

# Cheetah Chatter

March, 2020



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School office hours 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

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Dear Families,

Read Across America Carnival is coming up on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, and we need your help! ***Please see attached flyer*** and return bottom portion if you're able to volunteer or you can go online and sign up. All the information is on the flyer. An event like this can't happen without volunteers so please sign up even if it's for a 20 minute slot.

On Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Read Across America Day, students will line the hallways from 8:00 – 8:20 to read with their teachers and the rest of the staff. This is a dedicated time for reading school wide.

## MESSAGE FROM SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Greetings Chavez Community,

With the partnership of 4J Safe Routes to School and other community members, we are able to provide bicycle education for Kinders during PE! We need volunteers to help with the classes. No experience is necessary and it's a fun and satisfying way to volunteer. The classes start February 24<sup>th</sup> and run until spring break and are a half hour each. Please sign up with the link below or contact Sarah at 541-516-0887 or [mazze\\_s@4j.lane.edu](mailto:mazze_s@4j.lane.edu), and if you haven't already registered with 4J as a volunteer, visit the 4J website to do so.

***Many thanks for helping to make this happen!***

<https://signup.com/go/JcwtSWC>



## March events

- 2 Read Across America Day 8:00 – 8:20
- 3 Lifetouch spring photos
- 4 Wednesday - Walk and Roll to School Day
- 5 2020-2021 Kinder orientation 5:30 – 6:30
- 9 Pajama Day
- 10 PACK meeting 5:30 – 6:30
- 10 Whacky Socks or Hat Day
- 11 Chávez Spirit Day
- 12 Favorite Character Dress Up Day
- 12 Chávez Carnival 5:30 – 6:45
- 13 PD Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- 18 Talent Show 6:30 – 8:30
- 23 – 27 SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL**

**MESSAGE FROM PACK – Chávez Carnival** is Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, ***and we need YOUR help!***



The staff is looking for people to help with:

- after school set up on March 12<sup>th</sup>
- people to support or run activities
- decorating
- clean up after the event

Please join us at the next PACK meeting on **Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 6:30** to organize and plan for the event. See attached flyer for more information and to reply about helping!

If you can't make it but still want to help, please e-mail [chavezcheetahpack@gmail.com](mailto:chavezcheetahpack@gmail.com)

***See you there!***

## MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT - School Text Messages

**Are you signed up to receive school texts?** - To help you stay informed and connected with your student's school, this year Eugene School District 4J has added a new text messaging service through the district's "autodialer" system. In addition to email and phone messages, schools may send occasional text messages with safety alerts or other important information.

A test message was sent on **Monday**, Feb. 17, to all parents with a phone designated as a mobile phone in their student records. The message came from the short code 67587 and began "You're registered 4 SchoolMessenger notifications." Parents who received this message are subscribed to receive future text notifications.

If you did not receive the test message and want to opt-in to text messages, please designate a mobile phone number in your student's record. The messaging system only allows text messages to be sent to numbers listed in the cell phone field. If you only have a mobile phone, you can list it as both your home and mobile phone number.

To designate a cell phone number in your student's records:

1. Log in to your [ParentVUE](#) account, go to "My Account" and add your mobile phone in the cell phone field, or
2. Contact the school to add/designate a mobile phone number.

Text messages will come from the short code 67587. Standard message and data rates apply. To stop receiving text messages, reply STOP at any time. To opt back in to receiving messages, send Y or YES to 67587. To change how you receive different types of messages, go to [go.schoolmessenger.com](http://go.schoolmessenger.com), create a login, and go to "Preferences" to change your settings.



## AVID Strategy Spotlight:

### What is an AVID One-Pager?

Your student may have mentioned completing one pagers as an AVID activity in his/her classroom. A one-pager is a one page, creative response to summarize what students have learned about a topic. Many grade levels have completed one-pagers to allow students to demonstrate their learning about a topic in math, reading, social studies, or science. We have many one-pagers displayed throughout the school, and students are so proud of their work--come take a look down our hallways! The one-pager AVID strategy helps students summarize and communicate their thinking and learning in a creative way. One pagers are AVID strategies utilized by students Kindergarten through 12th grade, so practicing in elementary school will really promote future success!

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** In an effort to save families money and support classroom teachers we ask that parents pay \$25.00 annual contribution per child for school supplies. If you haven't already done so, please pay your child's contribution. You can pay \$5.00 per month if paying the \$25 causes a hardship for your family.

*If you've already paid. thank you!*



## SITE COUNCIL NEWS

Check here each month for our new segment: **Site Council News**. Site Council is the governing body of our school. It is made up of parents, teachers, classified staff, and the principal. Site Council meets regularly to discuss school curriculum, school structure, staff development plans and training options, the school calendar, and other concerns parents and teachers may have. Starting this month, we will list the big ideas covered in each Site Council meeting. For more information about Site Council, please contact Principal Deirdre Pearson.

In our February meeting, we reviewed progress on our school-wide goals: **Math, Attendance, and AVID**. We celebrated improvements and updated our list of action items. We will meet again on April 20.

**Wednesday, March 4th is our monthly Walk & Roll to School Day** and we're asking everyone to move more in March! Did you know that when kids get physical activity before class, they are more on task and fidget less? This is true for both girls and boys, and is especially helpful for children who have the most trouble paying attention.

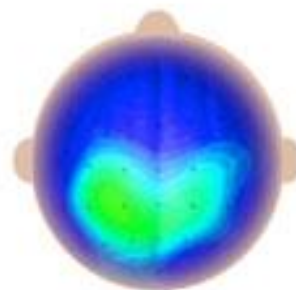
So for this Walk & Roll to School Day, we encourage everyone to move their bodies before school so everyone arrives awake, alert and ready to focus! Try to walk, bike, carpool or use the bus to get to school. Students riding the bus and those carpooling can challenge themselves to 10 minutes of physical activity before school. If driving is your only option, help your child(ren) move by parking a ten minute walk from school and walking the rest of the way. It'll wake up their brains and start them towards their 60 minutes of exercise for the day, and you'll avoid parking lot traffic!

## active kids learn better

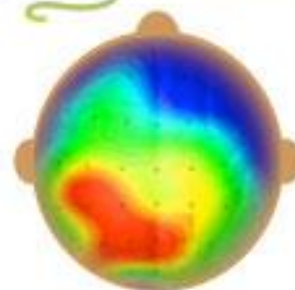
### BRAIN SCANS OF STUDENTS TAKING A TEST:



Red areas are very active;  
blue areas are least active.



after 20 minutes of  
sitting quietly



after 20 minutes of  
walking

Learn more about why active kids learn better and how schools can help at [activelivingresearch.org/activeeducationbrief](http://activelivingresearch.org/activeeducationbrief).

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**Monday, March 2 is Read Across America Day**  
*From 8:00 – 8:20 all grade levels will be out in the hallways reading*



## Read Across America Spirit Week

Monday 3/9 Pajama Day  
Tuesday 3/10 Wacky Socks and/or Hat Day  
Wednesday 3/11 Chávez Spirit Day  
Thursday 3/12 Character Dress Up Day



Don't miss the **Chávez Carnival**  
*This is an annual event that you won't want to miss!*  
*An event for the entire family!*

**Thursday, March 12th from 5:30 – 7:00 PM**

\* booths close promptly at 6:45

**Games, Face Painting, Wacky Hair, Book Walk, Storytelling and more fun!**  
**Raffle drawings at 6:50 in cafeteria!**

Note: Track Town Pizza for \$1/slice & Pre-bagged Popcorn and Bottled Water Combo for \$1  
will be available courtesy of the Cheetah PACK

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***It takes a village to put on an event like this. Please volunteer!***

Volunteers needed for the Chavez Carnival on Thursday, March 12th!!

Please help by signing up to work a shift at a booth. You can sign up online for specific jobs/time slots at:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D45ABA72CAAFE3-chavez> or you can submit this form to the office.

Volunteer name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Information (email/phone): \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Time Slot** (circle all that interest you):

1:30 early set up

5:00 pm to 5:30 pm final set up

5:30 pm to 5:50 pm

5:50 pm to 6:10 pm

6:10 pm to 6:30 pm

6:30 pm to 7:00 pm Clean up

**Preferred Booth to work** (circle all that interest you):

Toss the Cat in the Hat

Coloring Book Marks

Trevor's Toad Hop

Photo Booth

Egg/Spoon Race

Lorax Planters

Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus

Movies, Coloring & Zendo (Quiet Zone)

Face Painting (Quiet Zone)

Basketball

Book Walk

Speed Stacking

Rainbow Fishing

Trick-a-Ma Sticks

Crazy Hats



***Please return this form to your child's teacher by Thursday, March 5th.***