



# *Falcon Flyer*

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**At Fowler  
We “Are”**

**Safe**

**Respectful**

**Responsible**

## **A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

It’s hard to believe that we are at the end of the first quarter already! It seems like yesterday that we were greeting all of our new students and families into our “Fowler Family”!

Parent teacher conferences were a huge success, and our staff enjoyed having the opportunity to meet the families and discuss their child’s educational experiences and academics. As we progress through the year please remember to check your Parent Assist accounts to see how your child is doing academically, and also contact the teachers for any further information and/or clarification. One of the most important contributions to your student’s academic success is the partnership between school and home. Don’t hesitate to give me a call or any of the teachers if we can assist in any way.

A reminder that we will not have school this month on the following dates:

November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day

November 12<sup>th</sup> – Teacher training day

November 13<sup>th</sup> – Teacher work day for grading

November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Holiday

I want to thank your families for their support last month on our PACE and magazine sale fundraisers. We didn’t meet our goal on either fundraiser, but the money raised will once again support our teachers, building needs and team fieldtrips. We are fortunate to have a wonderful PSO Board that works tirelessly to support our school and students. Our thanks to each of them, and please help me thank them when you see them.

All of us at Fowler Middle School wish you and all of your family a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday later this month. November is a short month, but one filled with many opportunities for learning and building strong friendships.

Shelley Corry

## **FOWLER ANNOUCEMENTS**

### **NEWS FROM MR. PALDINO**

With our WES Wilsonville north – south Max rail line fully operational it is important to remind our students to make bus safety a top priority. Specifically, everyone needs to focus on how vital it is for our students to adhere to the “no talking rule” when their bus is approaching and crossing any set of railroad tracks. It is understandable that our students would not see a reason to be overly concerned

about rail traffic since in the past the occasional freight trains passed over the tracks at a snail's pace. The new commuter trains however are much quieter and come through at a higher rate of speed. Section sixteen of the TTSD Students Rights and Responsibilities handbook (located on page thirteen) clearly lists both student rights, responsibilities and expectations regarding bus transportation and I encourage you and your student(s) to refresh yourself with this very important safety information.

Regarding skateboards, the policy of our transportation carrier, First Student, states that all skateboards brought on school busses must be carried in a skateboard-carrying bag. This is to prevent boards rolling up and down the isles in the event of a sudden stop. Call First Student at (503-431-2345 if you have any further questions.

Mr. Paldino



## **FOWLER SNOWBUS**

The Fowler Snowriders are planning another fun season of recreational skiing and snowboarding at Mount Hood Meadows. Snowriders is a convenient way for students to enjoy the winter snow through an organized and advisor-chaperoned program. We have packages for skiers and snowboarders of all ability levels.

Rentals and lessons will be available in addition to the bus ride and lift tickets. Raz Transportation provides participants with safe and comfortable journey to the mountain.

Mr. Reines is the Fowler Snowrider program advisor. He would be happy to answer questions via phone or e-mail (503) 431-5049, dreines@ttsd.k12.or.us

## **Season Opener: Saturday, December 12**

Beginner Special:	\$50	Includes lift (beginner lifts only), lesson and rental
Lift	\$30	
Rental	\$25	
Lesson	\$30	
Bus	\$30	

## **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

After school activities will end on November 18<sup>th</sup> because of the fall parties on the November 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **CARING CLOSET**

The Caring Closet charitable program typically serves about 150 of our district's children each fall as they head back to school. But this fall the Caring Closet expects to serve nearly 400 students in need! That is roughly the number of students in an entire elementary school!

Supplies are needed for the Caring Closet. Please go through your children's outgrown clothes, bring in those unused shampoo and soaps from hotel stays, empty out your linen closet and give sheets,

blankets and towels. Below is a list of things you can donate to help a child in our district and perhaps even in our school.

Gently Used and Washed  
School Clothing and Coats  
Blankets and Sheets  
Books

New  
Shoes  
Underwear and Socks  
Basic Hygiene Products

Bring your items to the school lobby where you will find a bin marked for the Caring Closet. Volunteers will make sure it gets to the children. Together we can improve our community by serving its smallest members.

Come "join the party" at our Zumba® "dance fitness" Fundraiser! **Proceeds benefit The Foundation For Tigard Tualatin Schools.**

Date: Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 10:30am - 11:30am  
Location: The Ballroom Dance Co.  
8900 SW Commercial Street  
503.639.4861  
Cost: \$8.00  
Contact: [lisamckinney@me.com](mailto:lisamckinney@me.com)

The Zumba® program fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program that will blow you away. Zumba® Fanatics achieve long-term benefits while experiencing an absolute blast in one exciting hour of calorie-burning, body-energizing, awe-inspiring movements meant to engage and captivate for life! Join the party!