

# **Truman Elementary Home of the Trailblazers**

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## **TRUMAN ELEMENTARY BELL SCHEDULE**

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### **October 15th Newsletter**



Dear Parents,

Please note that October 20 is a 2 hour early release day and October 21 and 22 are non school days for conferencing. Parent conferences provide an opportunity to share information, set goals, and discuss concerns. By working in partnership with your child's teacher, everyone benefits. This is a very important way you can be involved as a parent.

Fall conferences will be via phone or Zoom unless parent and teacher agree to meet in person. Before attending your child's conference it might be helpful to think about what you would like to know as a result of the meeting. Some questions you may want to ask include:

- What are my child's strongest skills and abilities?
- What are my child's challenges, and how can I help?
- You might ask your child what they want you to discuss with the teacher.

Remember, both you and the teacher want the best learning experience possible for your child. Together, you can provide it.

**Lee Gunter**  
**Principal**

# Truman Elementary School Home of the Trailblazers Parent Participation Plan 2021-22

The Truman Elementary School staff is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child in our school. When parents, school staff, and community members work together all children can make the academic and social gains required to be productive citizens. **This document is designed to provide parents with the information they need to stay informed about student progress and to learn about activities and programs that are offered at Truman for all students.**

Truman staff members believe that improving student academic achievement requires parents to have an understanding of curriculum, academic achievement standards, assessments, district/school policies and procedures, and how to work with teachers to monitor their children's progress. Every attempt will be made to clearly communicate information in the parents' native language in a timely manner.

Parent Participation Plan- Truman staff will jointly revise, with parent input, the school **Parent Participation Plan** in the fall of each year. *The plan will be distributed to parents and the local community in newsletters, during PTA meetings, parent information meetings, on Curriculum Night, and will be posted on the school website at [www.vansd.org](http://www.vansd.org) (Truman Elementary site). Copies will also be available in the school office.*

Later in the school year, the School-Parent Compact will be reviewed and revised with the input of parents for the following school year.

Schoolwide Improvement Plan-Parent Advisory Meetings are scheduled throughout the school year to develop/review the School Improvement Plan and coordinate other parent involvement opportunities. Building demographics, and assessment results will be reviewed to ensure that schoolwide programs are meeting the needs of all students, especially those performing below grade level in reading and math.

Parent-Teacher Conferences-Parents are provided an opportunity to meet with classroom teachers during the district's scheduled conference days on October 20-22, 2021. During the fall conference time the Parent/School Compact will be discussed and signed. Spring Teacher-Parent conferences are also scheduled in April. Parents are encouraged to meet with their children's teachers at any time during the school year. Throughout the academic year, all parents will be provided with reasonable access to staff and opportunities to participate in a variety of building sponsored activities.

Title I Annual Meeting- Parent Advisory (Learning Improvement Team) Meetings will be held in October 2021 to discuss Truman's participation as a Title I School wide site and rights of parents to be involved.

Curriculum, Assessment & Proficiency Levels- All parents will be notified of their child's assessment scores and eligibility for additional academic help during the school day, after school, or in summer programs. Parents are informed of student progress via the goal setting conferences in the fall, trimester report cards, and other times during the school year that parents and/or staff feel it necessary. Parents are encouraged to request information regarding their child's academic progress at any time from the school staff.

Truman Elementary students are instructed by teachers trained in the use of Reading Wonders. Students requiring additional reading help may participate in programs such as Phonics for Reading, Boost and Blitz, and Read Naturally. All students in grades K-5 are instructed using Eureka Math. Students are assessed in a variety of ways including iReady, Wa Kids/TS Gold, the Smarter Balance Assessment and curriculum-based measures.

**Ways parents can become informed of student progress and programs offered at Truman:**

- Attend your child's conference in October
- Go through your child's backpack and papers each night and discuss their work and any announcements that come home
- Sign up to receive school information via email
- Set up Canvas and SeeSaw accounts
- Attend our Back to School Social before school starts
- Attend our Virtual Curriculum Night (September 16th, 6:00-7:00) to learn about your child's classroom and teacher
- Check the Truman Web Page regularly for information on events and programs at Truman
- Contact your child's teacher by phone or email if you have any questions
- Contact the principal, associate principal, or counselor if you need assistance that the teacher cannot provide
- Sign the Parent/School Compact and go over it with your child
- Sign up for our Parent @ccess feature so that you can monitor your child's attendance and academic information on line. Forms come home in the first day packets every year, or you can request an application at any time from our school office.
- Look closely at your child's report card and contact the teacher if you have any questions or concerns
- An annual meeting to inform parents of Truman's participation as a Title I School wide site, the requirement of Title I, and the rights of the parent to be involved, will occur at our PTA meetings in September or October.

## Things teachers/staff will do to communicate with parents:

- Inform parents of student academic and behavioral progress at conferences or by phone, email, or notes home as needed.
- Every effort will be made to share information in a family's native language during conferences and special events
- District interpreters will be asked to notify parents of events by calling and talking with them personally. Parents will also be encouraged to talk with the interpreter if there are questions or concerns so that they can be communicated to the appropriate school personnel.
- Use our automated phone calling system to inform parents of absences or remind them of special activities
- Post information on Truman's Facebook page and Twitter accounts
- Use Blackboard and SeeSaw to communicate with families
- Send a parent newsletter home each month providing information about upcoming events and programs both at Truman and throughout the district and community.
- Post information on the school web site- [www.vansd.org](http://www.vansd.org) – go to Truman
- Assessments in reading and mathematics will be given to determine a child's academic needs so that they can receive the proper instruction
- Programs specially designed to fit student needs will be incorporated into each child's day as appropriate. These might include:
  - Advanced placement in reading and mathematics
  - Small group instruction in reading and mathematics

## Parents are invited and encouraged to get involved at Truman in the following ways:

- **Read school/district communications and keep the school updated with your contact information**
- Be a classroom volunteer (as COVID guidelines allow)
- Be a reading/math tutor (as COVID guidelines allow)
- Be a health screening volunteer (as COVID guidelines allow)
- Attend student performances and school events (as COVID guidelines allow)
- Attend PTA sponsored events ( as COVID guidelines allow)
- Attend Family Nights (as COVID guidelines allow)
- Serve on our PTA (Parent Teacher Association)
- Attend PTA meetings and/or volunteer for PTA events - virtual
- Attend parent education evenings such as Curriculum Night
- Be a field trip chaperone (as COVID guidelines allow)

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The Truman Parent Participation Plan has been developed/revised jointly with, and agreed upon with, parents of children participating in a Schoolwide Title I program, as evidenced by meeting minutes, parent sign-in, and meeting agenda on file in the school office.

The Parent Participation Plan for Truman Elementary will be shared/revised by October 30th, 2021 and will be in effect for the period of the 2021-22 school year. The school will distribute this Parent Participation Plan to all parents of participating Title I children and make it available to the community on or before October 30, 2021.

Signature of School Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: October 14, 2021

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## INFORMATION FROM THE TRUMAN OFFICE

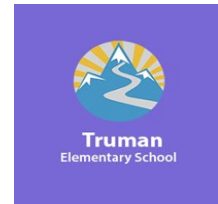
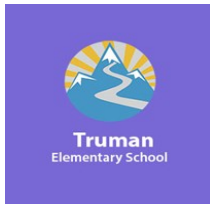
### Truman Dedication Ceremony!

Join us in celebrating the opening of our new building.

Invitation in English: <https://www.smores.com/efvap>

Invitation in Spanish: <https://www.smores.com/k4rju>

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## COVID INFORMATION ....

Positive COVID cases at school will be communicated on our school [website](#) (right click on link) and the district [dashboard](#) (right click on link) -

we will no longer be sending out notifications of positive cases to families. Any staff or students who are contacts will be contacted directly by school administrators or district contact tracers.

# TRUMAN ELEMENTARY BELL SCHEDULE

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## INFORMATION FROM THE TRUMAN OFFICE



### EARLY RELEASE MONDAYS

We will have a **2:10 early release every Monday through May 16th**. Please be sure to mark your calendar. If you are a parent pick up all students will need to be picked up at 2:10. If you are a bus rider plan on the bus arriving 40 minutes earlier than normal to the



October 20th

⇒ 2 Hour Early Release  
Conferences

October 21st

⇒ No School-Conferences

October 22nd

⇒ No school Conferences

November 4TH

⇒ Picture Day Retakes

November 11th

⇒ Veterans Day No School

November 24-26

⇒ Thanksgiving Break  
No School

### EARLY RELEASE DAYS 2021/2022

OCTOBER: 4,11,18,25

NOVEMBER:1,8,15,22,29

DECEMBER: 6,13

JANUARY: 3,10,24,31

FEBRUARY: 7,14,28

MARCH: 7,14,21,28

APRIL: 11,18,25

MAY: 2,9,16

Early Release days are on  
MONDAYS @ 2:10.

Please be respectful of our training time and pick up your student (s) promptly @2:10

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# WHEN TO KEEP A SICK CHILD HOME...

One of the problems most often confronting parents of school-age children occurs when a child complains of not feeling well on a school day.

The following is not intended as medical advice, but is merely designed as a guideline to be followed until your health care provider can be contacted.

Children should usually be kept at home if any of the following conditions are present (keep in mind the absence of fever does not always indicate the child is well enough to attend school):

- NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL
- FEVER OVER 100 DEGREES
- MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES
- VOMITING OR DIARRHEA WITHIN THE LAST 48 HOURS
- UNDIAGNOSED SKIN RASHES WITH FEVER
- SORE THROAT WITH FEVER AND DIFFICULTY SWALLOWING
- RASHES
- HEADACHE PERSISTING LONGER THAN 24 HOURS
- TOOTHACHE, EAR PAIN OR ABDOMINAL PAIN AND CRAMPING
- SKIN INFECTIONS
- EYES THAT ARE PAINFUL RED, AND MATTED WITH THICK DISCHARGE
- COUGHING, WHEEZING OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING



## COVID-19-SYMPTOMS

If your child has any of the following symptoms not caused by another known condition or medication, please have them tested for COVID-19 before returning to school.

- FEVER OR CHILLS
- COUGH
- SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING
- FATIGUE
- NAUSEA/VOMITING
- MUSCLE/BODY ACHES
- HEADACHE
- LOSS OF TASTE/SMELL
- SORE THROAT
- CONGESTION/RUNNY NOSE
- DIARRHEA

### When to return to school

Students may return to school after their symptoms have been resolved for greater than 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing medication, AND meeting one of the following requirements:

- *NEGATIVE TEST RESULTS FOR COVID-19*
- *10 DAYS HAVE PASSES SINCE SYMPTOMS BEGAN*
- *ALTERNATIVE DIAGNOSIS BY A MEDICAL DOCTOR*

## INFORMATION FROM THE TRUMAN OFFICE AND OUR FAMILY RESOURCE COORDINATOR

### BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ARE FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS DURING THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

Please fill out a Free or Reduced Meal Application

Meal Applications can be downloaded from the district [website](#) or are available in each school office. Additionally, families may complete a Meal Application online. Parents only need to complete one Meal Application for all students in their household

For further information, please contact VPS Nutrition Services

Call- 360-313-1190

Nutrition.Services@vansd.org.



### Responsible Use Agreement for iPads

If you haven't already signed the Responsible Use Agreement for iPads, please follow [this link](#) to complete.

At this point, only 5th graders will be allowed to bring iPads home. However, we want to have the option to send iPads home with students who miss school due to illness or need to quarantine. We can only send iPads home with those who have completed the Responsible Use Agreement.

You can also access the Responsible Use Agreement by using this QR code



### What is Parent Involvement?

Please know that you can be involved in a variety of meaningful and helpful ways even if you cannot be here. We understand that many of you are working hard to support your family in other ways. Here are some examples of how you can be involved with your student's education

- Read communications from school
- Talk to your child about his/her day at school
- Contact the teacher if you have questions/concerns
- Join PTA
- Attend evening events
- Ensure your child gets adequate sleep
- Make sure your child attends school regularly

Please take a look at our official Parent Participation Plan below and contact me at [lee.gunter@vandsd.org](mailto:lee.gunter@vandsd.org) if you have any input. Our plan will be posted on the school website and we will be collecting parent feedback through October.



# FREE FOOD PANTRIES!

Open to ALL Vancouver Public School Families

The Clark County Food Bank, Share and Vancouver Public Schools are partnering to host free monthly food pantries at 8 VPS Schools starting in October. The two closest locations to Lake Shore are listed below:

Sacajawea (700 NE 112th St, Vancouver, WA 98685) 11am-12pm

Oct. 13th, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb 9, March 9, April 13, May 11

Sarah J. Anderson (2215 NE 104th St, Vancouver, WA 98686) 11am-12pm

Oct. 5th, Nov. 2, Dec.7, Jan. 4, Feb.1, March 1, March 29, May 3



## FAMILY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER STAFF ARE HERE TO HELP

We connect and coordinate access to services if your family needs help with:

- Food
- Clothing
- School Supplies
- Housing

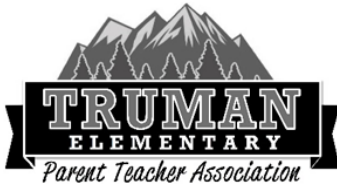
**MICHELLE AMES— 360-313-2904**

**TRUMAN FAMILY RESOURCE COORDINATOR**

**[Michelle.ames@vansd.org](mailto:Michelle.ames@vansd.org)**

FCRC connects students and families to services and resources that address a broad range of needs. Families can access health and social services, food and housing information, academic and early learning programs, plus student and family engagement activities.





# Happy Fall, Trailblazers!!

## .... A Note from Truman PTA

### Important Upcoming Dates:

- Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>** – PTA General Meeting via ZOOM 7:00PM (check FB for meeting link)
- Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>** – Online Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>** – 2-hour early Release (conferences)
- Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>** – NO School (conferences)
- Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>** – Truman Building Dedication 6:30PM-8:00PM
- Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>** – Trunk or Treat 5:30PM - 6:30PM
- Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>** – Chuck E. Cheese Family Fun Night



### Payback Book Fall Fund-raiser

Thank you to Truman students, families and community for a successful Fall Fundraiser! For those students who earned prizes, here's an update: the fundraiser administrator informed us there has been an unforeseeable shipping delay. Estimated arrival time is by Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your patience. Please contact us (trumanpta3.7.75@gmail.com)

### Trunk or Treat

October 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:30PM - 6:30PM

Trunk or Treat is fast approaching Put on your favorite costume and bring your family to get some



treats, earn a prize for completing

a playground scavenger hunt & see some of your favorite storybooks come to life. If you would like to donate candy (store bought and individually wrapped, please) for the event, bins will be available for drop-off in front of the school and inside the lobby starting Monday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. *(Event is subject to WA State COVID guidelines. We ask you please wear a mask and observe 6 ft social-distancing.)*

There is still time for the **Scholastic Book Fair!**

You can shop the fair through **October 17<sup>th</sup>**, in the comfort and convenience of your own home. Every dollar spent during the book fair turns into more books for Truman's library and classrooms. All your online purchases will be shipped directly to your house and Truman will still get the benefit of your purchases.



<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/trumanelementaryschool12>

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Harry S Truman P T A" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. Amazon will donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us. How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone,
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features,
3. Select "Harry S Truman P T A" as your charity,
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app




*What is the PTA?* It is the direct connection between Parents, Guardians, Teachers, School Staff and the Truman Community working together to support the health, well-being, and educational needs of all students. We volunteer our time, talents and effort to make school the best possible



# VPS Is Hiring!

Are you, or do you know someone who would be a great addition to our Vancouver Public Schools (VPS) team? Did you know that VPS hosts monthly Substitute and Classified Candidate Day interviews for qualified applicants?

 Vancouver Public Schools is now hiring for full-time, part-time, substitute, and seasonal employees in the following areas:

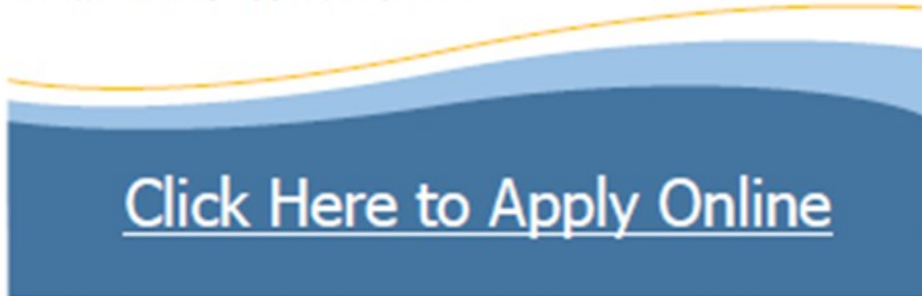
Special Program Paraeducators  
Paraeducators

Bus Drivers  
Coaches

Cafeteria Assistants  
Custodial Assistants

#### NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

*Vancouver Public Schools is an equal opportunity district in education programs, activities, services, and employment. The district does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, including gender expression or identity, age, families with children, honorably discharged veterans or military status, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal. The district provides equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. The district complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 402 of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Older Worker Benefit Protection Act, and all other state, federal, and local equal opportunity laws. You may contact any of the following people at 2007 Park Ave., Vancouver, Washington, 98661, or by writing to State of Vancouver School District, PO Box 8032, Vancouver, Washington 98661-8032 or by calling 360-523-1200. Aisha-Kathy Frazier (aisha.frazier@vpsd.org); Title VII/EO/AAE/ADA (hr@vpsd.org); Title IX/Equal Rights (equal.rights@vpsd.org); Affirmative Action/Title IX/Early Childhood (early.childhood@vpsd.org); Title II/Accessibility-Title IX/ADA (title2.accessibility@vpsd.org); Title II/Accessibility-Title IX/ADA (title2.accessibility@vpsd.org); Title II/Accessibility-Title IX/ADA (title2.accessibility@vpsd.org); Title II/Accessibility-Title IX/ADA (title2.accessibility@vpsd.org). This notification can be provided in the appropriate language for communities of national origin and minority persons with limited English language skills by contacting 360-523-1200.*



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