

PRATUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Moving forward...together

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Parents of Pratum Students:

It is time to start the new school year. Our school supply list is posted on the front and back doors and on our Pratum School website. Mrs. Martinson and I are back at work!
The office is open from 7:30 – 3:45 PM each day.

Staff for this year:

- Mrs. Buchheit, 1st/2nd grade
- Mrs. Freauff, 3rd/4th/5th grade, Head Teacher
- Mrs. Roth, 6th/7th/8th grade
- Miss Pola, PE Teacher
- Mrs. Tourtellotte, Music Teacher
- Mrs. Wyer, ELD Teacher
- Mrs. Leasia, Resource Room Teacher
- Mrs. Handley, Classroom Assistant
- Mrs. Martinson, Office Manager/Assistant
- Miss Kaufman, LRC & Classroom Assistant
- Mrs. Mantie, Assistant
- Mrs. Klaus, Custodian
- Ms. Ferguson, School Counselor

School begins on Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:45 am. Parking is difficult the first week of school & especially this year with construction on the gym still finishing up. Our bus uses the West Pull through (in front of Big Room) in the morning and afternoon. Please do not drop off or park in this area. Parents please use the East pull through (in front of the Little Room) or graveled strip between the road and the trees. Parents may also use the gravel parking lot on the West end of the school, but please be mindful of the traffic flow and speed you are traveling.....for the safety of our students. Enter on the West side of school sign and Exit on the East side of school sign.

Our gym project is going well. It is due for completion by the 20th of September. Our school now has a new coat of paint. We are holding off on Open House until the gym project is complete.

Open House is now tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 24th at 5:30 PM.

We traditionally hold our first Parent Club Meeting right after Open House at 6 PM in the gym.

Students are welcome at school at 7:35 am. There will be no supervision before 7:35 am. **School dismisses at 2:05 pm and students get on the bus at 2:05 pm.** Please pick up your child promptly as we cannot provide supervision beyond 2:10 pm. Bus routes will run before and after school as usual. All routes will be posted to our District website or follow this link https://silverfallschools.org/?wpfb_dl=1030 . Contact Durham Services at 503-873-3721 if you have questions.

VERY IMPORTANT FYI: All bus routes have been reviewed and revised for safety and efficiency, so look carefully at your child's pick up and drop off times as they may have changed.

Your child's safety is our first priority. We expect every student to be at school every day and on time. Please call the school anytime your child will be absent. Mrs. Martinson will call home each morning for students who are absent without notification. It will save a great deal of time and effort if we hear from our parents first. Our answering machine is always on, so it is fine to call early in the morning and leave us a message. This is an important safety measure and it will not work without the cooperation of all of our families.

Sports activities for the 6th-8th grades will begin soon after the start of school. We will have a 6th-8th grade, co-ed volleyball team. All students planning to participate in sports must fill out a participation form, have a current sports physical on file, (no student will be allowed to practice without a current physical), verify insurance coverage, and pay a fee of \$50.00 per sport. Please see me if this fee presents a hardship for your family.

The District does not provide transportation to and from athletic events. If you are willing to drive some of our athletes to away games, contact the office. We will provide you with a "volunteer driver" form. This form must be completed each year.

If you wish to volunteer at school or volunteer to drive athletes to games, you must complete a criminal background check. In our District, you must be criminal background checked once every three years.

We are planning to have After School Program (provided by Emmanuel Bible Church) again this year. A.S.P. is every Monday from 2-4pm (12-2pm on Early Release) starting on October 7th. Our bus drops the students off & parents need to promptly pick up at EBC.

Pratum participates in the federally funded Special Milk program. This program offers free milk for students who come from eligible families. The names of students who qualify are confidential. If you are applying for the program, please turn in an application to the school office as soon as possible. Applications can be found on the District website <https://district.ode.state.or.us/apps/firlapp> or at our school office.

Pratum's dress code is posted on our school website. Please read the dress code prior to purchasing school clothes.

A special reminder to parents of our seventh graders: New immunization requirements were added for 7th grade students (Tdap). Please check to see that your child's immunizations are on file in the school office. The Health Department requires immunization information to be on file before a child can attend school. Please see Mrs. Martinson if you have any questions.

The entire Silver Falls School District will be continuing with its early release program this year. Students are released two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time on select Mondays throughout the year. Students are dismissed at 12:05 pm on early release days. Early release days are posted on our school calendar on the Pratum website.

Each year, our Parent Club puts on a Pancake Breakfast in the Spring. This is our largest fundraiser and provides funds for the Parent Club to spend on our school. If it were not for our Parent Club, we would not have many of the extras other schools have. As a Pratum parent, you are a member of the Parent Club. Your ideas, voice and participation is a huge part of this great school. We are blessed to have a wonderful group of parents that invest and support our students and staff.

We will continue to use the voicemail phone information system so be sure you have given us your current telephone number. This notification system alerts you to school closures, delays, special events, and general information and/or reminders regarding school activities. All voicemail messages are sent to you in an email. Some notices will come to you by email only.

We regularly post important information to our school's website. The easiest way to find our website is to "Google" Pratum School.

Please feel free to stop by, call or email me at hoehne_dustin@silverfalls.k12.or.us

I am looking forward to seeing you on September 3rd.

Go Pirates!

Dustin Hoehne
Principal