



Ben Rush eNews

October 28th, 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wed 11/2 Spirit Day
- Thurs 11/3 ELL/Safety Net Information Night and Game Night (5:45-6:45 p.m.)
- Tues 11/8 Veteran's Day Assembly (2:15 p.m.) Parents are welcome
- 11/8-11/15 Usborne Book Fair in the library
- Thurs 11/10 Picture Retakes
- Thurs 11/10 Book Fair Family Night
- Fri 11/11 NO SCHOOL: Veteran's Day
- Wed 11/23 Early Dismissal (11:30 a.m.)
- 11/24 & 11/25 NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving

Please use this [link](#) to view the district calendar for the year.

Happy Friday! I hope you had a great week like we did here at Ben Rush. Today was our PTA Walk-a-Thon and all of our students had a great time completing laps on the upper field. If you have not brought in your donations, the deadline has been extended to November 10th. Students who bring it in by then will be counted in the class and grade prizes.

Thank you for sending us such polite, respectful learners. I know that you all want your children to be successful readers. The easiest thing you can do to help them become great readers is to read to them every day. Yes, we teach reading here at Rush every day in every grade level, but the time you spend reading to them is an essential reading lesson, too. You don't need any special training! What counts the most is your attitude that reading is important and fun. While reading to your child:

- Point out the title and names of the writer and artist and other such text features.
- Move your finger from left to right under the text for early readers so they learn the direction that we read.
- Explain new words.
- Have fun! When reading a story, use a different voice for each character.
- Stop and ask questions: "Who do you think took Sammy Squirrel's acorn?"
- Be patient if your child interrupts with questions-it means your child is paying attention.
- Talk about the story after you read it.

Reading to your child every day is probably the most important thing you can do to help your child learn to read! Have a great weekend. We are both looking forward to spending time with our families this weekend.

Lucy Davies and Malia Goodfellow
Ben Rush Administrative Team

ELL/Safety Net Information Night

Families of students in Safety Net and ELL are invited to come to school to learn about services your child is receiving at school to support their language and reading growth; to build community and meet other families; to learn games and strategies to help students at home.

When? November 3rd, 2016 from 5:45 p.m. —6:45 p.m. *

Agenda:	5:45-6:00	Pizza available
	6:00-6:15	Presentation about the programs
	6:15-6:45	Games
	6:45	Prize Drawing (prizes include books and games)

Forms were due to the office by today. If you have not turned them in you are welcome to bring them back on Monday.

PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retakes are coming up on November 10th. These are for students who missed the first picture day or students who do not like their pictures. More information about picture retakes can be found in the office.

Please Obey the Street Signs



We work really hard to be good neighbors to the families who live close to the school. Last year we had numerous complaints from neighbors that families were using the cul-de-sac on 151st Ave NE to drop off and pick up students before or after school. The neighbors are worried that the increase traffic was a safety concern for students who were walking in the area. Over the summer, the City of Redmond installed a sign to remind families not to pick-up/drop-off students in the cul-de-sac. Recently I have been getting complaints again because families are still using this cul-de-sac to drop of students. We do not have a crossing guard in that area so it is not safe for our students when cars are dropping of students. I know our pick up and drop off area in front of the school can be busy, but please use this area as we have safety-patrol students making sure our students are safe. Thank you for your help in

making sure our students are safe and our neighbors are happy!

TARDIES

Thank you for helping to get your children to school on time for school. While we still have more tardies than we would like, they have been going down. We appreciate your support since it is very disruptive to the classes and interrupts the learning when students come in late.

Contact Information

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Important Links

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Website](#)

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