



Salish Ponds Dragonfly Newsletter

November 2023

Conferences!

Conferences are this month. Teachers have been reading out to families to sign up for conferences. You should've received the initial conference information request information and sign-up letter from your teacher already. The teachers are hard at work getting all the conferences scheduled and we look forward to seeing you sometime between the 21st and 23rd. If you have any questions or have not received any conference information, please reach out to you student's teacher.



During conferences, please make sure to come by the lost and found, near the office. We want to make sure scholars have their coats!

Counselors Corner! 🦋

Hello Salish Ponds Families!

We hope you are enjoying these beautiful (and chillier) days!

This month's theme focuses on gratefulness and remembering all that we have to be thankful for. It is an important skill as "Practicing gratitude teaches students about having empathy for themselves and others, which allows them to develop strong relationships and effectively manage setbacks and challenges." (Scholastic).

Here are resources to continue the conversation at home!

K-2: Books-

The Gratitude Jar by Katrina Liu

Gratitude is My Superpower by Alicia Ortego

The Monster Who Wanted It All (The WorryWoos) by Andi Green

3-5: Books-

Those Shoes by Maribeth Boelts

Splat says Thank You! by Rob Scotton

Thank You, Mr. Falker by Patricia Palocco

Please continue to reach out with any questions or needs you might have!

Cultural Awareness: native American/American Indian heritage

In the month of November, we will be learning about Native American/American Indian Heritage. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Salish's history, tribes, awareness of the challenges that Native people have historically overcome, and ways tribes have conquered their challenges. We are excited to share information with our scholars and to learn more about the lands we live on.



Being at School Matters!

Did you see the [article in the Oregonian](#) about Salish Ponds bringing up the attendance rate? Having students in class matters!

We know students who attend school regularly are more successful academically and have a better chance of graduating high school? When students are out, they miss the consistency and connection of their friends and class, too. Being a regular attender means missing no more than two days each month!

But what should you do if your student is sick? Students *can* go to school if:

- They have a runny nose or little cough, but no other symptoms.
- They haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours and have been fever-free during that time.
- They haven't thrown up or had diarrhea for 24 hours.

If the above isn't true, keep students at home and call the office or send a Parent Square message so we know why your student is missing school.

Check out the [Everyday Matters toolkits for families](#) for support.

Outside Recess

We will continue to try and take our classes outside as much as possible for recesses. Please remember to send your student to school with clothes to be outside.

Thanksgiving Break

There is no school the week of November 20th. That week is dedicated to parent teacher conferences and to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The office will still be open on the 20th and the 21st from 8:00AM - 8:00PM to answer questions and assist with conferences. Have a great holiday and mini break!

Upcoming Events in November!

November:

- Late start days: 1, 6, 13, & 27th
- Cultural Night: 2nd @ 5:30-7:30pm
- No school: 9th, 10th
- Winter Weatherization Workshop: 16th @ 5:30-7pm
- Conferences: 20-22nd
- Holiday Break: 23-24th
- Ned Assembly: 9:30-10:15 in the Cafe



December:

- Late start days: 4 & 11th
- Winter Break: 18th- January 2nd



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