

Tuesday Newsday

Your PTC Newsletter April 6, 2010

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READING ALOUD

Parents frequently want to know how they can help their children be successful in school. One frequently cited method is to model a love of reading to your child. It is clear from the abundance of research linking a child's success to their parents' reading to them, that this is a powerful tool, not to mention a family pleasure. As magical as this experience can be, it doesn't mysteriously teach your child to read. It will, however, be of benefit by:

- exposing your child to new vocabulary that may be much richer than language heard in everyday conversations
- allowing your child to make sense, with your help, of the way a text unfolds through words rather than pictures (as in the case of TV)
- providing opportunities for your child to interact more with text by predicting what will happen next, asking questions, and figuring out what is happening beyond the text
- encouraging children to use their imagination to visualize the characters, setting, and action being described
- exposing your child to places, times, and situations that they may have not yet experienced.

The most glorious benefit of reading to your child however, is the time you spend together! It's one more opportunity to shower them with positive attention and give them lots to talk with you about. Sexton Mountain's One School, One Book program also gives your student lots to talk about with their teachers, classmates, and other school staff.

Upcoming Events

April 12	Assessment Day NO STUDENTS
April 21	Kindergarten Orientation 6:30pm
April 23	Science Fair 6:30-8:30pm
May 3-7	Staff Appreciation Week
May 4	LSC Meeting 8am
	Site Council Meeting 3:15pm

ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK - *Love That Dog*

Once again, Sexton Mountain Elementary will sponsor an on going read aloud event with our One School, One Book program. This year's selected book is *Love That Dog*.

April 14th: Kick-off Skits and books sent home with the youngest child in each family (reading schedule included)

April 14-28th: Families read aloud at home. Support for the reading is offered through school-wide and classroom activities.

April 29th: 6:30 - 7:30 Literacy Night at Sexton Mountain (details to follow)

LITERACY NIGHT BOOK SWAP BOOKS NEEDED

Do you need a new book? Are you tired of all the same old literature around your house? Isn't it time for a brand new story? If that's true...then...come to the BOOK SWAP! As part of the ONE SCHOOL ONE BOOK activities on the evening of April 29th, there will be a school-wide BOOK SWAP in the cafeteria. If you have books at home that are appropriate and in good condition, bring them to the book swap and trade/swap them for a book/s you'll find there.

Every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30am, Sexton Mountain parents are invited to workout in the cafeteria to a variety of "Biggest Loser" DVDs that will be shown on the big screen. All you need is a workout mat, hand weights and a little motivation! The Biggest Loser DVDs will be in a weekly rotation, with the **APRIL** schedule as follows:

4/6 NO WORKOUT (school assembly) **4/8** Cardio Max

4/13 & 15 Bootcamp

4/20 & 22 Last Chance Workout

4/27 & 29 Power Sculpt

Full-Day Kindergarten Offered

Sexton Mountain will offer the option of a tuition-paid, full-day kindergarten program for the 2010-2011 school year.

When registering your incoming kindergartener, parents now have the option of continuing the established State paid, half-day program or pay tuition of \$3,150 per year, in payments of \$350 per month from September through May, to have their child in a full day kindergarten program. The school must have a minimum of 17 applicants in order to offer a full-day class.

If you have an incoming kindergartener and are interested in applying for the tuition-paid kindergarten option for the 2010 – 2011 school year or you want more information, please contact the office at 503-672-3560.

Children must be fully registered for kindergarten (enrollment form, proof of age, proof of residency and immunization record submitted) before the application for the full-day, tuition-paid program will be accepted. Applications are currently available and must be returned to Margaret Zwetschke before 4:00 PM on April 15th. There are a limited number of spaces for this program; therefore students will be selected via lottery.

What: Beaverton Clothes Closet

Needed: Volunteers needed to sort and distribute clothing

When: April 14th from 9:30am-4:30pm
(Two hour shifts)

9:30-11:30

11:30-1:30

1:30-3:30

3:30-4:30

Where: 16550 SW Merlo Rd (Jenkins and 180th down from Costco and Reesers)

Contact: Saralyn Dougall,
saralyn_dougall@yahoo.com, or 971-732-5730

School District Contact: Johanna Shrout

Just a friendly reminder...

Please drop off and pick up your child in the turn-around area
ONLY.

It keeps everyone safe!

Spring after school clubs will run from April 28 through May 25. If you would like to lead a club please contact Dave Robinson at 503-672-3560 or by

Attention Fifth Grade Parents!



We are interested in gathering pictures of 5th graders for the Slide Show at the 5th Grade Celebration Party and for the Memory Book. For the Memory Book, we are especially interested in group pictures of your child and his fellow 5th grade friends taken at Sexton Mountain events (Fun Run, Class Parties, Field Trips, Science Fair, Carnival, Field Day, BizTown, Triathlon, etc.) Please send pictures via email to jples@ptvamerica.com, and name each photo as the child(ren)'s name. Deadline is May 1.

If you have an announcement you'd like to share with the Sexton Mountain Community, please submit your article to the Tuesday Newsday editor at

*tuesdaynewsday@sextonmountainptc.org
by 12PM on Friday. All articles are subject to PTC and administration approval.*

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