

The Panther Press

OCTOBER 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Patrick Panther Families:

We are excited to have completed our first month of school. Our school-wide focus for September was Respect. From library read-a-louds, morning announcements, student spotlights, and recess activities to our chosen Student of the Month. Students exhibited Respect above and beyond and really contributed to a positive school environment.



This month, we are focusing on Responsibility! Please look for the Family Connection flyer in your child's next Tuesday folder.

Warmly,
Michelle Cook



October 5 Picture Day - All Purchases Made Online
October 13 Statewide In-Service ~ **No School**
October 16-19 Scholastic Book Fair
October 19-20 Parent/Teacher Conferences ~ **No School**
October 31 SVE Mini Marathon for 4th & 5th Grade Students

Watch your students Tuesday folder and Parent Square messages for more information on these activities.

SEPTEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The following students were selected for their tremendous effort & dedication to showing RESPECT!

Scarlett Peden-Mr. Bjorge
Ronin Coates-Ms. Cascarina
Skyler Anderson-Mrs. Finney



Lenny Grecco-Mrs. Field
Darrell Anderson-Mrs. Hunter
Jocelyn Escoto-Mrs. Laeger
Oren Breeding-Mrs. Miracle
Jimmy Farney-Mrs. Petetit
Remi Tocher-Mrs. Sanders
Hunter Hudson-Mrs. Wiley



GOLDEN AWARDS

Each month a class is chosen for behavior & attitude that goes above and beyond expectations. This month we are honoring the following classes:

Library-**Ms. Hunter's Class**
Hallway-**Mrs. Laeger's Class**
Cafe'-**Mrs. Miracle**
Art class-**Ms. Hunter's Class**

23-24 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Congratulations to our 23-24 Student Leadership Team! This group of students will have the opportunity to develop leadership skills by organizing and carrying out school activities and helping to coordinate school spirit activities.



Emily Sanchez, Nick Brinkley, Trevor Warner, Bailey Weisse, Cody Heppner, Gabriella Martin, Stella Rickards, Jimmy Farney, Lucy O'Brien, Belin Ansures, and Adilynn Vick.



PICTURE DAY

Thursday, October 5th

Online orders and payments only!

Go to sosimages.hhimagehost.com and enter **Event Name: Patrick Elementary 2023** to place your order and make payment.

Picture Day Orders will be delivered to Patrick. Orders submitted after Picture Day will be shipped directly to you with an additional shipping charge. If you have any questions or special requests, please feel free to call or email SOS Images and they will be happy to help you.

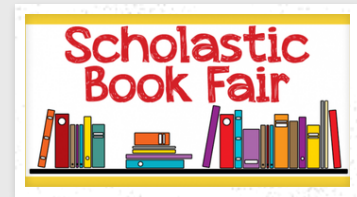
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our first Book Fair of the year will be October 16-19 in the library and online. Online orders will be accepted October 16th-20th. Your student will have the opportunity to go to the fair during class time and we will have limited hours on Thursday, October 19th during conferences. More to come on hours!

You can set up an e-wallet for your student at the link below for a cashless way for your kids to shop the Fair - Friends and Family can add dollars, too!

Please visit our scholastic website at:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/patrickelementaryschool1>



SAMS VALLEY MINI MARATHON - 4TH & 5TH GRADE STUDENTS

This annual physical education activity for all District 6 fourth and fifth grade

students will take place on Tuesday, October 31st at 9:45 a.m.

This year is extra special

because it's the 50th anniversary! Whether walking or running the 5K (3.1 mile)

course through the Sams Valley countryside, students always say they love this event!

On the day of the race, students will receive their special edition Mini Marathon

t-shirt and their chip-timed race bib. They'll be bused to Sams Valley with their

classmates, returning to their home school in time for lunch and Halloween activities.

No reason to worry about safety! The route is monitored by the Jackson County

Sherriff's Department and D6 staff. D6 nurses will also be on site in case of an injury.

Family members are welcome to spectate, but know that parking at Sams Valley

Elementary is extremely limited. Don't miss the annual mascot dance off following the race!

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of West Orthodontics, there is no fee to participate! See you there!

PTO

Did you know PTO sponsors:

- Each classroom teacher with yearly funds
- Kona Ice
- Polar Pal Store
- Big Air Day
- Special Assemblies such as Wildlife Images, Science Works, and The Bug Guy



Even volunteering for one or two events throughout the year can be extremely helpful. We would also love your input when planning.

PTO meetings are held the second Thursday of each month from 3:00-4:00 PM . Please check in at the office if you can join us!

Meeting Dates:

- October 12th, 2023 (Reviewing the Parent Engagement Plan)
- November 9th, 2023
- January 11th, 2024
- February 8th, 2024
- March 14th, 2024
- April 11th, 2024
- May 9th, 2024

If you are interested in joining the PTO, please contact Laura Hudson @ laura5875@aol.com for more information.



2023-24 PATRICK ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

We have an amazing staff and we look forward to working together with you and your child!

Kinder: Jennifer Sanders (jennifer.sanders@district6.org)
(amanda.figueroa@district6.org)

1st: Blake Field (blake.field@district6.org)
(karen.robertson@district6.org)

2nd Grade: Haley Cascarina (haley.cascarina@district6.org)

1st/2nd: Grade: Michael Bjorge (michael.bjorge@district6.org)

3rd/4th: Grade: Rebecca Hunter (rebecca.hunter@district6.org)

3rd Grade: Heather Laeger (heather.laeger@district6.org)

4th Grade: Clara Petetit (clara.petetit@district6.org)

5th Grade: Dawn Wiley (dawn.wiley@district6.org)

5th Grade: Jenelle Miracle (jenelle.miracle@district6.org)

MAPS: Jennifer Finney (jennifer.finney@district6.org)

Title I & ELD: Lori Raddatz (lori.raddatz@district6.org)

Special Education Resource: Tomorrow Nelson
(tomorrow.nelson@district6.org)

Support Staff

Our wonderful team of support staff are helping kids everyday.
We appreciate everything they do!

PARENT DRIVE LINE

Please remember our goal is to keep all children safe. You can help us do that by:



- Keeping your child in the car until someone opens your door at the front of the school during parent drop off. We have staff out front from 7:30-8:00 AM.
- Staying in your car at parent pick-up, having your car tag displayed, and moving out of the congested drive line as soon as you have safely buckled your child into the car.
- Please do not park and walk up to get your student - you will be asked to get in the parent pick up line.
- Check in at the office welcome window any time you are on campus.

For students walking or being dropped off by car, please note that there is no supervision until 7:30 am. **No students should arrive to school or be let out of vehicles before 7:30am.** We care about our students safety and need to have an adult supervising them at all times during the school day.



CHANGE OF "GO HOME" PLANS AND EARLY PICK-UP

- We ask that all changes to your child's "go home" plans are communicated to the front office **prior to noon**. This allows plenty of time to notify your child's teacher that there is a change of plans for the day.
- Please make sure that your emergency contacts and person's authorized to pick up your child are up to date.
- If you are picking your student up early from school please be prepared to show ID to office staff.

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



LA CLINICA HEALTH SERVICES AT PATRICK ELEMENTARY

Our school-based health centers provide:

- Basic primary and preventive health care and education
- Routine physical, well-child, and sports exams
- Immunizations
- Diagnosis and treatment of minor illnesses and chronic health issues
- Mental health screening, assessment and treatment; play and group therapy
- Vision, hearing, and dental screenings
- Over-the-counter medication for minor complaints and treatment of minor injuries
- Assistance with Oregon Health Plan
- Case management and collaboration with community partners

Things to know:

- We must have a consent form from a parent or guardian to see children 14 and younger
- We see students on a drop-in basis or by appointment - with parent consent
- We bill insurance when it is available and offer an income-based sliding scale for uninsured patients
- Students medical records are confidential and are not part of school records

Please check out our website for additional information and links to the consent packets for nursing visits:

<https://laclinicahealth.org/services/school-based/>

Angie Parker, RN
La Clinica School Based Health Center
Patrick Elementary
541-494-6859

Tori Versteeg, MS, LPC
Mental Health Therapist
La Clinica School Based Health Center
Patrick Elementary
541-494-6845

LA CLINICA - NOTE FROM NURSE ANGIE

Hello from the Nurse

It was so wonderful to see most of you at the "Back to School" nights! I hope you enjoyed it

School is running towards fall, and with that we have the colds, flu, and possible Covid challenges. Luckily, the same precautions help with all three of these illnesses. Please remind your students to wash their hands often, before meals, and after bathroom breaks. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the schools, but it is not a substitute to washing. Also, remind each other to cough or sneeze into your arms not your hands as we used to do. Many of you have been asking about current Covid guidelines. Since we know this disease better and we have methods to treat it, the recommendations are the same as other illnesses. If you have symptoms stay home. When the symptoms are getting better for 24 hours and your child is fever free (without meds) for 24 hours, you can send your child back to school. Please consider that if your children are getting better, but still unable to participate fully in class then keep them home. If there is a question, you are welcome to call the office and they can forward your call to me. If you or your child test positive for Covid, Oregon Health Authority strongly encourages mask wearing for 10 days.

I am available in person at Central Point Elementary every Monday and Tuesday. I am at Sams Valley on Wednesday and Thursday and at **Patrick on Friday.**

The nurse visits are a service La Clinica provides and there is no charge. If the visit requires labs or vaccines, there may be a charge depending on your insurance, but you will have the option to decline.

I hope you all stay well and enjoy this beautiful fall weather.

To Better Health,
Nurse Angie

YMCA CHILD CARE PROGRAM-- CAMPUS CONNECTIONS



WHO: Any student in grades K-6

WHAT: A structured program providing care, homework help and activities for students.

WHEN: Mon-Fri: After school until 6:00pm

MORE INFORMATION: <https://rvymca.org/programs/afterschool-programs/>

ANNUAL STATE ASSESSMENT NOTIFICATION

In November, your child will receive information regarding statewide testing and opt-out forms will be made available.

We know that these tests cannot possibly tell us everything about your child's academic progress. However, the results do provide a snapshot of your child's strengths and areas for improvement and can be used as a means to ensure he or she is getting the support needed for future success.

In addition, their participation will also ensure that schools and districts receive the targeted resources they need to help all students succeed, particularly those from historically underserved backgrounds.

The Oregon Department of Education has important information regarding the state test which can be found [here](#).

With any additional questions, please reach out to your child's respective school.

Link to English notice: https://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Documents/Annual_Notice_English.pdf

Link to Spanish notice: https://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Documents/Annual_Notice_Spanish.pdf

SECTION 504

Central Point School District provides accommodations and special programs for qualified disabled students. These activities are provided through section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Your child, or a child of your acquaintance, may be eligible for accommodations or special programming. The district maintains assessment resources to determine eligibility for the resources. If you are aware of a child with a potential disability, including children that may require speech or language services, please notify your principal or Felicia Holt, Special Programs Coordinator 494-6231

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

As a parent of a student at Patrick Elementary, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers.

1. Whether the teacher has met all Oregon licensing and certification requirements for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional certificate because of special circumstances.
3. The teacher's major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
4. Whether any paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact Tom Rambo, Director of Human Resources at tom.rambo@district6.org

LEGAL NOTICE

Under EPA regulations, we are required to notify you that we do have asbestos in our schools. For your information, please know that we do have an independent contractor inspect each of our schools twice annually. Our schools are all in good condition.

Jackson County School District #6, 300 Ash Street, Central Point, Oregon 97502 has a copy of the Asbestos AHERA Management Plan available. This document is also available for review each Monday between the hours of 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm in the principals office:

- Crater Academy of Health & Public Service, Crater School of Business, Innovation & Service and Crater Renaissance Academy, all at 655 N. 3rd St., Central Point, OR.
- Scenic Middle School-1955 Scenic Ave., Central Point, OR
- Jewett Elementary-1001 Manzanita St., Central Point, OR.
- Mae Richardson Elementary-200 W. Pine St., Central Point, OR.
- Hanby Middle School-806 Sixth Ave., Gold Hill, OR.
- Patrick Elementary-1500 Second Ave., Gold Hill, OR.
- Sam's Valley Elementary-14235 Table Rock Rd., Central Point, OR.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact:

Dale Giovannetti

Asbestos Coordinator

Jackson County School District #6

Central Point, OR 97502



ABOUT US

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Stay informed about our school and our student's learning adventures with this monthly school newsletter and on social media. We appreciate your support!

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