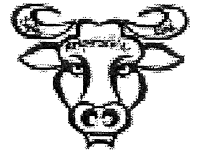


Alberta Rider Elementary School

Home of the Bulls



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September 30, 2011

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Thank you for attending our Back-To-School Nights and teaming up with us as we begin the 2011-12 school year. Your child's success in school depends upon a strong partnership between home and school. We will work very hard and rely on your help to ensure that your child receives the best possible education at Alberta Rider Elementary

At Alberta Rider and in the Tigard Tualatin School District, we educate students using the content standards-based system. All students who meet or exceed these standards receive enriched and enhanced instruction. Students who need support to meet the state and district standards are given the additional instruction they need. You can read about the state standards on the Oregon Department of Education Website: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/> under Teaching and Learning.

Safety

At ARE our first priority is your child's safety. Thank you for doing your part to keep our parking lot at arrival and dismissal times safe. If you decide to walk your dog to school when you pick up your child, please wait to the north of the parent pick-up area just past the folding storage doors.

If your children ride the bus, please discuss these guidelines with them:

- Cross the street only after the driver has signaled to do so, and only in front of the bus. Do not ever cross behind the bus. Bus drivers cannot see children behind the bus.
- Food is not allowed on buses. If students bring breakfast items, they may eat them in the cafeteria when they arrive at school. Plastic water bottles are OK.
- Please allow a 5 minute window for arrival and dismissal at bus stops. Drivers do their best to stay on time, but cannot foresee certain circumstances.

Conferences

Our Fall Conferences are scheduled for October 27 and 28. If you haven't scheduled a time, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. Parent involvement has a critical effect on children's learning and attitude about school.

Here are some suggestions for a successful conference:

Before the Conference –

1. Write down any questions you want to discuss.
2. Ask your child how they feel about school and if there are any questions you should discuss with the teacher.
3. Be sure to let the teacher know if there are events that are happening in your child's life (a new baby, divorce) that could effect your child's performance.

Calendar of Events



Volunteer Training	Oct. 4 6:00
PSO Meeting	Oct. 11 - 6:30
Art in the Burbs	Oct. 21-23
ARE Book Fair	Oct. 24-28
Baggenstos Family Night	Oct. 26 - 6:30-8:30
Picture Re-takes	Oct. 26
School Conferences-No School	Oct. 27-28
Halloween Parties	Oct. 31
End of 1st Quarter	Nov. 9
PSO Mtg	Nov. 8 - 6:30
K-12 Training-No School	Nov. 10
Veteran's Day - No School	Nov. 11
2nd Grade Music Program	Nov. 17 - 7:00 p.m.
Teacher Work Day - No School	Nov. 21-22
K-12 No School	Nov. 23
Thanksgiving Holiday	Nov. 24-25

Calendario de Eventos



Entrenamiento para Voluntarios	4 de octubre 6:00 pm
Junta de PSO	11 de octubre 6:30 pm
Feria de Arte	21-23 de octubre
Feria de Libros	24 - 28 de octubre
Noche de Diversion-Granja Baggenstos	26 de octubre-6:30
Conferencias-No Hay Clases	27-28 de octubre
Retoques de Fotos	26 de octubre
Fin de Primer Cuarto	9 de noviembre
Junta de PSO	8 de nov - 6:30
Entrenimiento-No Hay Clases	10 de noviembre
Día de los Veteranos - Feriado	11 de noviembre
Programa Musical de 2º Grado	17 de nov - 7:00pm
Entrenamiento -No Hay Clases	21-22 de noviembre
Día de Trabajo -No Hay Clases	23 de noviembre
Día de Acción de Gracias - Feriado	24-25 de noviembre

NEWSLETTER FLYER INFORMATION

Flyers received during the week will be posted each Friday on our website. Please look for them there.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, October 4 is a "B" Day.



Conference Day –

1. Arrive on time and stay only for the time scheduled for the appointment. You may always schedule another appointment with the teacher if you need to discuss an issue further.
2. Ask questions about data and scores. What do they mean? What is a reasonable target for improvement?
3. Summarize your understanding of your child's progress and the teacher's comments to make sure you and the teacher are in agreement.
4. Visit the Book Fair in our library!

After the Conference –

1. Stay in touch with the teacher either by phone or email
2. Discuss with your child what was said during the conference. Be sure to praise your child and emphasize any positive comments the teacher made.

Have a safe and healthy autumn!

Laura Kintz
Principal

IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION

• SCHOOL ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL TIMES:

Although school is open for students beginning at 8:05 a.m., we are not able to provide supervision in the office prior to 8:00 or after 2:35 p.m. Please do not send your child to school before the designated arrival time or leave him/her after dismissal.

• AFTER SCHOOL:

If your child is going anywhere but home after school, he/she must have a note from home signed by the parent. If going to a friend's house after school, both need a note. **School buses also require a note for a child to ride with a friend or for a child to be dropped off at a different stop.**

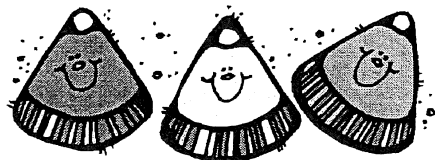
• MEDICATION POLICY:

We must have written request/instructions signed by the parent for students who must take prescriptions and/or over the counter medication at school on a regular or temporary basis. Prescriptions must be in their original container, labeled clearly with the student's name and the physician's name. This will be the only way to have medication administered at school. All medications will be kept locked up in the health office. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND MEDICATION TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD. MEDICATION MUST BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL BY A PARENT.**

• DAY CARE:

Our on site day care provider for this year will be the YMCA. Their phone number is 503-327-0007.

• VOLUNTEERS/VISITORS: We rely heavily upon our volunteers and visitors to Alberta Rider Elementary! We do ask that everyone sign in at the office on our computer and wear a volunteer or visitor's badge. This is critical to making and keeping Alberta Rider Elementary a safe place.



FROM THE OFFICE

Office email: Our email address is an excellent place for you to use to ask questions, report absences, share necessary information or update contacts. It is AREoffice@ttsd.k12.or.us.

Website tip: There is a calendar icon at the top right hand corner of our home page which will take you directly to the ARE calendar. This is where you will find all of the most up-to-date information for events at our school.

Newsletter Information: The ARE Newsletter is published every month and is available on the school website at: www.ttsd.k12.or.us/schools/alberta-rider-elementary. However, if you do not have access to the internet, you may request that a newsletter be sent home with your student on newsletter Fridays. Please call 503-431-4902.



**Family Fall Fun Fest
at Baggenstos Farm**

Come join Alberta Rider
Elementary Families & Staff

**Wednesday, October 26
6:30-8:30p.m.
At Baggenstos Farm on
Roy Rogers Rd.**



ART IN THE BURBS

You are all invited to The Foundation's Art
In The Burbs Fine Art Exhibit & Sale!

Friday, October 21 3:00-9:00
Saturday, October 22 10:00-6:00
Sunday, October 23 11:00-5:00

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