



Schirle Shark News

"It's a great day to be a Schirle Shark!"

April 2018

Schirle Elementary
4875 Justice Way S.
Salem, OR 97302

Have you checked the website?
schirle.salemkeizer.net

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Upcoming events ~ April

- April 10—13** Spring Book Fair
- April 11** Grandparents Breakfast, 8:00am
- April 20** Schirle Sock Hop, 6-7:30pm
- April 23** Bond Meeting for Community 6pm at Sprague High School
- April 27** Teachers' Inservice Day—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

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Coming Soon ~ May

Watch for more information in next month's newsletter & Thursday Folders!

- May 9 Kindergarten Parent Orientation 6:30pm
- May 9 PTC Meeting 6:30-8pm
- May 10 Plant Sale Preorder **Delivery**
- May 17 Dress Up for Good Manners Day
Volunteer Appreciation Event
- May 22 Spring Concert 7pm at Schirle
- May 23 Science & Art Lit Night (More info coming soon)
- May 25 School BBQ Lunch—Families Welcome
Red White & Blue Day
- May 29 Memorial Day – No School



School Hours

9:00 AM - 3:35 PM

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Lunch Times

K-1st grade

11:50

2nd- 3rd grade

12:20—12:45

4th– 5th grade

12:40—1:05

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TARDIES...

Please remember, our doors open and class begins at 9am with a passing time until 9:15. That means, if your student is just walking in at 9:15am or after, they are marked tardy. We are teaching your student from "bell to bell"; meaning all hours between the morning bell and dismissal bell they are learning. When you bring your student to the classroom after lessons have begun it disrupts the other students' learning and disrupts the teacher. We do ask that if your student is late you quickly check them in at the office then send them to class without walking them in. This will help minimize the interruption to class. We realize sometimes things suddenly come up, it's ok, that happens. We just want your Shark to get the most out of each school day and being on time helps us make that happen.



Schirle Shark Family Fun!



Take a look! We would love to see you there!

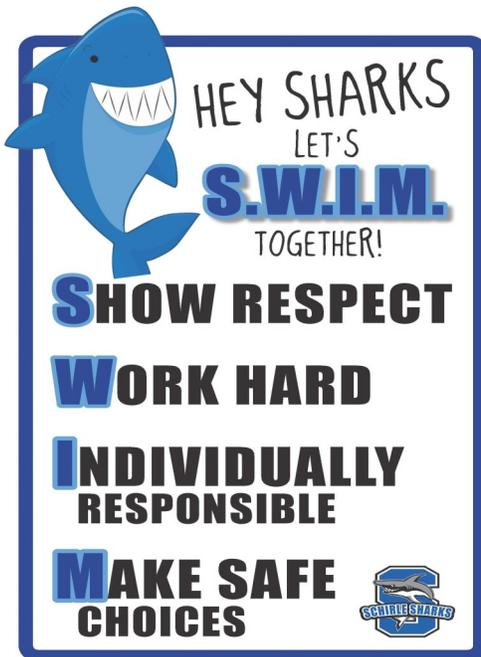
Schirle's Family Sock Hop: APRIL 20th, 6pm—7:30pm



On April 20th, in our gym, \$1 per person will get you in the door for our Schirle Sock Hop! Prepare yourself for some music and dancing through the ages, a car show, lip-sync contest, hula hoop contest and an opportunity to show off some of your dance moves or just check out your student's new moves! Mr. Webb & Mrs. Kurtz have been teaching the students some new dances in PE and what better place to show their stuff?

****Of course, it's not required but we do welcome dressing up in a 50's, 60's, 70's or 80's style... You choose the decade and come join us for some fun times!**

SCHIRLE SHARKS ARE S.W.I.M 'ming!



- *Showing Respect,
- *Working Hard,
- *Individually Responsible,
- *Making Safe Choices

Schirle parents - by now you have probably noticed the blue "Shark Tickets" that have been coming home with your student lately. Our staff has been handing those out for students who are caught S.W.I.M-ming" (Showing Respect, Working Hard, Individually Responsible, Making Safe Choices) throughout their school day. Our goal is to recognize our Sharks when we see them demonstrating their SWIM skills. We are sending those home so that you can see the great things that we get see your kids doing at school! Each classroom has a fishbowl where students deposit their tickets as they receive them. Then, every two weeks we have an assembly, where a name is drawn from each classroom's fishbowl. When a name is drawn that student will get a sticker to put their name on and stick to the poster in our front lobby area. Tickets from all classroom fishbowls are then sorted by our parent volunteers. Students are able to "spend" their SWIM tickets at our Shark Store every other Tuesday.

**Have you been wanting to volunteer but feel like you don't have enough time?
We only need a couple hours of your time every 2 weeks!**

We are looking for some volunteers to help on those assembly days with counting tickets! **If you have helped out with this before, we have streamlined the process to cut down the time it takes!** If you can volunteer **every other Friday for just a few hours (even if only occasionally)**, please contact **Stacey Schaub** or our **PTC volunteer coordinator** (Schaub_stacey@salkeiz.k12.or.us or schirleptc@gmail.com.)



A Note from our Schirle Neighbors



Our Schirle Neighbors have a friendly reminder for staff and parents. Please remember, when parking along the street in front of homes in the neighborhood that you leave plenty of room for garbage trucks to pick up and for the mail truck to get to mailboxes. We want to be good neighbors to them and not get in the way of the services they need.



A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MR. G.

Welcome back from Spring Break! First of all, I want to thank all of our volunteers for the many hours you have put in to make Schirle a great place to be for our students and staff. Each year our volunteer hours are in the thousands, students and staff are the beneficiaries. You are a very important part of Schirle and the success we have with students. Hats off to our PTC; in particular, **Kristi Klosterman, Taryn Schaeffer, Sharon Musack, Marty Strenke and Lisa Crowe** as our PTC Executive Board for the 2017-2018 school year. Thank you for your volunteerism and making Schirle a great place for our kids!

Elections are being held this month for our PTC Executive Board for 2018-2019. Schirle PTC helps provide an enhanced educational and co-curricular experience for the students of Schirle Elementary. The Schirle PTC promotes open communication and positive school/community relationships. PTC is a group of parents and staff members helping make our children's elementary school the best it can be. Our parent community raises funds in a variety of ways to pay for new books, technology, classroom enrichment materials, field trips and much more. Parent Club meetings are a great way to learn about what is happening at Schirle and how students are impacted. It is also an opportunity to meet other parents and develop new relationships while having a positive impact on our local community through your volunteerism. The executive board consists of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Volunteer Coordinator.

REQUESTS FOR NEXT FALL

Please do not request a specific teacher by name, as staffing WILL look different next year.

Deadline, Friday, June 1st

We greatly value the classroom building process that our staff uses in placing our students with a teacher and classmates for the following school year. **The teachers who have worked with and observed your child during this current school year will help with placement decisions for the upcoming school year. During this process, CAREFUL consideration is given to each child's academic, behavioral, and social needs.** Students are then placed by each grade level team into classroom groups to be promoted to the next grade. The fact of the matter is that we can never guarantee from year to year which teachers will teach in which grade levels. Often times, numbers of students change right up to and beyond the opening day of school, and the exact classroom formation will most likely not be decided until just before school starts.

******If you are interested in giving input regarding your child's placement for next year, please state "in writing" the characteristics or unique needs of your child that you would like us to take into account when choosing placement for him or her. Once again, please remember we WILL have staffing changes so we do ask that you do not request a specific teacher by name.**

TOYS AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Parents, please make sure students keep toys and other electronic devices, including toy guns or toy weapons at home as they do not serve any necessary purpose at school. Please go through your child's back pack on a regular basis so as to monitor what your student brings to school. Please read the Elementary Parent Handbook regarding school district policy and guidance on important information.

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Mr. Gertenrich, Principal

Yearbook Photos

Have you taken some pictures at school events? We would love to have them for our yearbook! You can email photos to schirlephotos@gmail.com and we'll take care of the rest. Don't worry, they don't have to be professional quality, even cell phone photos will work. The more pictures of our Schirle Sharks we have, the better the yearbook!

Send photos to schirlephotos@gmail.com





2018 Proposed Bond on May 15th Ballot

The School Board has finished its work on a bond package and has referred it to the May 15 ballot for the community to consider.

Before finalizing the bond, the Board heard feedback through a community survey, through the Community Facilities Task Force and through listening sessions with staff and community members held in every high school neighborhood. The Board twice asked staff to revise the bond package to make sure it aligned with the feedback they received and still addressed the needs of facilities.

Highlights of the proposed bond include:

- Increasing safety and security, including seismic safety of schools
- Adding/expanding space to relieve crowding and prepare for future enrollment, including general education classrooms and space for music programs
- Adding/expanding space for career-technical (vocational) education at all six traditional high schools as well as Roberts High School
- Adding/renovating science labs at middle and high schools

The proposed bond package totals \$619.7 million and if passed by voters in May, is estimated to increase the current property tax levy rate by \$1.24 per \$1,000 of assessed value. If the bond does not pass, the additional tax would not be levied and the listed projects would not be completed. The Community Facilities Task Force reviewed all funding methods available to the district and recommended the School Board place a general obligation bond on the ballot for voters to consider. The district would receive an \$8 million grant from the state if the bond passes.

To be eligible to vote in the May election, you must be a registered voter and reside in the district. To register or to update your voter registration, please visit the Oregon Secretary of State's website: <https://goo.gl/tt1zVx> You must be registered by April 24. Ballots will be mailed to voters on April 25. For more information about the proposed bond measure, please visit www.bondinfo.salemkeizer.org.

Make a Difference, Cast Your Vote:

Please remember to register to vote or update your voter registration if you have moved or changed political parties so you're ready to fill out and return your ballot when it arrives in the mail.

To register to vote in Oregon, you must be a U.S. citizen, an Oregon resident, and at least 17 years old. The deadline to register to vote in the upcoming May 15 election is April 24.

Registered voters receive a ballot in the mail about two weeks before an election.

There are three ways to register to vote in Oregon:

1. Have your Oregon driver's license or state ID card handy and [register online](#)
2. Pick up a voter registration form at the post office or library (or [download online](#)) and return it in the mail
3. Go to the [county elections office](#) to fill out a form

If you have moved, changed your name or mailing address, or want to change political parties, you can update your voter registration through the same methods.

For more information about voting in Oregon, please visit the [Oregon Secretary of State's website](#).