



CECIL SLY COYOTE PRINTS



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Cecil Sly Families,

As we start the new year, I want to share some information with you.

One very important topic is the work that is happening to align our teaching to the common core state standards. Your teachers are getting together to plan with other school grade-level teams many times this year. During those meetings, teachers look at standards and select assessments that best match. The important part to that work is the great conversations that happen. More than ever before, teachers are digging into the language of the standards and particularly in math. Reading is and will stay a strong focus, but our performance is so strong in that area, it's time we turn our attention to doing as well in math. This is our last year to use the OAKS, Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills. Next year all Oregon schools will use the Smarter Balanced test. This requires students to put many skills together at once to do well on that test. Your teaching staff is working hard right now to be ready for this big change. It's an exciting time in education and it will be important for you to have as much information as possible. I always invite any questions you may have. Give me a call and we'll meet in person if you'd like. We are also working hard to create a new style of report card that matches the common core standards more effectively so families can better understand how their kiddo is doing in the content areas. There will be more information about these changes as the year passes. I am proud of your staff and the work they do. I am proud of the kids and the effort they put into their work. They do this because you send them to school with a "can do" attitude. Keep that up.

Your Principal,
Jim Bates



PTO Meeting
Wednesday, Jan. 8
3:15 Cecil Sly Library
Free Childcare is provided.

Please come and join this active group. PTO provides great support for our school. Do you have fund-raising or family fun ideas? Please let us know - we love new activities. If you would like to be part of PTO but cannot make meetings, please call the school and leave your information. A PTO representative will contact you.

Many hands make for light work!

Affordable Health Insurance Coverage

Since October 2013, individuals and families who do not have access to affordable health insurance at work are able to use a new marketplace called Cover Oregon to compare and select health insurance plans.

Through one application process, individuals can enroll in commercial insurance plans or programs such as the Oregon Health Plan or Healthy Kids. Some families may qualify for financial assistance to help them pay for coverage.

For more information, go to or contact customer service at 1-855-CoverOR (1-855-268-3767), or email info@coveroregon.com.

Happy Hoppers Friday, January 10th Career Day Dress Up

Dress as what you want to
be when you grow up.

Show your school spirit!

PTO will sell **popcorn for 25¢** to
students attending Happy Hoppers.
All proceeds go to PTO to support our school.



NEWS FROM THE GYM

Welcome back and I hope everyone had a terrific holiday. Now that we have settled into the gym for the winter, we are looking forward to fun inside. Students have enjoyed basketball skills and activities. Our primary students (K-2) have been progressing with basic locomotor skills and ball handling skills. When we return from the break, students will experience a variety of net games and activities including volleyball, paddle play, and badminton just to name a few. Our intermediate students (3-5) will also continue to focus on improving their Fitnessgram scores in PACER, push-ups, curl-ups and other flexibility tests. Any activities you can do to support this is surely appreciated. We will be outside on Fridays for Run Club when the weather permits. I do highly appreciate the parents and students who remember to pack a pair of athletic shoes in their backpacks for use in the gym. I encourage students to leave an old pair of athletic shoes in their locker if possible. Consider getting out and getting active even in the cold!



Mr. Yuma
PE Teacher

DAILY COLOR SCHEDULE	
Tuesday	Red
Wednesday	Blue
Thursday	Green
Friday	Run Club
Monday	Red
Please wear appropriate shoes on PE days.	

Sly Happenings



- Wed. Jan. 8 PTO Meeting 3:15
School Library
Free Child Care Provided
- Fri. Jan. 10 Happy Hoppers
- Mon. Jan. 20 No School
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Thurs. & Fri. No School
Jan. 30 & 31 Staff Development & Grading
- Mon. Feb. 3 3rd Quarter Begins
- Wed. Feb. 5 PTO Meeting 3:15
School Library
Free Child Care Provided
- Fri. Feb. 7 Happy Hoppers
- Mon. Feb. 17 No School
Presidents' Day
- Fri. Feb. 28 No School
Staff Development
- Wed. Mar. 5 PTO Meeting 3:15
School Library
Free Child Care Provided
- Fri. Mar. 7 Happy Hoppers
- Fri. Mar. 21 No School
Staff Development
- Mon. – Fri. No School
Mar. 24 – 28 Spring Break

Recycling contest
extended through
January.

We are collecting
**DRINK
POUCHES**



for this month's contest.
Recycle boxes are in the hallway by
the gym.