



# Eleanor Roosevelt Weekly Bulletin ~ Jan. 20-31, 2020

**Dual Language Open House:** Beginning next year, Roosevelt will be a dual language school. The Spanish/English Dual Language Program is an academically challenging and enriching program for developing linguistic proficiency in Spanish and English. Students enter the program in kindergarten and continue through fifth grade. Spanish language instruction continues with a focus on literacy at McLoughlin Middle School or Gaiser Middle School and rigorous classes for freshmen through seniors in the Spanish language pathway at Fort Vancouver High School Center for International Studies. Please join us on Jan. 22 from 5-6 pm to learn more about this program.

**From the School District:** Supplemental levy on the ballot this February - changes in state funding for education have contributed to a multi-million dollar shortage in Vancouver Public Schools' budget. To address the shortage, the district is asking voters to consider approving a levy on Feb. 11, 2020. Supplemental education and operations levy facts: If approved by voters, the supplemental levy for education and operations would maintain current levels of programs and services in VPS. The new levy would supplement the education and operations levy passed in 2019. The levy would pay for locally funded teacher positions that maintain smaller class sizes. All schools in the district would benefit from the levy. The levy would help schools continue to improve student achievement and graduation rates. Without revenue provided by a supplemental levy, the district would face shortfalls that require budget cuts and layoffs. Supplemental levy collection would begin in 2021. The estimated rates per thousand are: 43 cents in 2021, 41 cents in 2022, 40 cents in 2023. If voters approve the supplemental levy, the 2021 rate combined with the current education and operations levy would be \$1.95 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The supplemental levy will appear on the ballot in the special election on Feb. 11, 2020. Learn more at [vansd.org/levy](http://vansd.org/levy).

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2020-2021:** REGISTRATION started January 13, 2020. To register for kindergarten, bring proof of birth date and records of immunization to your neighborhood school. We recommend parents register their children by May 1st to ensure that you and your child receive an invitation to attend the Kindergarten visitation program this spring. Note: Any child who will be five (5) years old on or before August 31 is eligible to enter kindergarten this fall.

**Roosevelt Family Night:** Roosevelt families are invited to Family Night, Thursday, January 30, 5:30-7 pm. Join us for games, crafts and challenges for the whole family to enjoy. Our theme for the evening is Fairy Tales, Myths & Legends and everyone is invited to dress up as their favorite storybook character. Dinner will be provided in the cafeteria 5:30-6:15 pm and activities start at 6 pm. See you there!

**Grow & Learn:** Every Tuesday 9-10:30 am Roosevelt Library - Grow and Learn is a FREE drop in program for all families with children ages birth to 5 years old. Grow & Learn encourages focused parent-child time, helps your child socialize and meet other families, provides school readiness activities and snacks.

**Change of Go Home Plans:** If you have a change of plans for your child(ren), please make sure the office has this information by 1 pm on regular release days and 12 pm on early release days.

**Alternate Pick-up Person:** In order to continue providing a safe environment for your child(ren), we have a strict alternate-person pick-up policy. If, at any time, you need someone to pick up your child(ren) in the office other than a parent or guardian, even if they are on your emergency pick-up list, we need confirmation from you that the person is allowed to pick-up your student(s). Please notify the office by phone call, email, or written note. If we do not receive notification from you, we will not release your child(ren) to the person picking up until we confirm with you that it is okay for that person to pick-up. The person picking up will also need to bring in their photo ID when picking up.

**Fresh Food Pantry:** Food Pantry 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month 10:30-11:30 am Roosevelt Family Resource Center. All Roosevelt families are welcome. Roosevelt's Fresh Food Pantry offers a variety of fresh, frozen and pantry foods. Next dates: Jan 28, Feb 11 & 25, March 10 & 24, April 14 & 28, May 12 & 26.

**School Closure Information:** Depending on the circumstances, schools could be closed for one day or several days. Schools could open two hours later than usual or close earlier than scheduled. To find out if schools are closed: Check "Emergency Closure Information" on the district website: [www.vansd.org](http://www.vansd.org). Check the Flash Alert website: [www.flashalert.net](http://www.flashalert.net) (select Portland/Vancouver area, then Clark County Schools, then Vancouver School District). Sign up for free Flash Alert text and/or email messages. You must renew this service each year. Both websites listed above will take you to the Emergency Messages page for Vancouver School District. Find "Emergency Alerts," click "Subscribe" and follow directions. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to see our school closure posts: [www.facebook.com/VancouverPublicSchools](https://www.facebook.com/VancouverPublicSchools) and <https://twitter.com/VancouverSD>. Listen to your local radio and television stations. Call the School Closure Information Line at 313-1401. If schools are closed, the main school phone numbers will allow you to connect to the School Closure Information Line. The decision to close or delay the opening of school due to snow or icy roads usually is made early in the morning of that school day. If weather becomes threatening during the school day schools may close early. If schools are closed, all after-school and evening school activities are canceled for that day.

## Upcoming Dates:

### Early Release:

- Jan. 27 at 2:10 (40 mins)
- Feb. 3 at 2:10 (40 mins)
- Feb. 10 at 2:10 (40 mins)
- Feb. 24 at 2:10 (40 mins)

### No School:

- Jan. 20 MLK DAY
- Jan. 24 Semester Break
- Feb. 17 Presidents Day

### 1-2-3 Grow & Learn:

Every Tuesday 9-10:30 am in the Media Center

### 1st Grade Field Trip:

Jan. 31 to Oregon's Children Theater 9-11:30

### PBIS Assembly:

Jan. 29 in the cafeteria at 9:00 am

### Popcorn Friday:

Jan. 31

### Coffee & Conversation with principal:

Feb. 12 from 8:45-9:45 am

