



Alberta Rider Elementary School

Home of the Bulls

Alberta Rider Elementary School - 14850 SW 132nd Terrace - Tigard, Or 97224

*Phone: 503.431.4900 *Attendance Line: 503.431.4920 *AREoffice@ttsd.k12.or.us *Fax: 503.431.4910

Find our web page at: www.ttsd.k12.or.us/schools/alberta-rider-elementary

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

December 2, 2011

Dear Families,

Susan Castillo, last year's Superintendent of Public Instruction, has recognized Alberta Rider Elementary as one of the Oregon schools to receive an overall rating of "Outstanding" on the Oregon School Report Card. The report card uses a formula that measures both the number of students who met or exceeded state standards and student progress toward a growth target based on scores over the last two years. Overall, 93% of our students met or exceeded in English/Language Arts and 83% met or exceeded in Math using the new, higher cut score standards. 90% of our students would have met or exceeded according to the previous year's standards. Our teachers work extremely hard to ensure that all our students' needs are met. We consistently use effective teaching strategies and student performance data to adjust our instruction. I am very proud of our students and teachers!

On the district website under 'parent resources' is our talented and gifted page: <http://www.ttsd.k12.or.us/district/student-services/tag>. Here you will find math problems to solve, newsletter puzzles and activities for everyone. The last newsletter puzzle was, "S P R E A D out your fingers and look at your hand. Do people with big hands have larger angles between their fingers?"

Congratulations second grade students, Mrs. McKean, Mrs. Ayers and the second grade teachers for a wonderful musical performance on November 17. In Character Matters, our second graders sang beautifully and acted superbly. This month, we are looking forward to the fourth grade music program titled, Where in the World is the Fourth Grade?

December is an exciting month. We have three full weeks before the winter break to learn and grow at school. Many of our families anticipate the Christmas holiday and special events with family and friends. For some families, this time of year also brings added financial stress. Last week our ARE community contributed food items and donations for Thanksgiving baskets to over twenty school families that needed assistance. Our recent Caring Closet can drive and the Ambassadors' Heavenly Hats fundraisers were also highly successful. Thank you for your generosity.



Laura Kintz
Principal

CALENDAR



ELL Night	Dec. 6
4th Grade Music Program	Dec. 8 @ 7:00 pm
PSO Meeting in Library	Dec. 13 @6:30 pm
Winter Break Begins	Dec. 19
Return to School	Jan. 3
Martin Luther King Day -	Jan. 16
No School	
1st Grade Music Program	Jan. 19
ELL Spanish Literacy Night	Jan. 26
Vision/Hearing Screening	Jan. 31

Immunization Information

This is the time of year when we ask parents to check their child's immunization record. If your child is in Kindergarten or First grade, he or she might still need a booster DTP and Polio Booster, a second MMR or the Hepatitis A series.

If your student still needs vaccinations, you may call your family doctor or the Washington County Health Department at 503-846-8851. Call for an appointment as walk-ins will not be seen. The Tigard Health Center is also available. For appointments call 503-431-5775.

ELL NIGHT AT ALBERTA RIDER

Come discover what the program has to offer. On Tuesday, Dec. 6 we will meet in the cafeteria at 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. International food and childcare will be provided. There will be Spanish Translation.

4th GRADE MUSIC PROGRAM
"Where In The World is 4th Grade"
Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7:00 pm



Weekly Schedule
Monday, December 5 is a "B" Day.

Interested in skiing or snowboarding?

Join the **Tigard-Tualatin Snoblasters Ski Bus** for fun and fitness on the slopes of Mt. Hood Meadows! The day consists of a round trip on a teacher/parent chaperoned motor coach-style bus and 4 hours of lessons with Mt. Hood Meadows instructors with a lunch break in the middle. All skill levels are welcome. Teachers and parents from the community have been organizing and chaperoning the ski bus since 1995. The four fun-filled Sundays are happening this February! Sign up early for the lowest cost. **For more information or to sign up come to an informational meeting on December 7th at 6:30 pm at Bridgeport Elementary or contact Lisa Helm at 503-771-2499 or email ltilney@hotmail.com.**

LEARN TO EARN BANKING DAY

Every Tuesday at ARE

8:00-8:20 By the stairs near Library

Only \$1.00 to open an account

Save for awesome stuff! It's fun and easy



SCHOOL CLOSURE and SNOW ROUTES

The Tigard-Tualatin School District uses the Flash Alert system to notify about emergency closures. You can sign up for it on the TTSD website and you will receive email and/or text messages when school closures occur. Local TV and radio stations are other resources of information regarding closures. The Alberta Rider bus snow routes are available on the district website: www.ttsd.k12.or.us



HEALTH CARE AT TIGARD HIGH

The School Based Health Center at Tigard High now offers Dental Care! In addition to physical and mental health, beginning in October, once a week, a Dental Hygienist comes to the the clinic to do cleanings and apply sealants. In addition, once a quarter a dental van will visit. Please see your school counselor for more information and a referral. Please remember the SBHC hours are as follows:
Anne Trainor; Nurse Practitioner: M-Th:3:00-4:00
Monika Friend; Mental Health Specialist: M-F 7:30-4:00 Phone: 503.431.5775

Appointments are recommended for non-urgent concerns. Walk-ins are seen for urgent problems. In addition, the SBHC at Tigard High is looking for a liaison at your school, if you are interested in health and helping the children in your school access healthcare when they need it, please email atrainor@vgmhc.org.

LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found, located in the cafeteria, has accumulated an abundance of clothing and other items. Please take a moment to look through it for anything your child may be missing. All unclaimed items in the Lost and Found will be donated to The Caring Closet after the winter break.

