

October 2015

Dates to Remember

October 2	Health Screening Day
October 2	Awards Assembly, 2:00 Primary / 2:40 Intermediate
October 5-8	Student Led Conferences – <u>11:55 am dismissal</u>
October 5-8	Book Fair – <i>Before & After school (see below)</i>
October 9	No School – Prad Day for teachers
October 19	Individual School picture day

October Days for 90 minute Early Release @ 1:55 pm

October 14, 21 & 28



Student Led Conference is October 5-8th! Your student's teacher should have contacted you regarding your conference time. If you have not sent it in, please return your appointment slips as soon as possible to confirm. *Remember* that all students will be dismissed early each day of conferences - **dismissal time will be at 11:55 a.m.** Sack lunches will be served and buses will run 3.5 hrs. earlier than on a regular day dismissal. Please make arrangements ahead of time for any daycare necessary.

Coming Soon to a Library Near You!!! Monster Book Fair

The Monster Book Fair begins Conference Week. The book fair helps put books on the library shelves along with in the hands of your child. Please take a minute or so to come check it out! We are also looking for volunteers to help run the fair during the day and also Wednesday evening. Please be aware that you must be cleared in order to volunteer.

Hours:
M,T, Th 8:15-8:45, 12:00-4:00
Wednesday 8:15-8:45, 12-6:00





FALL WEATHER IS COMING - We have been enjoying our beautiful fall weather, but the cooler weather is here! Get your warmer clothes and jackets ready and put the summer shorts and sandals away. Please take a moment to label outer wear with a permanent marker in case it gets misplaced. We do go outside on rainy days unless it is a *real down pour!*

WE APPRECIATE YOU!!!

- October 5-9 Health Professionals
- October 12-16 Nutrition Service Staff
- October 19-23 Transportation Staff



Thank you to Mrs. Cassaw, our health tech who does an outstanding job of keeping our students healthy, safe and secure; Mrs. Kimball and Ms. , our kitchen workers that do a great job keeping our students well fed and happy; and bus drivers, Rudy Jones (#10), Jamie Harris (#14), Rick Thomson (#19), Agnes White (#23), Denise Reno (#35), Nancy Koski (#78), and Mary Simmons (#81); they transport our students safely to and from school each day.

Be sure to thank them for all that they do for you and our school!

STUDENT ABSENCES - In order to assure your child's safety, please call the school office at 298-4200 if your child is ill or unable to attend school. You can call and leave a message on our 24-hour voice mail if it is before school hours. If your child is not in attendance, and we do not receive a call from you by 9:30 a.m., we will attempt to call you to confirm the reason for the absence. Your phone call saves time for the office and is greatly appreciated!



LOW INCOME INTERNET ESSENTIALS - Comcast has a wonderful offer for James Sales families! Families are eligible for a streamlined enrollment process to receive internet access at home. All you need to do is call 1-855-846-8376 or online at InternetEssentials.com. You will simply need to provide your contact information and the name of your child's school. Upon meeting the eligibility criteria you will receive equipment, device and instructions for set up within 3-5 days. This is such a terrific opportunity for our students and their families! There is so much that students can access online that will help them at school - homework help sites, links to our reading and math programs, just to name a few.

ATTENDANCE COUNTS! - Did you know that missing 10% or 18 days - just 2 days a month - in a year can put a student at serious risk of being academically behind? Parents & families are essential partners in promoting good attendance. We don't want you to send your child to school when sick, but we hope you will make every effort to encourage good attendance and make appointments outside the school day whenever possible. Please make sure you call the office if your student is going to be gone from school due to illness or an appointment. Please send in the doctor/dental note the following day to excuse your students' absence. **We have a 24-hour voice-mail you can use to leave messages if you need to call after our school hours.** A call from you is appreciated, as it saves valuable office time.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Individual pictures will be taken for all James Sales students on Monday, October 19th. Picture packets with pricing information is at the end of this newsletter - Please review this. *Pricing is attached to this newsletter.* The envelopes will be sent home the week prior to picture day. *Please keep this envelope handy to send on picture day ONLY (we have very few extras in the office), if you are ordering pictures.* All students will have their picture taken whether you order or not. Picture re-take day will be November 23rd. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to QSP Photography.

END OF THE DAY CHANGES - Any changes in your child's end of day procedure **MUST** be received in the office a half hour before the end of the school day. To cut down on the many calls we receive in the office, **please send a note with your child in the morning.**

CHILD FIND - Free developmental screening for children 3-5 who live in the Franklin Pierce School District. We check: hearing, vision, readiness for kindergarten, speech and language, motor skills, and behavior. Monthly screenings for 2015-2016 / Oct. 21, Nov. 19, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11, and April 15. Call Tricia for an appointment at Franklin Pierce School District, Learning Support Services (253) 298-4675.



BusBulletin

Would you like to know when your student's bus is going to be late or what is happening?

The Transportation Department for Franklin Pierce Schools is now using **Bus Bulletin** notification system to notify parents and schools when there are bus delays and schedule changes.

If you would like to receive instant notifications when delays or incidents affect your student's bus, please register with Bus Bulletin. It is easy and it is free!

- There is **no cost** for this service.
- Registration is simple and fast, online.
- You can choose to receive text messages, phone calls, and/or e-mails.
- You manage your own account and update contact information, securely.
- All contact information is stored securely and will not be shared or sold - your privacy is protected.

For more information, or to sign-up and start receiving notifications, please visit: www.BusBulletin.com/parents

For help with registration, call Transportation at 253-298-3865

*NOTE: This transportation communication tool **does not replace** the district's messenger notification system or the student registration and database system used at every school. It is only used for important bus messages related to your child's bus*

VOLUNTEER APPROVAL IS NECESSARY - In order to attend any school event as a chaperone, participant, or helper, all adults **must** have an approved volunteer clearance on file in our office. There will be no exceptions to this requirement. New this year, the FP District will no longer take paper volunteer application. You must register online at www.fpschools.org. If you have a problem with the registration process, please call the office 298-4200. We appreciate your cooperation with our extra efforts to assure that our children are safe and supervised appropriately.

Below are examples of activities which do and do not require volunteer approval for parent participation. Please call our office if you have questions.

Required

- Field Trip
- Classroom visits during school
- Field Day
- Lunch with Student in classrooms
- Assist with in Classroom Projects

Not Required

- Back-to-School and Family Barbecues
- Promotions
- Concerts
- Conferences
- Assemblies

ATTENDANCE

The goal for students this year is to have 8 or fewer tardies and/or absences. At the end of each trimester, all students who have missed less than 8 days or have had less than 8 tardies will receive a reward. Examples of rewards are smoothies, extra recess time and special assemblies will be offered.

BEHAVIOR

We will also be rewarding student at the end of each trimester for excellent behavior. Students with "0" write-ups at the end of each trimester will receive a reward. At the end of year, PTO will be sponsoring a field trip for all students that had "0" write-ups.



This year's first Box Tops Class Competition ends October 2. Please put the teacher's name on the envelope you send to school.

James Sales Day at Denny's! Saturday, October 10. 10 am to 6 pm. 108th and Pacific Ave. You have to mention that you are there for James Sales Elem. and our school will receive a donation of 20% of your bill! Flyers will be sent home. Tell your friends.

Back by popular demand - the fall catalog fundraiser begins in October. This helps pay for every student's field trip. Details will be sent home.

A Scholastic Book Fair for our library will be during the four-day week of conferences in October. We need helpers in the mornings from 8:15 to 9:00 and after school at 11:55. Please contact PTO or Mrs. Bruce, our librarian.

Every week there is either Treat or Popcorn Friday. Treats are real fruit gummy treats. 50¢ each; one per student. Before and after school on Fridays, in the front hall, there are small school supplies for sale. Students enjoy shopping for things they can use at home or in the class.