

February 2023

# Powell Butte Charter School Newsletter



## PBCCS School News

### FEBRUARY HAPPENING

- FEB. 3- FEBRUARY PARENT COFFEE AT 8:00 AM IN THE COUNSELING CENTER
- FEB. 6- FEBRUARY PBCCS PARENT GROUP MEETING 2:45 PM
- FEB 15- INTENT TO RETURN DUE
- FEB. 16- PBCCS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AT 6:00 PM
- FEB. 17- FEBRUARY STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY, NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- FEB. 20- PRESIDENTS' DAY, NO SCHOOL



### Exercise-A-Thon Coming 2/14



At PBCCS, fundraising doesn't just fund "extra" - it is necessary to keep our programming running!

As a public charter school, PBCCS receives 17% less per student funding than other public schools. For this reason, our programs and facility rely upon our ability to raise funds from outside sources.

Our goal is to raise \$20,000 through our Exercise-a-thon. Your support is needed to help meet our goal!

You may be asking, what is the Exercise-A-Thon? The Exercise-A-Thon is a student-centered fundraising event. Students collect donations in support of their participation in 100 minutes of exercise.

All funds raised directly benefit PBCCS students and the needs of our school. Your dollars will not only help to continue the enrichment opportunities that we believe are so valuable to each child's education, but they will also help us address some of the important needs at our school that ensures our students will have a safe and equitable learning experience.

Your donation helps us continue great enrichment programming (Art, Physical Education, Place Based Studies) along with repairs to our 93 year old building and various learning spaces. Look for information coming home with your child, or contact the school office.

### INTENT TO RETURN TO PBCCS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Time is winding down. If you would like your student to return for the 2023-24 school year, we need your intent to return to be completed by FEBRUARY 15. [Please click here.](#)

# STAFF PROFILES:



## **Mr. Upp PBCCS Art Teacher/Librarian/Garden Coordinator**

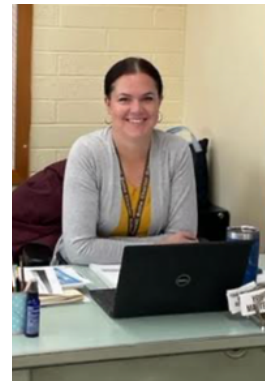
Mr. Upp is not new to PBCCS, he has been working her for a year and a half now. He does a lot of different things to support our students and our school. For most of the time, he teaches art to our students. Recently, he took on the challenge of putting back together our school's library. And now, he is helping to coordinate our school's community garden. We are fortunate to have him here at our school!

When he is not working his magic at PBCCS, Mr. Upp enjoys rock climbing, hiking, floating the river and anything outside.

## **Mrs. Bennett PBCCS School Counselor**

One of the amazing resources we have at our school is a school counselor- Mrs. Bennett. Working four days a week, Mrs. Bennett has been a great resource for helping students navigate some their social-emotional and mental health needs. She is highly committed, approachable and knowledgeable of practices that best support our students.

When not supporting students, Mrs. Bennett can be found being a dedicated mother, reading, or walking her dog,



## ***PBCCS COMMUNITY GARDEN COMING OUR WAY THIS SPRING!!***

THE COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN! WE ARE 49 DAYS AWAY FROM THE START OF SPRING, AND IT IS TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT DUSTING OFF YOUR BOOTS AND PUTTING SOME SEEDS IN THE GROUND. PBCCS WAS AWARDED A GARDEN GRANT FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER TO EXPAND OUR GARDEN SPACE AND CREATE A COMMUNITY GARDEN. WITH THIS GRANT, WE WILL USE THE FUNDS TO PURCHASE SOME SUPER HEAVY DUTY GARDEN BOXES, AS WELL AS SOME GROUND WIRE TO KEEP THE CRITTERS OUT OF THE FOOD GARDEN. WITH THE GRACIOUS DONATIONS PROVIDED BY A HANDFUL OF PBCCS PARENTS OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN SHOULD HAVE EVERYTHING IT NEEDS TO GET OUR ROOTS FIRMLY PLANTED. THIS SPACE WILL BE A PLACE TO GATHER, LEARN, AND GROW, AND WILL BE A WELCOME ADDITION TO OUR NEIGHBORING NATIVE PLANT AND POLLINATOR GARDENS. MY HOPE IS THAT WE CAN DO SOME "FARM TO TABLE" STUDENT LUNCHES AS WELL AS HAVE A YEAR END HARVEST. I WANTED TO TAKE THE TIME HERE TO THANK THE PARENTS WHO ARE DONATING SUPPLIES TO TIE THE REST OF THIS PROJECT TOGETHER, AND TO ANY FUTURE VOLUNTEERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP MAINTAIN THIS SPACE, THANK YOU! "THOUGH I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A PLANT WILL SPRING UP WHERE NO SEED HAS BEEN, I HAVE GREAT FAITH IN A SEED. CONVINC ME THAT YOU HAVE A SEED THERE, AND I AM PREPARED TO EXPECT WONDERS." — HENRY DAVID THOREAU