

# LAUREL ELEMENTARY

*A Great School With Tomorrow Inside*



Laurel is committed to creating a safe learning community where each and every student is actively engaged. We strive to be compassionate and responsible citizens with a focus on academic growth and individual excellence.

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The first three weeks of school have been so wonderful at Laurel. It was amazing to see how eager our students were to start yet another year filled with fun and lots of learning. We kicked the year off with a focus on our Laurel vision and an emphasis on our growth culture. We believe that through nurturing a growth mindset and culture, our school will have a significant positive impact on students' achievement and on staff member's self-efficacy and belief in their ability to be effective educators.

Laurel's community is an exceptional place because of the support, warmth and compassion of the school community and the community at large. Our staff members understand that their role is not to simply teach our children how to read and write, but to also help them develop emotionally and socially. As such, the whole Laurel staff, classified and certified members, are engaging in studying and implementing a new social/emotional curriculum called Zones of Regulation. We are training staff in increments during early release hours and staff meetings, and they are implementing the lessons as they learn them. We found huge success with this model and we have heard wonderful success stories.

We are celebrating International Dot Day on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, which is also our Back-to-School Night. All staff and students are going to "make our mark" and "Be The Difference!" Everyone is invited to wear dots to commemorate this day! International Dot Day is a global celebration of creativity, courage and collaboration. *The Dot* is the story of a caring teacher who dares a doubting student to trust in her own abilities by being brave enough to "make her mark". What begins with a small dot on a piece of paper becomes a breakthrough in confidence and courage, igniting a journey of self-discovery and sharing, which has gone on to inspire countless children and adults around the globe. We invite all of Laurel's community to wear dot-filled outfits and come join us on our Back-to-School Night to view an art gallery of our students' "marks" or "Dot," that will line the halls of Laurel Elementary School. Everyone will also get the chance to hear from teachers about their plans for the year to support our culture of growth and learning, including information on curriculum, field trips, programs and much more. If all plans go well, we are hoping to open our book fair for you to visit that night.

Laurel Picture day is coming up **October 11<sup>th</sup>!** Please help your children wear their best smile to school that morning. It is always a pleasure to look at all the cuteness that comes with these picture days! Please note **that October 13<sup>th</sup> is a** no school day and **October 25 is our Early** Release day at 1:00.

We cannot wait to see all of you at our upcoming October conferences. These conferences are your opportunity to meet with your teacher and ask all the questions you have about your child's education, progress, and well-being at school. We hope for 100% participation from our families as we believe building a relationship with you is one of the most important aspects of our children's success at school. In the coming days, your teacher will send communication home for you to sign up for a conference time slot. If you have siblings attending Laurel, our teachers make their best effort to put your conferences close to each other. For your convenience, we will be offering conferences 8:00am-8:00pm on October 26<sup>th</sup>, and October 27<sup>th</sup> will be, 8:00-12:00.

With Gratitude,

Nadira Rizkallah, Principal



**Sept. 27**      **1 ½ Hour Early Release**  
**Sept. 28**      **International Dot Day**  
**Sept. 28**      *Back to School Night 5:30-7p.m.*  
**Sept. 28-Oct 5**      *Laurel Book Fair*  
**Oct. 11**        **Picture Day**  
**Oct. 13**        **No School (non-contract day)**

**Oct. 23**        **School Board Meeting 6 PM**  
**Oct. 25**        **1 ½ Hour Early Release**  
**Oct. 26**        **No School (Conferences)**  
**Oct. 27**        **No School (Conferences)**  
**Oct. 31**        **Halloween**

### Things to Know

Please call to let us know your student will be late or absent by calling the attendance line at 541-520-2042.

Please send a note with your child if their schedule has changed—we must have authorization from an adult, not just hear it from the child. If there are any changes to your student's schedule, please notify the office **BEFORE 2:00 p.m.**

Please complete a background check now if you are volunteering or going on any field trips throughout the year. This prevents last minute crunches and ensures you will be able to participate in your child's activities.  
Thank you!!

### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers are needed for anything and everything from classroom help, Parent Group events, such as Popcorn Fridays and fundraisers, to help in the office!

Please contact the office if you are available to help even for a short time. The more volunteers we have, the less each person has to contribute their time, and it helps ensure we are able to offer programs and events to our students!

You must first complete a background check by visiting our website and clicking on the Background Check Form link and printing out the form to fill out.

Here's our website:

<http://www.junctioncity.k12.or.us/Laurel>

### Catchy Kitchen Facts from Foodservice:

- All of the bread items for breakfast and lunch are 51% or more whole grain. That means the first ingredient on the nutrition facts label is "whole" wheat, oats, corn, rice, etc.... Water is the only ingredient that can come before any whole grains on the nutrition facts label.
- Free & Reduced applications are funded from USDA, which is a federal program, not from the Junction City School District's budget. Funds from Oregon Department of Education pay the 30 cents for breakfast and 40 cents for lunch for approved reduced applications. The goal of the food service department is to be self-sufficient.
- Our Harvest of the Month:
  - September is Cherry Tomatoes from Camas Swale, Coburg Oregon
  - October is Sweet Corn from Johnson Farms, Eugene Oregon



## **Book Fair!**

The Laurel Book Fair is happening  
Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Back to School Night,  
And will run Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>.  
It will be located in the back of our Media Center.  
All students must be accompanied by an adult (parent/guardian/teacher).  
Come check it out!



International Dot Day!  
AND  
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!  
**We Invite you to our  
Back to School Night!**

 Breakout EDU

"The DOT: MAKE YOUR MARK!"



**Thursday  
September 28  
5:30-7:30**

**Come and meet the Teachers and the Principal!  
Check out the classrooms and our Dot Day Art!  
Have Fun!**

## TITLE I SERVICES

Laurel Elementary is a Title I school. Our school receives federal monies to fund our Title I program. Title I funding is based on our number of students receiving free and reduced lunch. Title I's goal is to identify and support students who need additional instruction in reading and math.

Laurel Elementary administers reading and math assessments to each of our students in the fall, winter, and spring. Students scoring below the 30<sup>th</sup> percentile may be recommended by the building team to receive instructional interventions in reading and/or math. Students receiving interventions will have their progress monitored during regular intervals. At Laurel, all students receive 90 minutes of reading instruction and 60 minutes of math instruction each day. Title I instruction is in addition to what all students receive. Parents/guardians will be notified if their child is recommended to receive additional reading or math instruction.

### *From Nurse Carol*

*In an effort to maintain a high level of wellness at school, we are asking for your assistance.*

*The following are some guidelines about when a student can return to school after an illness:*

**Fever:** Temperature below 100 degrees for minimum of 24 hours without the use of Tylenol or other fever reducing medication.

**Rash:** After rash disappears or with approval of doctor or school nurse.

**Vomiting & Diarrhea:** Symptom free for 24 hours.

**Strep throat:** Must have been on antibiotics for 24 hours.

**Cough:** After cough is no longer persistent and/or productive.

*Thank you for doing your part! Any questions or help, please call the Nurses Office.*



## **Picture Day is Coming**

**Bring your best smile!**  
Picture day is scheduled for  
**October 11<sup>th</sup>**



**EMPLOYEE  
PARKING  
ONLY**

Please be aware and remember that the **staff parking lot** is for School Employees only.  
We appreciate it!

## **MUSIC ROOM NEWS**

The Music Room at Laurel Elementary promotes and offers fun programs through the school year.

In order to fund these programs, they run a Hotdog Booth at Autzen Stadium!

If you would like to volunteer to work in the Hotdog Booth this year, please email Mr. Cook :

[acook@junctioncity.k12.or.us](mailto:acook@junctioncity.k12.or.us)

Thanks for your support!!