

2021-2022

Welcome Kindergarten and New Ainsworth Families!

We would like to welcome you to the Ainsworth Community. All of us on the Ainsworth PTA look forward to meeting you soon!

We hope you can attend the Kindergarten and New Family Social - Playdate in the Park on Thursday, September 16th, 2021 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at Portland Heights Park. Bring your own picnic and join us for popsicles and games.

We look forward to meeting you and having a great year at Ainsworth.

Warmly,
Ainsworth PTA

Mark your calendar

Friday, September 10th from 1:00 – 2:00 pm – PTA Meeting

Join virtually here: PTA meetings Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/mvb-stkn-svr>. Learn about what the PTA does and is currently working on, meet other parents, learn how you can get involved, and hear about some immediate volunteer needs. We will also be offering evening meetings.

Thursday, September 16th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm – Kindergarten and New Family Picnic

Join us at Portland Heights Park for a kindergarten and new family picnic. BYO Picnic.

Wednesday, October 6th – Back to School Night – 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Please find the schedule at <https://bit.ly/3FlbRI3>

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Where do I park?

Roads get busy around pick-up and drop-off every day. If you are going to the building with your child, park a block or two away and walk.

Rules are in place to ensure safety, including the following:

- do not drive on SW Spring St next to the school at drop off or pick up – this is not a drop off point, and creates a hazard for children crossing to the annex or walking to school
- do not walk across SW Vista Ave at SW Spring St, instead, cross at the light at SW Elm St
- do not stop on SW Vista Ave in front of the school

Kiss and Drop

If you are dropping off your child, there is a “kiss and drop” along the north side of the school at Elm St, between SW Montgomery and SW 21st Ave. Enter Elm from Montgomery, drop your child off at the designated area (there are signs), then exit by turning left onto SW 21st. Do not continue on SW Elm to SW Vista, as this interferes with bus traffic. This is not a parking area - you must remain in your car while dropping your child or waiting for them to meet you at pick up.

How do I keep up on what's happening at school?

One very important way to keep up on the important news from school is to read the bi-weekly News & Notes email from Principal Andrew Johnson and Assistant Principal Angie Bustamante-Jenkins (usually sent by the school's Administrative Assistant, Noah Chadd, nchadd@pps.net).

We also encourage you to learn more about the Ainsworth PTA and Ainsworth Foundation. Getting involved is the best way to have a pulse on the school happenings and meet your community!

Visit: [PPS Ainsworth website is updated regularly](#)

Visit: [Ainsworth PTA Website](#)

Visit: [Ainsworth Foundation Website](#)

On Facebook: [Ainsworth Elementary School Official](#)

How can I get involved?

There are many ways to be part of the community: in the classroom, in the lunchroom, with art and music, at recess, PTA, Foundation, with specific events – Like Buckaroo, Book Fair, Field Days, Science Fair, Red Ball Auction - the list is plentiful and there will certainly be a match for your skillset and interest. Our community is as great as we make it!

Volunteer opportunities are listed in News & Notes and emailed by room parents and our PTA Volunteer Coordinator, Kathleen Joffer at kathleenjoffer@yahoo.com. The PTA website has a great list of volunteer opportunities and we have listed the current open positions below:

To volunteer at school, you must submit a background check form, which can be found [here](#). You must also sign in and out at the office every time you volunteer. Please have your driver's license with you.

How do I pay for school lunch?

New for the 2021-22 School Year - All PPS students eat breakfast and lunch for FREE. Students will receive one breakfast and one lunch. More information about PPS Nutritional Services and menus can be found [here](#).

Where do I find bus schedules?

Buses are available for children who live within the Ainsworth school boundary. Schedules can be found at <https://sites.google.com/pps.net/gt-bus-schedule/>. Click on AINSWORTH. Make sure to check out snow routes, which differ from the regular schedule, both in time and location. Depending on how you enrolled into school notifications you may receive a phone call, text, and/or e-mail updates on routes such as if a route has been canceled for the day, delayed, or snow routes are in effect.

What after-school activities are available?

In addition to Ainsworth's excellent on-site [aftercare](#), many opportunities for after-school activities arise throughout the year. Some are organized informally among parents and take place off-campus, and others are offered on campus. Please check the PTA website [here](#) for schedules and links to registrations.

We recently moved to Oregon from another state. Anything special we should know?

Welcome to Oregon! Since required vaccinations may differ from state-to-state review Oregon's vaccination requirements [here](#).

School Calendar

Visit the [PPS District Calendar 2021-22](#) for the annual calendar.