

## Atkinson Elementary PTA Newsletter

March 31, 2023

Dear Families,

I hope you are enjoying your Spring Break and are feeling rested and ready for returning to school next week! There are a lot of announcements in this newsletter, so be sure to read everything below to get all the details!

### PTA Updates

Our next **Atkinson Dine Out** will be at **Dairy Hill Ice Cream** on Hawthorne on **Wednesday, April 26**. They are open from 2-8pm, so stop by and encourage your friends and family to do so, too - 10% of sales that day will be donated to the Atkinson PTA!

The **yearbook** needs your pictures! Please share any fun school related photos you have from the 2022-2023 school year. \*\*\* **Deadline for photos: April 7\*\*\*** Parents and teachers can now upload pictures directly to the yearbook site. Go to [community.lifetouch.com](https://community.lifetouch.com) and use the code ATKINSON-CHEETAHS-23. You will be prompted to set up a Shutterfly account if you don't already have one. You can also send pictures to [atkinsonyearbookpps@gmail.com](mailto:atkinsonyearbookpps@gmail.com) or text them to 503-351-6207.

Constance, our only bilingual staff member in the office, is absent till April 14th. We are hoping that for the 2 weeks following spring break we can get some **bilingual Spanish speaking volunteers** to assist in the office for when Spanish speaking parents call and need assistance. For example, to report a student absent or call out a student for early release, etc. If you would like to help, please sign up on this [volunteer sheet](#).

Calling all artists! **We need face painters for Día del Niño**, an annual Atkinson celebration put on by Amigos! It will be on April 28th in the afternoon/evening at school. If you would like to volunteer to paint children's faces for this event, please sign up [here](#). All supplies will be provided. Thank you!

The **Atkinson Principal Position** has been posted. If you missed the virtual feedback session before Spring Break, you are still able to provide your input on the skills and characteristics you desire in the next Atkinson Elementary School principal. Your voice is important, and one way to share your perspective is through our Community Feedback Survey, [linked here](#). The survey has been extended to APRIL 5.

The **Atkinson Talent Show** took place the week before Spring Break and was a resounding success! Thanks to all the student performers for their bravery and willingness to share their talent with the school! And a special thank you to all the parent volunteers who worked to make the Talent Show happen: the Talent Show Committee, parents who helped at the rehearsals and assemblies, and our bilingual MCs. We appreciate all your hard work and time!

### Upcoming Events

**Next Meeting: April 10**, 6:30-8pm, [ZOOM](#), Meeting ID: 826 3970 7216 **Passcode:** 152661

April 3: OLG Garden Work Party, 9-11am

April 3-7: Food Drive (see information below)

April 14: PTA Coffee Chat, 8:45am, cafeteria

April 17: OLG Garden Work Party, 9-11am  
 April 18: Amigos Meeting, 6:30-7:30  
 April 21: Run for Atkinson  
 April 26: Atkinson Dine Out at Dairy Hill Ice Cream on Hawthorne, 2-8pm  
 April 26: Class Picture Day

### **School Resources**

On **April 4 from 6:30-7pm**, Ms. Essex will be providing a **virtual information session on how staffing and class sizes** are looking for the 2023-24 school year. She will also do a quick explanation of the differences between PTA fundraising events and School fundraising events. PTA members will also be present to answer any questions you may have. Link: <https://pps-net.zoom.us/j/8744202748>

**FOOD DRIVE APRIL 3-7** The week after spring break the school will be having a food drive. Boxes will be in each classroom to collect the donated items. The food will be for Atkinson families and families in our community. If you would like food assistance, please email [dwilde@pps.net](mailto:dwilde@pps.net), call 503-916-6333, or sign up in the front office. Talk to Darcy Wilde if you have any questions. Each grade will donate a different item. Grocery Store Gift certificates are also accepted. Thank you for supporting our community!

- Kindergarten - Tuna
- 1st - Shelf Stable Milk & Milk Alternatives
- 2nd - Peanut Butter & Nut Butter Alternatives
- 3rd - Cooking Oil and Canned Tomatoes
- 4th - Whole Grain Cereal & tortillas
- 5th - Rice and Pasta/Pasta Sauce

**Registration for the Spring sessions of afterschool programs is happening now!** I've created a visual for the Afterschool Enrichment Programs at Atkinson this Spring - click on the image to take you to the source (with links) or find the links listed below!

| Afterschool Enrichment Programs at Atkinson - Spring 2023                       |                                                                      |                                                    |                                                                                 |                                    |
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| Monday                                                                          | Tuesday                                                              | Wednesday                                          | Thursday                                                                        | Friday                             |
| Chess Wizards<br>3:10-4:10pm<br><a href="#">Flyer</a>                           |                                                                      | Yoga Playgrounds<br>3-4pm<br><a href="#">Flyer</a> | Intro to the Art of Magic 3-4pm<br><a href="#">Flyer</a>                        |                                    |
| Portland Reign Basketball<br>(outdoor, K-2nd)<br>3-4:15pm <a href="#">Flyer</a> |                                                                      |                                                    | Portland Reign Basketball<br>(outdoor, 3-5th)<br>3-4:15pm <a href="#">Flyer</a> |                                    |
| Atkinson Basketball<br>4:30-6:30pm                                              | Girls on the Run<br>(3rd-5th)<br>3:30-5pm<br><a href="#">Website</a> | Atkinson Basketball<br>4:30-6pm                    | Girls on the Run<br>(3rd-5th)<br>3:30-5pm<br><a href="#">Website</a>            | Atkinson Basketball<br>4:30-7:30pm |

**Chess Wizards** Register [here!](#)

**Yoga Playgrounds** Register [here!](#)

**Intro to the Art of Magic** Flyer [here!](#) Register [here!](#)

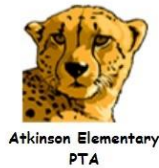
**Girls on the Run** Follow [this link](#) to learn more.

**Portland Reign Basketball** Flyer [here!](#)

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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