

## 2022-2023

Welcome Kindergarten and New Ainsworth Families!

Welcome to the Ainsworth Community. All of us on the Ainsworth PTA look forward to meeting you soon and are here to help if you need anything as you get oriented and familiar with your new school!

We hope to see you at these upcoming events:

- Kinder Connect – **Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, from 1:00 – 2:00 pm
- First Grade Connect – **Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, from 2:30 – 3:30 pm
  - Where: Ainsworth Elementary Back Field (from either side of the building walk away from Vista and you'll find us down the stairs on the turf!)
  - Wear something weather friendly as we will be outdoors – there is a covered area
  - Fun stations with scavenger-hunt and prizes
  - Meet Ainsworth Specialists, Teachers, and your new Principal and Assistant Principal
  - Connect with other students and their families
  - Meet PTA and Foundation and learn how you can get involved
  - Purchase Ainsworth Gear – t's and sweatshirts will be available!

We can't wait to meet you – this is going to be a fantastic year!!

Warmly,  
Andrea Tomlin and Jessica Kirkland  
Ainsworth PTA Co-Presidents

### Mark your calendar

**Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 8:00 AM/after drop-off: New Family Breakfast (Grades 1-5)**

**Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 8:00 AM/after drop-off: BooHoo Breakfast (Kinder)**

**Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM: Kindergarten and New Family Picnic**

Kindergarten families and new Ainsworth families, please join us at [Portland Heights Park](#) (SW Patton Road and Old Orchard Road Portland, OR 97201) for a picnic!

***BYO Picnic and a blanket or lawn chairs.***

**Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30 PM – PTA Meeting**

- 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.
- 6:00-6:30 PM Community Connection time | 6:30-7:30 PM PTA meeting
- Join us in the Ainsworth Auditorium (on the main floor directly across from the office) or via [Zoom](#)  
Meeting ID: 820 7342 8211, Passcode: 228909

**Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 -7:30 PM: Back to School Night**

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## Ainsworth's FAQs

### School Calendar

Visit the [PPS District Calendar 2022-23](#) for the annual calendar.

### Where do I park?

Roads get busy around pick-up and drop-off every day. Remember that these roads are not only busy with school traffic, but also with local traffic and commuters who may not be watching for pedestrians as carefully as they should be. If you are going to the building with your child, please park a block or two away and walk.

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

- Please do not drive on SW Spring St next to the school at drop off or pick up – this is not a drop off point. The road is closed to cars from 7:30 – 3 PM because it creates a hazard for children crossing to the annex or walking to school
- Please use caution while crossing SW Vista at SW Spring Street. The crosswalk there is new, there is no light, and drivers are not always aware!
- Please do not stop on SW Vista Ave in front of the school – this area is for school bus loading and unloading only
- Please do not stop on SW Vista by the Annex to let your students out. Find a parking spot and let them out to walk down to the crosswalk or up to the Annex.
- Please be aware when parking on SW Vista near the Annex that students and families are walking on those sidewalks – park and open doors with caution!

### 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 down 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](mailto:nchadd@pps.net)).

On the opposite weeks, you'll receive the News from the Nest via email from the PTA. This will contain more information about what's happening at Ainsworth, current and upcoming activities and more!

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](#) and [Ainsworth Elementary PTA](#)

### How can I get involved?

There are so many ways to be part of the community: volunteer in the classroom, in the lunchroom, with art and music, at recess, with PTA, or Foundation, help with events – including Buckaroo, Book Fair, Field Days, Science Fair, World 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, in News from the Nest and specific classroom volunteer opportunities will be coordinated by room parents. You may also contact our PTA Volunteer Coordinator, Kathleen Joffer at [info@ainsworthelementary.com](mailto:info@ainsworthelementary.com), and our PTA website ([www.AinsworthElementary.com](http://www.AinsworthElementary.com)) will always have a current list of opportunities as well!

***To volunteer at school, you must submit a background check form in addition to proof of Covid vaccination, which can be found [here](#). You must also sign in and out at the office each time you volunteer. Please buzz in at the door, proceed to the office for sign in, and please have your identification with you.***

**How do I pay for school meals, apply for free or reduced-price meals, or find school meal menus?**

Visit PPS Nutritional Services' website [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 \(Ainsworth After School Enrichment Program\)](#), 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](#).