



Schirle Shark News

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

December 2017

Schirle Elementary
4875 Justice Way S.
Salem, OR 97302

Have you checked the website?
schirle.salemkeizer.net

Clinton Gertenrich, Principal
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Shark Dates & Events

Looking Ahead ~ December**

- December 7 Choir performs at the Capitol, 12:30pm
- December 8 Hot Cocoa Morning, 8:30am-9am
- December 13 Band, Orchestra, Choir Concert, 7pm
- December 15 Holiday Sweater Day!
Winter Classroom Parties
- Dec. 18-Jan. 2 WINTER BREAK: Enjoy your time off!

Looking Ahead ~ January

Watch for more information in next month's newsletter!

- January 2 Return to school 9am
- January 10 PTC Meeting 6:30-8:00pm
- January 15 NO SCHOOL, MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
- January 19
 - Tropical Spirit Day - Get out your Hawaiian shirt and Leis. Let's bring some sunshine to January!
 - Movie Night (Movie TBD), 6:30pm in the gym
- January 22 Schirle Auction Ticket Sales Begin!
- January 26 Inservice Day-No School for Students

School

Delays/Closures

As colder weather approaches feel free to go to the **district website** to see the latest weather or emergency announcements—
www.salemkeizer.k12.or.us then go to "emergency closures/delays".
In the event of a closure due to weather or emergency the district will use the phone dialer you.

School Hours

GRADES K - 5

Doors open: 9AM
Dismissal: 3:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Lunch Times

KG & 1st grades:

12-12:25

2nd & 3rd grades:

12:20-12:40

4th & 5th grades:

12:45-1:05

C-7 Lunch:

12:20-12:50

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Hot Cocoa Morning!

When: December 8th, 8:30am-9am

Where: Schirle's Library

What: Yummy Hot Cocoa with friends.

Cost: Bring .25 cents OR a canned food donation for the Food Bank and enjoy some Hot Cocoa before school.



Welcome all 3rd-5th graders to the 2017-2018 round of Oregon Battle of the Books!

In teams of four, students will go head-to-head and test their knowledge of this year's sixteen* OBOB books in an exciting, literacy-promoting competition. Team signups began in November. Battles will begin immediately following Winter Break and will take place during lunch recess and at the end of the school day. (Schedules will be posted in the library.) The books are all available in the library, so encourage your student to begin reading the books as soon as possible. Watch for more information in Thursday folder.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pearson in the library or email PEARSON_LAURA@salkreiz.k12.or.us.

*3rd graders will participate in a condensed version of OBOB with fewer books



Music Notes for December

- ◆ The Schirle Choir will be traveling to the Capitol, Thursday, Dec. 7th. Please come hear us sing at 12:30 PM!
- ◆ The Winter Concert, featuring our own Band, Choir, and Orchestra, will be Wednesday, Dec. 13th, at 7 PM, in our Schirle gym!

Schirle's Giving Tree

Celebrate the Spirit of Giving by helping a Schirle Family in Need

Watch for the Schirle Giving Tree in our front entry by the office. Each snowflake hanging on our display will represent a child or sibling of a child in our school who would benefit from a gift or two. This can be a great way to teach our Schirle Sharks what this season is really about. They can make a difference for someone right here in THEIR school community. It's not the gifts, but what's behind the gifts that's important.; the spirit of giving.

Here's what you do:

- Choose a snowflake from the display and tell the office which one you have chosen.
- On the back of each snowflake is a description of the child and a few gift ideas.
- Go do a little shopping and gift wrapping.
- Return your wrapped gift to the school BEFORE OR ON Tuesday, December 12th.
- On Christmas Day, know that you put a smile on the face of a child.



A Few Words From Our Principal:

What an amazing year of weather we've had this school year. As cold weather approaches with the possibility of school delays or closure, feel free to go to the district link @ <http://www.salkreiz.k12.or.us/about/emergency-school-closures-and-delays> and check to see the latest weather announcements. We also use a District-wide phone dialer system that will assist in notifying parents of a delay or closure. If you receive an automated call because of the attendance of your child, please take the time to respond to the message and notify the school of any unexcused absences.

A Big Thanks To: Julie Rundquist (Orchestra), Rachel Grove (Choir) and Rich Such (Band) for their work with our students in learning how to be musicians. Our students are excited about their performances on December 13th at 7:00pm in school gym.

Parents need to know: Schirle Elementary practices emergency drills on a regular basis. We evacuate our school building each month with either a fire drill or earthquake drill. We will practice a lock down drill this year in January in the event of an emergency. We take great care in informing our students what to do in case of an emergency. Please take the time to discuss what your family would you would do in the event of an emergency in your home.

With all of the activities going on this time of year, I would like to encourage you to set aside some quality time to spend with your children. Time is the best gift you can give them. What a privilege it is to work with your children here at Schirle. Our Schirle staff wishes you a wonderful Winter break with your family.