

Creston School

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March
2018

Mark the Date:

March 5

Community Listening Session, 9 am & 6 pm

March 8

Scrip Orders Due

March 10

Auction, 6:30 pm
Mercy Corps Action Center

March 16

PTA Coffee
Scrip Distributed

March 22

STEM Night, 5:30 pm
Rudy's Night, 5-8 pm

March 26-30

Spring Break
No School

April 6

Family Movie Night, 6 pm

April 10

PTA Meeting 6 pm

Creston School PTA News

Creston Auction

Lisa Kensel, Auction Chair

We are less than 10 days away from our largest fundraiser of the year! You might want to know how you can help, where do you buy tickets, and what is this Nintendo thing your kids are telling you about?

Our Silent Auction is **March 10, 2018 at the Mercy Corps Action Center, 45 SW Ankeny (next to Saturday Market)**. It will begin at 6:30 pm with food, drinks and bidding for great items and the proceeds go to Creston! The food is a catered event by White Pepper Catering, voted one of the top Caterer's in Portland! There are free drinks- beer by Burnside Brewing, wine and a signature cocktail! Then we top it all off with some fun casino themed games and dessert! And the best part is you get to have a great time while Creston earns some funds!

Never been to a Silent Auction before? It's really simple- you put your bidder number down on the things you want, walk around eating, drinking and having a good time, checking back on your bids from time to time, and then when the Auction closes you win the items where you are the high bidder. Easy and a lot of fun! Tickets are \$20 each for first timers, \$30 for a single ticket and \$50 for a pair of tickets. Prices increase March 6th- so get your tickets soon!

How do you buy tickets to attend our event? Check it out here: <https://charityauction.bid/creston>. You can also purchase tickets before and after school most days until the auction. Find us in the Lobby of Creston.

Raffles:

- **A \$200 Gift Certificate for Winco Foods-** 200 tickets max sold, 1 winner
- **A Nintendo Switch Gaming System with Mario Bundle** valued at \$300 - 200 tickets max sold, 1 winner
- **Principal for a Day, K-5** (Principal duties, skating at Oaks Park and lunch at Slappy Cakes)- 200 tickets max sold, 4 winners
- **Principal for a Day, 6-8** (Principal duties, donuts at Joes, Tubing at Mt. Hood Meadows and lunch at Burgerville)- 200 tickets max sold, 4 winners

Want to know what we've got to bid on? Check out our catalog here: <https://charityauction.bid/creston>. We have tons of great items and we are receiving more every day! So the biggest ask we have is for you to attend the event and buy raffle tickets. What if that doesn't work for you or you have other plans the night of the Auction? Well- we've got a way that everyone can get in on the fun! Donate a bottle of beer or wine for us to use in the Wine Pull or Beer Punch Game and you will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card of your choice from our extensive Scrip Gift Card Menu! There are a lot of great cards you might be able to win- all it takes to enter that drawing is a donation of beer (22 oz bottle) or wine (value of \$10-\$30). You can bring your

donation to the Creston office in a brown bag, marked Auction and with your name and email address for the drawing and we take it from there!





Principal's Corner

Krista Blovad, Interim Principal

I am so excited to be sharing information and upcoming events happening at Creston in the now weekly "Monday Message". I hope this new form of communication is helpful to you in knowing what is going on around the school each week. Please let me know if there is any information that you would like to see put out in the message that would be valuable to you and your family. I highly value feedback and appreciate anything you can share with me about improving communication.

Plant Sale

Elena Miranda, PTA Plant Sale Coordinator

Our annual PTA plant sale fundraiser is a go, look for plant sale forms to come home just before Spring Break! Plant orders will arrive before school starts on Friday May 11th, the nice thing about this is it is just before Mothers Day! Order forms are due to Elena and to the PTA box in the office by April 16th. This sale is open to anyone who can come pick up their plants from the school, so please feel free to share the info and spread the word, we have had a lot of group orders from offices in the past!

Volunteer Corner:

Thank you to Liz Bonnett and all the parent volunteers who helped put on this year's fabulous talent show! It was a lot of fun to see our students shining on stage.



We appreciate our February movie night volunteers; Shantelly Miles, Abby Nilsen-Kirby and Lisa Kensel.

STEAM Night:

Creston's second annual Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) is coming up on March 22nd! We have some really great activities planned as well as free dinner and a chance to get hands-on with your families! Volunteers to help with this event are greatly appreciated. There are multiple ways to help out in the weeks leading up to the event as well as the afternoon/evening of the event. If you are interested please contact: Elena Miranda- emiranda@impactnw.org, Jessica Wenzl- healthandsafety@crestonschoolpta.org or Abby Nilsen-Kirby- president@crestonschoolpta.org

SUN Update:

Elena Miranda, SUN Extended Day Coordinator

Ben Mauer has gladly joined our SUN team as our new SUN Site Manager! Ben is a former teacher, administrator, SUN School Site Manager, researcher and author. Ben has this to say, " I'm looking forward joining this community and doing whatever I can to provide the highest-quality academic supports and enrichments. I am a strong believer in the role of the arts, physical activity, gardening, cooking, and music in education. I personally enjoy all of these activities, the outdoors, basketball and soccer, world music and a good book."

In other exciting news we are planning to have SPRING REGISTRATION Night on Thursday, March 8th, with paperwork being due back the 12th, so we can get placement done and confirmations out before SPRING BREAK!!!!

I truly hope your students have enjoyed this term of SUN! Here is a little SNEAK PEEK of some of our partner classes- Saturday Academy is offering a class for 2nd and 3rd graders called Farm on The Go, complete with live animals in the class-

Just So You Know.....

PTA Meeting:

Our next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10th at 6pm in the Creston Library. The agenda for the meeting will be emailed out via the PTA google group a few days prior. We will hear updates about the carnival and multicultural night!

Community Input Meeting:

We hope by now that everyone has heard the news that Mr. Hurdle has resigned as Creston's Principal. He will be greatly missed by our community and we wish him the best. PPS will begin the hiring process for our new Principal in the next week with a community listening session. We invite any parent or guardian of a current Creston student to attend one of the scheduled sessions. This a time for everyone to give input on what we want and need from a principal. Childcare and translation services will be available during the evening session only. Input sessions will take place on March 5th at 9am in room 118 and March 5th at 6pm in the library. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out.

Scrip:

Scrip orders will be due Thursday, March 8th and will be distributed Friday, March 16th. Scrip is a super easy way to help support Creston! Order gift cards via the Scrip program and Creston gets a percentage of each purchase. Great for your weekly shopping, birthdays, and gifts! Card order forms can be found in the main office at the black PTA file box or at crestonschoolpta.org.