enjoyed themselves while learning about community earlier this month with a trip down to Prineville where they visited City Hall, the Courthouse and the Bowman Museum. The middle school students have been to our study sites at Willow and McKay Creeks and are working on an inquiry question to guide a scientific investigation of the place this year. Be sure to check out their displays at our Community Celebration of Learning next May! The seventh grade class just returned from three days at OMSI's Camp Hancock, our first overnight trip of the year was a success!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming field studies:

- October 16: CANCELLED! Middle School Prineville trip will be rescheduled in November
- October 23 K-2 in Prineville
- October 23: Middle School at McKay Creek
- October 30: Middle School at Willow Creek

Families, please continue exploring the community theme on the weekends! Here are some excursions that support the theme:

- Enjoy the beautiful fall days while supporting local agriculture with a visit to the **Pumpkin Patch** at DD Ranch or Smith Rock Ranch, they close down their fall operations on November 1.
- Volunteer to beautify the community with the **Ochoco Creek Clean-Up** on Saturday, October 19th from noon to 3, meet in Pioneer Park in Prineville.
- Check out some barrel racing (or participate) at the Crook County Fairgrounds **Turn and Burn** Events on October 19th, November 2 and November 16th.
- **Redmond Community Concert Association:** The Dallas String Quartet has a couple shows on October 20.

Thanks for supporting Place Based Education at PBCCS by chaperoning, sharing your expertise and preparing students to be in the field all day!

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