

The Ram Report

December 12, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

12/17: Panera Dine Out Night; 4-8:00pm
12/22-1/2: Winter Break
1/5: Return from winter break
1/5: PSO meeting; 6:00pm
1/16: No school; teacher planning day
1/19: No school; MLK Jr. Holiday
1/29: End of Qtr. 2
1/29: 3rd grade music performance; 6:00pm
1/30: No school; teacher work day

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Message from Mr. Kingery

Dear Art Rutkin Families,

We have a lot to be thankful for again this week. Thank you to our PSO for supporting another amazing Book Fair last week. It was by far our best one yet, and students have some great books to read over the upcoming Winter Break starting on Dec. 20th.

With colder weather during winter months it is important to know how extreme weather may change the regular school day schedule. Here is a list of possible weather related decisions that could be made.

Information and Possible Decisions for Weather and Closure:

- **Snow Routes** – Neighborhood and side streets are not passable but main streets are safe.
- **2-Hour Delay** – Conditions are currently not safe, but they will likely improve in the next two hours.
- **2-Hour Delay with Snow Routes** – Conditions improving in most areas, but there are concerns in some areas. Snow routes may be school attendance area specific.
- **Cancel school** – Conditions are unsafe for travel to and from school and likely not to improve in time.
- **Closing school early due to weather events** – Release high school, then middle, then elementary. Get older students home first for supervision of younger siblings and get student drivers home and off the road.

Please contact our office with any questions. The goal is always to keep families informed in a timely manner when there are changes to the regular school day schedule. Please remember to sign up for Flash Alerts and stay connected through ParentSquare. Information on both are included in this newsletter under the School Closure Information section.

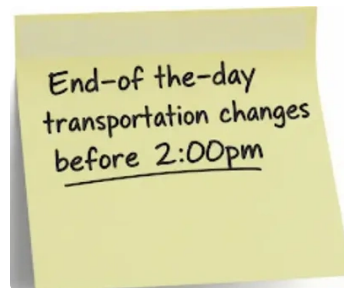
Chess Club Update:

We have been working to find a chess program to replace Chess Wizards that we have scheduled during the past two years. We did not reschedule Chess Wizards again this year due to the cost to families and feedback we received. We have been in contact with some community partners connected to Chess for Success. Right now it sounds like they may be interested in working together starting next fall. We will continue to look for options for this year. Chess has been a popular after-school program, and we hope to have a program available again for our students to enjoy. Please feel free to contact me through our school office with any questions or program recommendations.

Enjoy a wonderful weekend,
Mr. Kingery

End-of-Day Transportation Changes

To help our dismissal run smoothly and safely, please remember that all end-of-the-day transportation changes must be made **before 2:00 PM**. This ensures we have enough time to notify teachers and students. Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our students safe!



Winter Buddy Celebration Volunteers needed

Our kiddos will be pairing up with their buddies to sip hot cocoa loaded with yummy toppings, read winter-themed books, and enjoy a warm, joyful break before winter break starts.

To make the magic happen, we'd love a few extra hands. *If you're an approved TTSD volunteer* and are able to volunteer—whether it's helping with cocoa toppings, book stations, or general cozy-day cheer—we'd be thrilled to have you join us!

Sign up and help make this winter celebration unforgettable!

Art Rutkin Elementary: Winter Buddy Event

★ Community Blazer Game: We're Teaming Up with the Portland Trail Blazers! ★



Join us for a special **community basketball night** with the Portland Trail Blazers and help support **Art Rutkin Elementary!**

Anyone can purchase tickets. If we sell **50 or more tickets**, **24 Art Rutkin students** will get the incredible opportunity to **high-five the Trail Blazers players** during the second half! We have already sold **35 tickets!** Let's keep it going!

Game Details:

- **Date:** January 15
- **Time:** 7:00 PM
- **Opponent:** Atlanta Hawks
- **Tickets:** \$28.90 each
- **Giveback:** \$7 from every ticket supports Art Rutkin Elementary
- **Ticket Deadline:** December 22

Flyers were sent home before Thanksgiving break. Let's fill the stands and show our **Art Rutkin pride!**

****Tickets must be purchased through the provided link.****

★ Holiday Treats for Staff ★

Let's send our staff into Winter Break with lots of love and treats!

If you'd like to contribute, please sign up to bring **1–2 dozen** of your favorite baked goodies (cookies, brownies, etc.) for staff to take home over the break.

Sign-Up Link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dllpWOzCFgSgT6yhrhIBswRcNzjscAMP2p4C-cv64XE/edit?tab=t.0>

Please drop off your treats at the front office by **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 12/17.**

★ December Dine Out ★

Stop by Panera Bread on Wednesday, December 17th from 4:00–8:00 PM for our final dine-out of the year!

20% of all sales will be donated back to Art Rutkin Elementary.

★ PSO Chairs Needed ★

We are still seeking chairs for the following events. If you're interested, please reach out to President@artrutkinpso.org.

- Bingo (February 2026)

- *Seeking multiple committee members!* Planning meetings will begin the week of December 29th.
- Field Day Chairperson (June 2026)
- STREAM Night Chairperson (March 2026)
- Yearbook Chairperson

Resources Available

Are you in need of holiday help? If so, please **click on the link** to see what is available by the Oregon Department of Human Services. It includes information on agencies offering meals and toy support for families in our surrounding areas.

Holiday Resources 2025

Please also know that the TTSD Family Resource Center has Emergency Food Bags available for those in need. TTSD families can receive a bag of food at any time (while supplies last). No questions asked. No paperwork needed. To access this resource, families can contact their school's Family Partnership Advocate or counselor. This resource is also available to TTSD staff.

We still have food available at Art Rutkin through the week before winter break. We are incredibly grateful for the generous donations received during our food drive, these contributions have supported many families during times of need. Thank you, Art Rutkin community!

Families can stop by on Mondays or Tuesdays to pick up food with support from the FPA, or they can give approval for food to be sent home with your student in a backpack on the bus, whatever is most convenient for you.

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Is my child too sick for school?

Please see guidance below
(pictures are clickable links and PDFs are attached)

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN TO SCHOOL? OHA/ODE/ CDC Guidance 2024-25



The list below gives school instructions, not medical advice. Please contact your health care provider with health concerns.

SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	THE STUDENT MAY RETURN AFTER... The list below tells the shortest time to stay home. A student may need to stay home longer for some illnesses.
Fever: temperature of 100.4°F [38°C] or greater	Fever-free for 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medicine.
New cough illness	Symptoms improving for 24 hours (no cough or cough well-controlled).
New difficulty breathing	Symptoms improving for 24 hours (breathing comfortably). <i>Urgent medical care may be needed.</i>
Diarrhea: 3 loose or watery stools in a day OR not able to control bowel movements	Symptom-free for 24 hours (no more than two bowel movements more than normal and no longer having accidents) OR with orders from doctor to district nurse.
Vomiting: two or more episodes that is unexplained	Symptom-free for 24 hours OR with orders from doctor to district nurse.
Headache with stiff neck or with fever	Symptom-free OR with orders from doctor to district nurse. Follow fever instructions above. <i>Urgent medical care may be needed.</i>
Skin rash or open sores	Symptom-free , which means rash is gone OR sores are dry or can be completely covered by a bandage OR with orders from doctor to district nurse.
Red eyes with colored drainage	Symptom-free , which means redness and drainage are gone OR with orders from doctor to district nurse.
Jaundice: new yellow color in eyes or skin	After the school has orders from doctor or local public health authority to district nurse.
Acting different without a reason: unusually sleepy, grumpy, or confused	Symptom-free , which means return to normal behavior OR with orders from doctor to district nurse.
Major health event, like an illness lasting 2 or more weeks OR a hospital stay, OR health condition requires more care than school staff can safely provide	After the school has orders from doctor to district nurse AND after measures are in place for the student's safety. Please work with school staff to address special health-care needs so the student may attend safely.

¿CUÁNDO PUEDE REGRESAR MI HIJO A LA ESCUELA? Guía de OHA/ODE/ CDC 2024-25



La lista a continuación brinda instrucciones escolares, no consejos médicos. Por favor comuníquese con su proveedor de atención médica si tiene inquietudes sobre la salud.

SÍNTOMAS DE ENFERMEDAD	EL ESTUDIANTE PUEDE REGRESAR DESPUÉS... La lista a continuación indica el tiempo más corto para quedarse en casa. El estudiante puede necesitar quedarse en casa más tiempo por algunas enfermedades.
Fiebre: temperatura de 100.4°F [38°C] o más	Sin fiebre durante 24 horas sin tomar medicamentos para reducir la fiebre.
Nueva enfermedad de tos O	Síntomas mejorando por 24 horas (sin tos o tos bien controlada)
Nueva dificultad al respirar	Síntomas mejorando por 24 horas (respirando cómodamente). Es posible que se necesite atención médica urgente.
Diarrea: 3 deposiciones blandas en un día O incapaz de controlar deposiciones	Sin síntomas por 24 horas (no más de dos evacuaciones intestinales más de lo normal y no tener más accidentes) o con órdenes del médico a la enfermera del distrito.
Vomito: dos o más episodios inexplicables	Sin síntomas por 24 horas o con órdenes del médico a la enfermera del distrito.
Dolor de cabeza con rigidez en el cuello o con fiebre	Sin Síntomas o con órdenes del médico a la enfermera del distrito. Siga instrucciones para la fiebre que se encuentran arriba. Es posible que se necesite atención médica urgente.
Erupción cutánea o llagas abiertas	Sin síntomas , lo que significa que el sarpullido ha desaparecido O las llagas están secas o pueden cubrirse completamente con un vendaje o con órdenes del médico a la enfermera del distrito.
Ojos rojos con secreción ocular de color:	Sin síntomas , lo que significa que el enrojecimiento y la secreción han desaparecido O con órdenes del médico a la enfermera del distrito.
Ictericia: nuevo color amarillo en ojos o piel	Después de que la escuela tenga órdenes del médico o la autoridad de salud pública local hasta la enfermera del distrito.
Actuar diferente sin una razón: inusualmente somnoliento, gruñón o confundido	Sin síntomas , lo que significa volver al comportamiento normal O con órdenes del médico a la enfermera del distrito.
Evento de salud importante, como una enfermedad que dure 2 semanas o más O una estadía en el hospital O condición de salud que requiere más cuidado de la que el personal de la escuela puede brindar de manera segura	Después de que la escuela tenga órdenes del médico o de la autoridad pública local de salud a la enfermera del distrito.
La condición de salud del estudiante requiere más atención que la que el personal de la escuela puede brindar de manera segura.	Después de que la escuela tenga órdenes del médico a la enfermera del distrito Y después de que se tomen medidas para la seguridad del estudiante. Por favor trabaje con el personal de la escuela para abordar las necesidades especiales de salud para que el estudiante pueda seguir asistiendo seguramente.



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.](#)

Family Partnership Advocate Resource Corner

This space is for our community to access resources, event information, and supports like local food markets, medical care, community classes, and more. The flyers section is updated regularly, so check back often!

Family Partnership Advocate Resource Corner

Rincón de Recursos del la Provedora de Apoyo Familiar

Un espacio donde nuestra comunidad puede acceder a recursos, información sobre eventos y apoyos como mercados locales de alimentos, atención médica, clases comunitarias y más. La sección de boletines se actualiza con frecuencia, ¡así que visítenos seguido! [Rincón de Recursos del la Provedora de Apoyo Familiar](#)

School Closure Information

How We Will Communicate School Closures

The District will notify the community of inclement weather closures in the following ways:



Through FlashAlert.Net

- **Sign up or renew** your account for 2025-26 to receive alerts

Email and text messages

- Confirm that your contact information is up to date on you ParentVue account

Through the ParentSquare App

- IOS App - Apple Store
- Android App - Google Play Store

Alert postings will also be on all TTSD websites. Visit the School Closure Guidelines Webpage for more information. Please see Art Rutkin Bus Snow routes below and attached to the newsletter.

25-26 SNOW ROUTES			
25-26 ART RUTKIN AM		25-26 ART RUTKIN PM	
ROUTE: 8		ROUTE: 8	
	TIME		TIME
SW BEEF BEND RD & SW WESTMINSTER DR	7:24	School: ART RUTKIN ES	2:25
14495 SW BEND RD (OAKMONT APTS)	7:29	SW BEEF BEND RD & SW WESTMINSTER DR	2:40
SW 146TH AVE & SW TREVOR LN	7:30	14495 SW BEND RD (OAKMONT APTS)	2:45
SW TREVOR LN & SW MULBERRY DR	7:34	SW 146TH AVE & SW TREVOR LN	2:46
SW TREVOR LN & SW ROSARIO LN	7:35	SW TREVOR LN & SW MULBERRY DR	2:49
School: ART RUTKIN ES	7:45	SW TREVOR LN & SW ROSARIO LN	2:50
ROUTE: 14		ROUTE: 14	
	TIME		TIME
SW TREVOR LN & SW ROSARIO LN	7:16	School: ART RUTKIN ES	2:25
SW BULL MOUNTAIN RD & SW 161ST AVE	7:26	SW BULL MOUNTAIN RD & SW 161ST AVE	2:39
SW BULL MOUNTAIN RD & SW JULIET TERR	7:31	SW BULL MOUNTAIN RD & SW JULIET TERR	2:43
SW PARKPLACE LN & SW 150TH AVE	7:33	SW PARKPLACE LN & SW 150TH AVE	2:46
School: ART RUTKIN ES	7:45	SW TREVOR LN & SW ROSARIO LN	2:57
ROUTE: 15		ROUTE: 15	
	TIME		TIME
SW BEEF BEND RD & SW PEACHTREE DR	7:27	School: ART RUTKIN ES	2:25
SW BEEF BEND RD & SW COLYER WAY	7:29	SW BEEF BEND RD & SW PEACHTREE DR	2:40
School: ART RUTKIN ES	7:45	SW BEEF BEND RD & SW COLYER WAY	2:41
ROUTE: 16		ROUTE: 16	
	TIME		TIME
SW BULL MOUNTAIN RD & SW 161ST AVE (South)	7:19	School: ART RUTKIN ES	2:25
SW PARKPLACE LN & SW 153RD AVE	7:24	SW 165TH AVE & SW BEEMER LN	2:27
SW BULL MOUNTAIN RD & SW 155TH TER	7:26	SW BULL MOUNTAIN RD & SW 161ST AVE (South)	2:32
SW BULL MOUNTAIN RD & SW 161ST AVE (North)	7:28	SW PARKPLACE LN & SW 153RD AVE	2:36
SW BULL MOUNTAIN RD & SW 164TH AVE	7:30	SW BULL MOUNTAIN RD & SW 155TH TER	2:38
SW 165TH AVE & SW BEEMER LN	7:35	SW BULL MOUNTAIN RD & SW 161ST AVE (North)	2:42
School: ART RUTKIN ES	7:45	SW BULL MOUNTAIN RD & SW 164TH AVE	2:43
ROUTE: 17		ROUTE: 17	
	SAME AS REGULAR ROUTE		SAME AS REGULAR ROUTE

Free Help to Apply for Oregon Health Plan (OHP)

OHP Plus is now available to low-income kids and adults regardless of immigration status. Coverage is free and includes mental health, routine dental care, and physical health services.

OHP Bridge and Marketplace health coverage are available to adults above the OHP Plus income limits.

Find a local expert at OregonHealthCare.gov and enroll from Nov 1, 2025, to Jan 15, 2026.

Learn more

Life happens. Let's get you covered.

Count on us to help you find the best plan for your health needs, budget and location.

OHP Plus
Oregon Health Plan (OHP)

OHP Bridge

Marketplace Health Coverage

OHP Plus is available to low income kids and adults regardless of immigration status. Coverage is free and includes mental health, routine dental, and physical health.

OHP Bridge is available to adults with income above OHP Plus income limits. Coverage is free and similar to OHP Plus.

Marketplace health coverage is available — often with financial help. Your cost depends on your income, age, where you live, and the plan you choose.

Free local help is available.

Want help getting started and applying for coverage? Not sure how to apply or what plan is best for you?

Local help is available from health coverage experts near you — and all help is free! Find a local expert at OregonHealthCare.gov.

Enroll Nov. 1, 2025 – Jan. 15, 2026 for 2026 Marketplace coverage — or within 60 days of a major life change.

OREGON HEALTHCARE
Let's get you covered.

The information on this page is not intended to constitute an offer of insurance.

Volunteer Information

Would you like to be a volunteer or be a field trip chaperone? Have you gone through TTSD's volunteer process? If not, please make sure to do so. Once cleared you are good for 3 years. **Here is the link to sign up!**



*If you are approved at another TTSD school and have gone through this process, **but are new to Art Rutkin**, please email artrutkinoffice@ttsd.k12.or.us and we'll get you added to our volunteer computer. Thank you to those that have already reached out.

25-26 District Calendar

Shop for Spirit Wear here

Students R&R Handbok

Click here for Volunteer Info

Activity & Community Flyers

Lunch menus found here

Information for Club K

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

[Art Rutkin Elementary website](#)

[Art Rutkin Elementary newsletters](#)

[Club K website](#)

[TTSD job postings](#)

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