



# The Crater Connection

## FROM MR. MILNER'S KEYBOARD...

Dear Crater Parents,

As a part of our school improvement cycle, schools develop improvement goals based upon assessment data. The Crater Site Council has been working since August to develop and refine our school improvement (SIP) goals and targets. We have looked at student assessment data over the past five years and collaborated with staff in order to determine activities to support our goals.

It is now time to share our goals with parents and involve you in the process. The school improvement plan goals we will be targeting for the 2009—2011 school year as follows:

1. Improve the proficiency of our students in the area of writing.
2. Improve the proficiency in writing of our students receiving special education services
3. Improve the proficiency in reading of our students receiving special education services



As we move forward, we will be working to inform/train parents in supporting their child's achievement in these areas. If you have any questions, please let me know. Also, our site council is currently seeking a parent representative. If you have an interest in working with school staff in analyzing student achievement data, planning support activities and trainings and directing resources, please contact me at 503-554-4654.

*Kevin Milner*

Antonia Crater Principal

## COMING EVENTS

### JANUARY

- Monday, January 18th: NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Friday, January 22nd: POPCORN SALE
- Tuesday, January 26th: 5th Grade Parent Outdoor School Meeting @ 3:30 PM (Parent/Guardian needs to attend one of the two meetings scheduled)
- Tuesday, January 26th: 3rd Grade Reading Night @ 6:30 PM
- Thursday, January 28th: 5th Grade Parent Outdoor School Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- Friday, January 29th: NO SCHOOL - Staff Development Day

### FEBRUARY

- Monday, February 1st: - Friday, February 5th: Kid's Helping Kid's Coin Drive
- Tuesday, February 2nd: K - 2nd grade Family Math Night
- Monday, February 8th: PTO meeting @ 6:30 PM
- Monday, February 15th: NO SCHOOL - President's Day
- Wednesday, February 17th: 4th and 5th grade FT to Portland Youth Philharmonic
- Friday, February 19th: POPCORN SALE



# MY SCHOOL BUCKS

Want an easy way to make sure your child has lunch money? Check out mySchoolBucks.com.

- You can set up automatic e-mail reminders to tell you when payment is needed
- Make payments for all your children
- Schedule automatic payments when the balance on the account is low



Check out the PTO & Crater Web Pages for the latest information about school happenings.  
<http://www.newberg.k12.or.us/crater/>

## CRATER YEARBOOK

Don't miss the opportunity to get a book filled with pictures of all students and staff.

- The book is 5.25" x 8" in size
- Pages are filled with staff and student portraits taken on Fall Picture Day
- All pictures will be full-color
- It will have a sturdy soft cover with a coating

Order envelopes went home last week and all orders are due to the Main Office by February 3rd.

### FROM THE NEWBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY

Book Clubs for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders....

Pick up your copy of the book to read when you sign up at the Children's Services Desk. Read this book by yourself, or with someone else, and join us for a book chat, activities and a snack.

#### Rookie Readers for 1st Graders

Meets on Wednesday, January 13 from 4:00 to 4:45 pm  
January's book is *Get Well Good Knight*, by Shelly Moore Thomas.

#### Book Buddies for 2nd and 3rd Graders

Meets on Wednesday, January 20th from 4:00 to 4:45 pm  
January's book is *Fantastic Mr. Fox* by Roald Dahl

#### Talk It Up for 4th and 5th Graders

Meets on Wednesday, January 27th from 4:00 to 4:45 pm  
January's book is the *Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart.

## There is No School Monday, January 18th



## OUTDOOR SCHOOL PARENT MEETINGS

Tuesday, Jan. 26 @ 3:30 PM and Thursday, Jan. 28 @ 6:30 PM are ODS Parent Meetings. All fifth grade parents will need to attend one of these meetings.

This will be your opportunity to learn about the Outdoor School Program and volunteer to help.

