

# The Ram Report

May 2, 2025

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## IMPORTANT DATES

5/5-5/9: Teacher Appreciation Week  
5/5: PSO meeting: 6:00pm  
5/7: Spring Walk+Roll to School Day  
5/12: Langer's Make a Difference Fundraiser; 11:00am - 10:00pm  
5/15: Kinder Kick Off; 4:30-6:00pm  
5/21: No School - Teacher Planning Day  
5/22: Multicultural Night; 5:00-7:00pm  
5/26: No School; Memorial Day  
5/29: Menchie's Fundraiser; 3:00-8:00pm  
6/2: All library books due  
6/2: PSO Meeting; 6:00-7:00pm  
6/3: All school Zoo field trip  
6/6: Field Day  
6/11: 5th grade promotion; 9:00-9:30am  
6/11: 5th grade Fun Day  
6/12: Last day of school

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## Message from Mr. Kingery

Dear Art Rutkin Families,

We are looking forward to celebrating our staff starting Monday for Teacher Appreciation Week, May 5-9. We have an amazing staff who put students first in all they do. We are so grateful for the support of our PSO and families who support each school day and share their appreciation with our staff. I had some important help running Art Rutkin Elementary this past Wednesday with the Principal for a Day, Miss Cantrell.

### **4th and 5th Grade Field Trips**

Our 4th graders went downtown today with all TTSD 4th graders to perform in the Link Up Concert. Our 5th graders will have a field trip to the Aurora Colonies on May 7th next week. This field trip will have highlights that include making bread and candles while learning about 19th Century living during earlier times located at the end of the Oregon Trail.

### **FTTS and STEAM Learning**

All of our classes have been enjoying STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art & crafts and math) activities in our makerspace over the last couple weeks. The materials needed for this learning was funded through a grant by The Foundation for Tigar Tualatin Schools (FTTS). Our materials include robotics, circuits, crafts and engineering design. We greatly appreciate our family and community donations that support all TTSD schools through the FTTS. Please consider supporting the **Tee Up Fore Schools** FTTS golf tournament on June 30th at Tualatin Country Club next month. We hope to have at least one Art Rutkin Elementary team representing our school.

### **PSO & Garden Volunteering**

Our end of year planning continues to happen. The next Art Rutkin PSO meeting will be on Monday, May 5th, at 6:00 PM. Please join us in our school library, or virtually using this link. **PSO Meeting**. During this meeting we will hear about end of year PSO support and some important planning for our school garden that will have classes helping prep and plant starting this month. We need volunteers with our classes. Learn about some fun in the garden volunteer opportunities at the PSO meeting.

Enjoy a wonderful weekend,  
Mr. Kingery

## We are hitting our peak times for volunteer background checks. Please plan ahead!

If you haven't gone through the volunteer process, please [click here to do so](#). Once submitted it can take up to 14 days to be processed. If you have any questions, please contact the office at [artrutkinoffice@ttsd.k12.or.us](mailto:artrutkinoffice@ttsd.k12.or.us)

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### Mrs. Megowan's PE News



We are excited to announce that Mrs. Megowan, will be sharing monthly newsletters with all families! These newsletters will keep you informed about what your children are learning in PE, fitness tips, and fun ways to stay active at home. It's a great way to stay connected and support your child's physical health and well-being. [Click here for the latest edition.](#)

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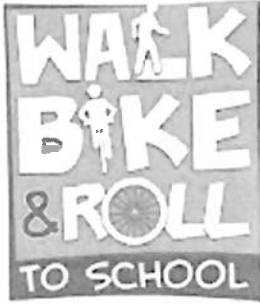


# It's time to order your Art Rutkin Elementary Yearbook!

Yearbooks are \$20 each and are available for purchase until May 5th.

Order your yearbook by clicking on the picture, scanning the QR Code from the flyer or by clicking this link.

Purchased yearbooks will be distributed to students on the last day of school. For questions or concerns, please contact our yearbook chair at [yearbook@artrutkinpso.org](mailto:yearbook@artrutkinpso.org).



## Spring Walk+Roll to School; May 7th

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program helps improve, educate and encourage children to safely walk, bike, roll, or bus to school! Art Rutkin Elementary will be joining the City of Tigard again this year in walking and rolling to school on Wednesday, May 7th. We hope to see you there! Walk or roll to school and be sure to check in with Mrs. Biggs in front of the school!

Safe Walking Routes:

### Walking Route #1

7:20 am SW 153rd Ave / Bull Mountain Rd.

Walk on Bull Mountain Rd, and then turn on SW Juliet Terr.

7:30 am SW Juliet Terr / SW Burgundy St.  
SW Burgundy St will become SW Dekalb St.

### Walking Route #2

7:18 am SW 150th Ave. / SW Danube Dr.

7:21 am SW 150th Ave. / SW Cabernet Dr.

7:26 am SW Cabernet Dr. / SW 154th Terr.

7:27 am SW 154th Terr./ SW Burgundy St.

7:30 am SW Burgundy St. / SW Juliet Terr.

### Walking Route #3

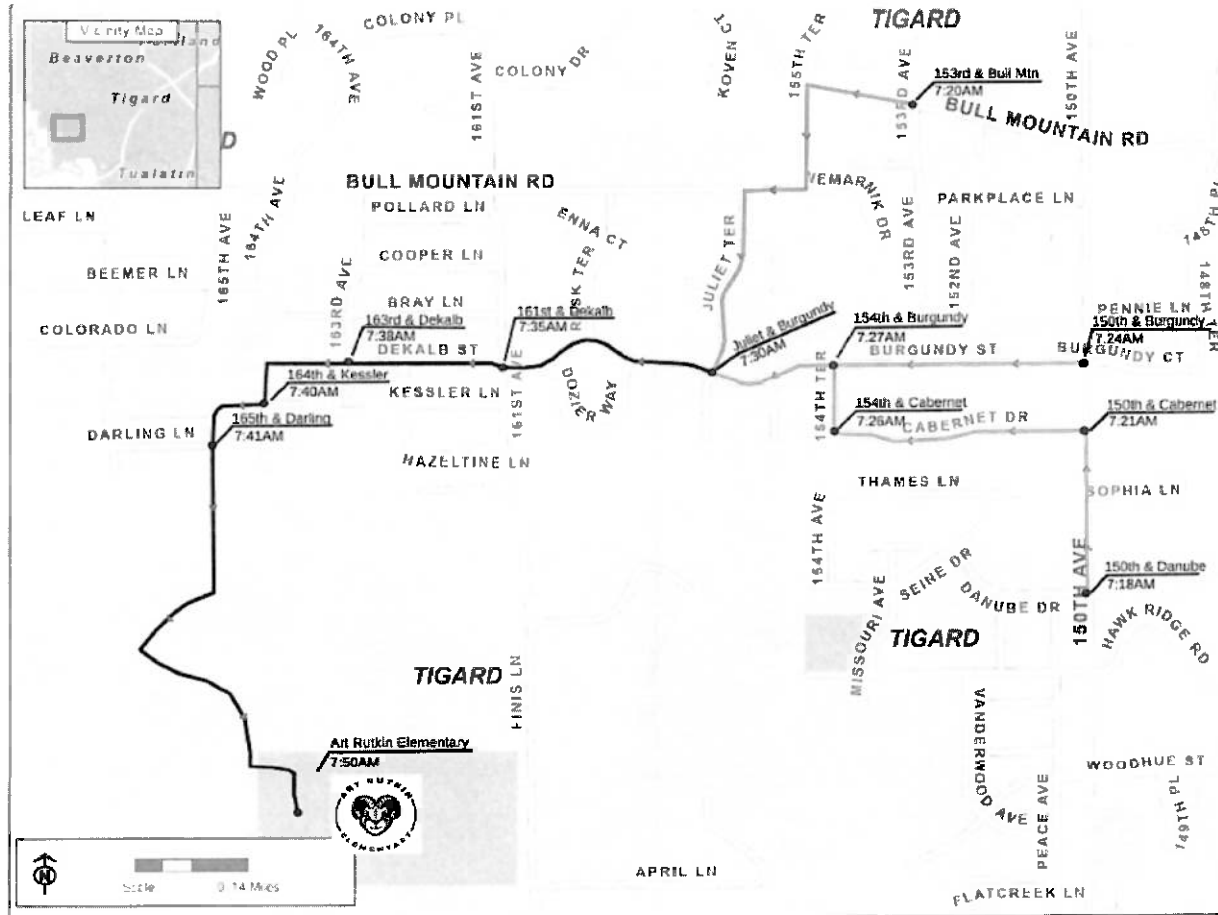
7:24 am SW 150th Ave. / SW Burgundy St.

7:27 am SW Burgundy St. / SW 154th Terr.

7:30 am SW Burgundy St. / SW Juliet Terr.

**All three routes will meet together at 7:30 am on SW Burgundy St. / SW Juliet Terrace and walk as a big group to school.**

- 7:35 am SW Dekalb St. / SW 161st Ave.
- 7:38 am SW Dekalb St. / SW 163rd Ave.
- 7:40 am SW 164th Ave. / SW Kessler Ln.
- 7:41 am SW 165th Ave. / SW Darling Ln.
- 7:50 am Art Rutkin Elementary





## The PSO Executive Board Needs You!

The 2025/2026 Board Vote is happening at the May 5th PSO Meeting!

Join the PSO Executive Board. Open positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications and President Elect.

Without a President, the PSO will be forced to disband. Please continue to support the PSO as we grow our Art Rutkin community next year!



## Incoming Kindergarten Registration Open

### 2025-2025 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

A child must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2025 to enter Kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year. **Please click here to register**

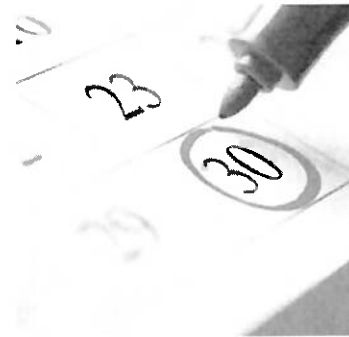
## Last Day of School Update

As per the approved 2024-25 school calendar, the school year is extended by one day.

**The last day for students will now be Thursday, June 12, dismissal 11:15am, and the last day for staff will move to Friday, June 13.**

## 2025-2026 Approved School Calendar

The school board has approved the school calendar for 2025-2026. It's located here and on our website under fast links. **2025-2026 Approved School Calendar**



## TTSD proposes new bond measure May 20 to replace and repair aging buildings

Across many of TTSD's 17 school campuses, aging facilities are creating challenges to learning – from leaking roofs to faulty fire alarms to failing heating systems.

To address those issues, and more, the District has placed a \$421.3 million bond proposal on the May 20 ballot. Measure 34-342 is designed to repair and replace older buildings and keep students safe, warm and dry.

This is TTSD's first bond proposal since voters passed a \$291.3 million bond in 2016. Key projects in the new proposal include replacing 50-year-old Fowler Middle School and making significant renovations at four of the district's oldest elementaries: Bridgeport, Byrom, Durham and Mary Woodward.

The new bond would also add security cameras and fire-protection systems, replace aging turf fields and field lighting, renovate high school auditoriums, repair HVAC and electrical systems, update plumbing and provide modern curriculum and technology.

If passed, the bond is estimated to cost property owners an additional 99 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, for 20-21 years. The median homeowner in the district's boundaries would pay about \$25 more per month in property taxes, according to District estimates.

A citizen Bond Oversight Committee would be formed to ensure bond funds are spent responsibly and in alignment with voter-approved projects.

"We think it's important that voters know that this measure, if passed, would only be used to pay for local projects," said Dr. Iton Udosenata, TTSD's superintendent. "It's also worth noting that although these are primarily learning spaces, our schools are community assets that thousands of people enjoy every month for meetings, sporting events, plays, concerts and green spaces."

Udosenata added that the state pays for school operations, but it is up to local voters to decide whether to invest in bonds for school buildings.

The state of Oregon has committed to awarding TTSD a grant of \$8.28 million to fund additional projects, but only if the bond passes in the May 2025 election.

More information: [ttsdbond.org](https://ttsdbond.org)

Informational [video](#)

School-specific flyer: [flyer](#)

## May 2025 Bond - Measure 34-342



## Club K - Registering for Fall Now!

Club K provides On-site Care, Homework Help, STEM Activities, Afternoon Snacks & a Safe Environment.

Club K After School Program is now registering for fall. Scan the QR code on the flyer or [click here to register](#).

## PSO Newsletter - 4/4/25

**Shop for Spirit Wear here**

**SR&R Handbook**

**Click here for Volunteer Info**

**Activity & Community Flyers**

**Lunch menus found here**

**Information for Club K**

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## **IMPORTANT WEBSITES**

**[Art Rutkin Elementary website](#)**

**[Art Rutkin Elementary newsletters](#)**

**[Club K website](#)**

**[Elementary Schools Boundary Map](#)**

**[TTSD job postings](#)**

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