



## Atkinson Elementary PTA Newsletter

February 17, 2023

Dear Families,

Things are getting busy at Atkinson! From Dine Outs to the PTA Clothing Closet to Middle School Open Houses to Community Engagement Sessions to afterschool activities - there is a lot to digest in the newsletter this week and lots to get involved in in our community!

### PTA Updates

Our next **Dine Out for Atkinson** is next week! Visit **Henry Higgins Boiled Bagels on Foster** anytime on **Wednesday, February 22** and some of the proceeds from the purchase will be donated to our school!

Atkinson's last day to staff the **PTA Clothing Center** is on **Thursday, March 9 from 9:30am-1:30pm!** The PTA Clothing Center provides age-appropriate children's clothing to all PPS children that do not have access to clothing. Families that are in need can get a referral from the school principal, secretary, or counselor. In order for our school to access this service, we must provide **5-6 volunteers** to staff the clothing center on Atkinson's assigned dates. If you are interested in volunteering, please email [president@atkinsonpta.org](mailto:president@atkinsonpta.org).

The **Atkinson Principal Position** has been posted. We are hoping to put together an interview committee that represents all three strands in our school and are particularly looking for representation from our ISC and DLI families at this time. If you are interested in being a part of the interview panel, please contact [president@atkinsonpta.org](mailto:president@atkinsonpta.org).

**A note from the Talent Show Committee:** We had so many wonderful acts sign up for the Talent Show this year! What a talented group of students we have! Due to scheduling conflicts with the use of the facilities as well as other logistical challenges, the Talent Show Committee has decided to showcase the student talents as daytime assemblies only with no evening performance. Assemblies will take place on March 1 (K-2nd grade) and March 2 (3rd-5th grade). Parents of performers are welcome to attend their child's show during the school day and will be contacted with more detailed information regarding the performance.

### Upcoming Events

**Next Meeting: March 13, In-Person Potluck**, Atkinson Library 6:30-8pm

February 20: NO SCHOOL days

February 22: Dine Out for Atkinson! Henry Higgins Boiled Bagels on Foster

March 1 & 2: Talent Show Assemblies (in school)

March 6: OLG Garden Work Party 9-11

March 10: PAT Community Engagement Session @ Franklin, 6-7:30pm

March 17: PTA Coffee Chat, 8:45am

March 20: OLG Garden Work Party 9-11

### School Resources

**Middle Schools** will be hosting Open Houses in the coming months for incoming families to visit and learn about their programs.

- Kellogg Open House - Tuesday, February 21, 5:30-6:30

- Harrison Park Open House - Tuesday, March 7, 6:00-7:30

**Portland Association of Teachers** (the teachers' union) is looking for community feedback on what you want in our schools. Franklin's PTSA and PAT are hosting a **community engagement session on Friday, March 10 from 6:00-7:30pm** at Franklin High School. PPS parents and community members are encouraged to attend and let the union know what matters to you as they begin their bargaining process. Check out [this flyer](#) for all the details.

The **Successful Schools Survey** is now open and accepting responses. This is one of the most important information gathering tools that Portland Public Schools uses to measure the culture and climate in our district. PLEASE take a few minutes to log into the survey and answer questions about your experience. We are hoping for 100% participation. You can find QR codes for the survey on blue & yellow flyers hanging in our school doorways. You can do the survey while you are waiting to drop off or pick up your child! Or use [this link](#) to fill it out now! Please fill out a separate survey for each different school your children attend. Also, you and your partner can each do your own survey. The survey window closes on February 10, and we hope to hear EVERYONE'S voices before that date. THANK YOU! :)

The Spring session of **Mad Science** after school program is open for registration! The Spring session will run on Tuesdays starting April 11 through May 30. Register [here!](#)

Registration is now open for the Spring session of **Yoga Playgrounds** after school program at Atkinson! Classes will be on Wednesdays. Register [here!](#)

**Girls on the Run** participant registration is now open! Girls on the Run is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that focuses on empowering youth through research-based activity and physical activity. An after-school program like no other, they seek to provide safe, empowering spaces for the children in our community. Register your child today for 10 weeks of fun, habit building curriculum! The season starts March 6<sup>th</sup> and ends May 20<sup>th</sup> with a 5K celebration. Follow [this link](#) to learn more.

Benson Tech High School Athletic Department is hosting **Winter Sports Clinics** on Saturday, February 18, 2023. Click on the link for more information: [Registration Information - English](#)

Registration for **SE Portland Little League Spring** season is open. Check out [this flyer](#) for details.

Best,

Callie and Noah Barish  
Co-Presidents, Atkinson PTA

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## Ways to Support PTA

- Renew your membership today for the 2022-2023 year. [Online Membership Form](#)
- Businesses you may be using by simply linking us to your AmazonSmile and Fred Meyer accounts. How-to details here: <https://www.atkinsonelementarypta.org/fundraising/>
  - Buy a new mattress from [Tuft & Needle](#) and 25% of proceeds go to PTA.
- Donate directly to the Atkinson Elementary PTA general fund set up to sustain projects, programs and events for our Atkinson kids you can find us here:  
<http://www.atkinsonelementarypta.org/donate/>

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