



Palouse Prairie School  
of expeditionary learning

# Tuesday Times

Our Weekly Newsletter

Urgent: In your communication folder today you will find a request for your child's ethnicity data. It is very important that we get this information back quickly. Please help us to get this report back to the State Department by Oct. 15. Your help is greatly appreciated!!

## International Walk to School Day

We had terrific participation for last Wednesday's International Walk to School Day. I enjoyed hearing stories of how families got creative about how to participate, from families living on Moscow Mountain driving into town and then biking from Les Schwab, to families taking new and scenic biking paths that they had never experienced before.

A highlight for us was taking the entire PPSEL student body for a walk down to the U of I entrance. We wanted to give those students who hadn't had a chance to walk a way to be included. K and 1st grade students joined the upper grade crews for their usual Walking Wednesday event. The K and 1st graders walked down to have snack and recess on U of I's lovely, green grass. The 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders continued on to Berman Park for some science discoveries and additional recess.

Thank you, parents for helping us to make the day a success!



# Design Principles & Spotlights

Expeditionary Learning uses 10 Design Principles to help draw our attention back to the things that are most important. We will be teaching 1 principle each week until our CREW has good command of them. So far, we've learned:

**The Having of Wonderful Ideas** We all have great ideas to share. We need matter to think about, time to experiment, and time to make sense of our world.

**The Natural World** A direct and respectful relationship with the natural world refreshes the human spirit and reveals important lessons. We must learn to be stewards of the earth.

**Service & Compassion** We are crew, not passengers, and are strengthened by acts of consequential service to others. We are continually asking the question, "How can I make a difference?"

**Diversity & Inclusion** Our differences make us stronger. Differences increase the richness of ideas, creative power, problem-solving ability, and acceptance of others.

**The Primacy of Self-Discovery** Discovering one's strengths is critically important. When students engage in tasks that require perseverance, self-discipline, craftsmanship, and imagination, they discover that there is more in them than they think.

## EL Spotlights

(I'm experimenting with a new format that I hope will make these a bit easier to follow. Your feedback is appreciated)

**Ahlayna Zachow** for comforting a classmate who was feeling bad; **Sam Eaton** for bringing Monster trucks for her classmates to play with; **Lisa LaPaglia** for picking up all the paper towels on the bathroom floor; **Charles Scott** for helping a classmate clean up a spill; **Ms. Bonzo** for always helping when crossing guards are needed; **all the teachers** for pitching in to do duties beyond what normal teachers do (i.e. cleaning bathrooms, vacuuming, etc.)

**Molly Eaton** for bringing spearmints to share with the class to help the class think sweet thoughts of appreciation for each other; **the 4/5 CREW** for being supportive role models for their 1st grade book buddies.

**All K-5th grade students** for participating in International Walk to School Day. Many walked much farther than they thought possible, but they hung in there and supported one another.

## Books. Books, Books!

Palouse Prairie School is still building classroom libraries. We are seeking stories to illustrate the 10 design principles, our CREW (courage, responsibility, empathy, welcoming) character traits, as well as for a variety of curriculum and content areas. There are several ways you can

help increase our school book resources:

If you have books to donate that might relate to these areas, please bring them to the donation basket next to the library shelves in the school. Good quality books of any level can be donated and we can trade them for credit at the

used book stores to exchange for what we need. Order books through our upcoming Scholastic book fair (Nov. 4, 5 & 6), which allows us to purchase books at a greatly reduced price.

For more information, contact Krista Kramer at 882-4620 or [kkramer@moscow.com](mailto:kkramer@moscow.com).

## Thanks!

Thank you for all that you are doing to make PPSEL a great place. I greatly appreciate the cans you've been bringing in, the checks for the fence panels, and the donations of musical instruments, art supplies, and recreational equipment that keeps popping up at the school.

I also appreciate the parents that have come in donating their time to teach art, physical education, math, and creative writing. These little touches make our school and our community great. I appreciate y'all (note, the little southern touch) so much!

## Dates to Remember

- **Thursday & Friday Nov. 5-6 Parent Conferences**
- **Nov. 4-6 Scholastic Book Fair**
- **Wednesday, Nov. 11 Picture Day**

## Computer Techs Needed

**NEEDED:** Macintosh computer support. Nils Peterson has been providing some computer support, but he's involved with other school tasks and we need someone to take over some of the computer tasks, like setting up more computers, loading software, etc. Please contact Nils at [npeterson@PalousePrairieSchool.org](mailto:npeterson@PalousePrairieSchool.org) or 882-4620

## Reminders

**Parent Action Team** – The next PAT meeting will be October 27th at 7:00PM. This team's goal is to support the school by coordinating volunteer opportunities, organizing fundraisers, planning teacher/staff appreciation events, and providing enriching activities for our students. Contact Amy Ball at [aeball@att.net](mailto:aeball@att.net) or 882-1614 to get involved.

**Please Help Build the Fence!** Yanko Kranov needs help finishing the back playground fence throughout the month of October, starting Sunday, October 4. Contact him directly at 208-883-3351 (home) or 208-885-2730 (work).

**Please Save Your Cans!** Remember that Moscow is increasing the payout for aluminum cans on the day of November 14. We want all Palouse Prairie families to save their aluminum cans. Your child may bring the cans to school every Friday to be stored in the warehouse until November 14<sup>th</sup>. On November 14<sup>th</sup>, a staff member and parent volunteer will take them to the recycling center to cash them in.

**Have a Story to Tell?** Do you chair a PPSEL committee? If you have information to share to the PPSEL community, a story about a PPSEL student success, or committee updates, please send submissions for the newsletter to Summer at [sclayton@palouseprairieschool.org](mailto:sclayton@palouseprairieschool.org)