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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Paula Kinney

Dear Students and Families,

We are into the second semester! As I look back over some of the traumatic times that we encountered in the first semester, it makes me

realize what a great, supportive, and resilient team we have working together.....students, families, staff, and our Board. I can't thank all of you enough for how determined we were as a school community to have our school move forward in spite all that we went through.

As we begin the second semester, I would like to remind students of the importance of representing our school in a **very positive light**. This includes the way we dress and the manner in which we carry ourselves. I am requesting that students continue to dress appropriately i.e. nice pants, dresses, skirts and shirts; this includes dressing for inclement weather so that students don't get sick. I would also like for students to really focus on not using inappropriate language. We will make sure that we include a 'fun' theme dress day once a month so that students can dress for that occasion. In fact, Ms. Chavez

has agreed to be our new school activities' director so students may go to her with ideas for planning fun school activities.

In addition to dress and behavior, I want to also remind students and parents that although students are attending Park Academy because they possess diverse learning differences, we still want all of our students to be on the graduation track moving toward college. Learning should be taken very seriously, which includes being ready for class and on time, staying focused, not having feet on the furniture, and fully participating while in class. We have a great attendance record at approximately 90%. This is something that should really make you proud!

We are hearing from families that we need to do a better job of communicating regarding their student's progress more often and timelier. I am committed to making sure that we do so. I appreciate your recommendations and constructive feedback. The staff and I want to make sure that we are all meeting the needs and expectations for all of our students and their families

Sincerely,

Paula Kinney  
Director

## WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

If we are having inclement weather Park Academy will follow the Lake Oswego School District's decision on late starts or closures. **Please check your local news stations about school closures on any morning we have ice or snow. Stay warm and safe.**

**Then check again before you leave the house!**

### WISH LIST

**Do have a digital camera or a video camera that your not using?**

**How about donating it to Park Academy!**

**All donations are tax deductible!**



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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Feb. 1st Teacher work day
- Feb. 6th Lunch orders due
- Feb. 8th SCRIP DUE!
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- Feb. 18th Holiday Presidents day

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## PARENT TOURS

Word of mouth has been our most powerful method for recruiting new students. We welcome referrals and applications are being accepted at all grade levels. If you have relatives, neighbors, or friends from sports clubs, camps, work, activities, temple, or church who might be interested in attending Park Academy please direct them to the Park Academy website [www.parkacademy.org](http://www.parkacademy.org) or have them call Hannah Fener at 503-697-6213.

Park Academy will be hosting tours for new families interested in our program.

Dates for Parent Tours are:

Feb 6th & 27th and March 12th. New families will have an opportunity to hear about the program, and visit classrooms. Tours will start at 9:00am and end at 10:00am.

## TO THE COMMUNITY OF PARK ACADEMY

It is now halfway through the school year and the yearbook staff has a good start on putting together the pages of memories. In order to make this year's yearbook amazing we need the help of students, parents and staff. If you have taken any photos at parties, field trips or just around campus we need them!

Please turn in any pictures you have to Mr. Furman (his mailbox is in the office or you can e-mail him at [gfurman@parkacademy.org](mailto:gfurman@parkacademy.org))

### **Park Academy Students**

We are once again asking for student participation in designing the yearbook. Any student wishing to submit yearbook cover art, poems, pictures and quotes may do so by turning in all submissions to Mr. Furman.

Thank you very much on behalf of the yearbook staff

## PARENTS RESOURCES

The **OR**egon **B**ranch of the International **D**yslexia **A**ssociation (**ORBIDA**) focuses on increasing public awareness of how dyslexia affects both children and adults.

<http://www.orbida.org/>

Oregon PTI is the statewide parent training and information center serving parents of children with disabilities. Our goal is to educate and support parents, families and professionals in building partnerships that meet the needs of children and youth with the full range of disabilities ages birth to 26. We are a regionalized model with staff living in the area that they serve.

<http://www.orpti.org/index.htm>

## CONGRATULATIONS

The theater and music classes performed for the whole school on January 31st and it was amazing!

Thank you to all that attended!

### **THANK YOU!**

Furman Family for your gracious donation to our technology department!

## FUNDRAISERS

### **CALL TO ACTION**

**Park Academy families, we have a wonderful opportunity to raise money for field trips and we are not taking advantage of it. Last month there was not one order from a PA family.**

### **Plan ahead for SCRIP!**

There are 7 different grocery stores to choose from. 3%-7% goes directly to Park Academy! Get your groceries for the month and support your school!

There are many other options as well—shopping, gifts, or home improvements. All money goes toward Park Academy field trips!