



Atkinson Elementary PTA Newsletter

November 11, 2020

Hello Atkinson Families!

Happy Veteran's Day. We share a huge thank you to all our service members that have served and continue to serve our country here and around the world.

Below you will find updates about Atkinson t-shirts and spirit wear, the family resiliency fund, and some upcoming events.

PTA Updates

Don't forget to [Renew your PTA membership](#). Remember, your support and participation in PTA can come in many forms. Just signing up for PTA provides financial support and gives us strength in numbers as we advocate for change at the state level.

Every Student Gets an Atkinson T-Shirt! T-shirts have been ordered and we hope to have them for pickup the week after Thanksgiving. Thank you to everyone who made a donation to support this project - we've raised more than half of the cost! You can still [Make a Donation](#) via schoolpay.

Our **Spirit Wear** shop is open now through November 29. You can buy other shirts, adult shirts and sweatshirts, there's even a tie-dye option. Shop here:

<https://atkinsonspiritwearfall2020.itemorder.com/sale>

At last night's PTA meeting, we elected a new Assistant Treasurer, Emily Lillywhite, who is coming on board to help support the **Family Resiliency Fund**. Welcome Emily! If you would like to donate to support families in need at Atkinson, you can donate via our paypal link:

<http://www.atkinsonelementarypta.org/donate/>. If you or someone you know needs financial or material support, please reach out to Ms. Fontana or Mr. Barr.

Conference Week is November 23-25. This year PTA will be sending out thank you notes and gift cards to all of our staff and teachers. Don't forget to share your own thank yous during conferences next week!

Upcoming Events

PTA Coffee Chat, November 13, 9:30-10:30am ZOOM <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81406304203>
Dial 253 215 8782, Meeting ID: 814 0630 4203

Join us for a more informal conversation with Ms. Fontana and PTA board members. We'll continue our conversation on boundaries and enrollment balancing this Friday.

Amigos Meeting, November 17, 6:30-8pm [ZOOM LINK](#), Meeting ID: 857 4010 3225, Passcode: 694798
Promote latinx culture and support equity in education at Atkinson. Become an Amigo! Amigos is a group of parent volunteers that are interested in promoting, supporting, and learning about the diversity in Latinx culture within our Atkinson community and in Portland.

Atkinson Dines Out at Por Que No?, Wednesday, December 2nd.

Order take out from [Por Que No?](#) and support a local business and the PTA. 10% of the proceeds support Atkinson PTA.

Anti-Racism Resources

Social Justice Uprising Actions WE CAN ALL DO: Donate. Educate. Read. Follow. Listen. Support.

Read Shaun King's new book [Make Change](#) which details how to fight injustice, dismantle systemic oppression, and own our future.

Follow Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, the first woman, the first black woman, and the first south-asian woman to hold the office! @KamalaHarris on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

Support. Portland voters passed [Measure 26-217](#), which will create the framework for the new, civilian-run police oversight board. Consider attending the next meeting for the current [citizen review committee meeting](#).

Enrollment Balancing

PPS is considering a set of various scenarios regarding boundary changes for SE schools. The **first phase** in this process will be aligning feeder schools with the new middle school boundaries (i.e., Kellogg, Mt. Tabor). The **second phase** will be to determine possible new boundaries for SE schools that include Atkinson. Mainly, one of the scenarios involves moving the DLI program to Lent Elementary and expanding the boundary for the neighborhood program. More information on the process is [available here](#). Take action on this process in one of the following ways:

- **Attend a public meeting on November 18 (Spanish focus session) or November 19.**
- **Contact Atkinson's representatives on the SE Guiding Coalition:** Martha Almendarez-Langland, Sheilagh Diez, Jennifer Fontana.
- **Share your feedback in the [community surveys](#) (right side of page; multiple languages).**
- **Contact PPS Representatives directly with your concerns:**
 - ◆ Guadalupe Guerrero, Superintendent: gguerrero@pps.net, superintendent@pps.net
 - ◆ Claire Hertz, Deputy Superintendent, Business & Operations: chertz@pps.net
 - ◆ Dr. Esther Omogbehin, Regional Superintendent: eomogbehin@pps.net
 - ◆ Dani Ledezma, Senior Advisor, Racial Equity & Social Justice: dledezma@pps.net
 - ◆ Jonathan Garcia, Chief Engagement Officer: jgarcia@pps.net
 - ◆ Dr. Kregg Cuellar, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction and School communities: kcuellar@pps.net
 - ◆ Shanice Brittany Clarke, Director of Community Engagement, [sclarke@pps.net](mailto:clarke@pps.net)
 - ◆ PPS School Board: schoolboard@pps.net

As always, please feel free to reach out to us at president@atkinsonpta.org if you have questions, concerns, or have something you would like included in our next newsletter

Thank you,
Harmony Quiroz & Martha Almendarez Langland
Co-Presidents, Atkinson PTA

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Ways to Support PTA

- Renew your membership today for the 2020-2021 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 mattress from Tuft & Needle and 25% goes to Atkinson!
<https://www.tuftandneedle.com/?p=57af6dfc>
- 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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