Garden Clean up

Join us on **Monday, October 12th from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm** to help clean up the garden and other areas on the school grounds. Both kids and grownups are welcomed! Feel free to bring your own gloves, yard waste bags, and garden tools. Extra supplies will be located by the garden on the south west side of the building (*Please note, this is different than the last clean up). Please bring your yard waste bag back to the supply location for proper disposal at the compost bin (by back door of the cafeteria).

Please remember to wear a mask and use social distancing guidelines.

Indigenous Peoples' Day: Monday, October 12

Indigenous Peoples' Day has been touted as a replacement for Columbus Day for decades, but the movement never got much traction on a nationwide scale. Now, however, with increased awareness of colonizers' atrocities against Native American and indigenous people of what eventually became the United States, Indigenous Peoples' Day has seen a groundbreaking amount of support. Here's what you need to know about Indigenous Peoples' Day and why it's so important—and why many feel that the man credited with discovering America may well deserve to be stripped of his celebratory day.

**Activity for Families:** Land Acknowledgement Statement

**Possible statement to say with your family:**

"We want to acknowledge that we gather as the <family name> family on the traditional land of the Duwamish (and Puget Sound Salish) Peoples past and present, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. This calls us to commit to continuing to learn how to be better stewards of the land we inhabit as well."

**What is a Land Acknowledgement Statement?**

A land acknowledgement is a formal statement presented at the beginning of public events and gatherings that recognizes and honors Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of the land.

**Why?**

"Acknowledgment is a simple, powerful way of showing respect and a step toward correcting the stories and practices that erase Indigenous people's history and culture and toward
inviting and honoring the truth."
*U.S. Department of Arts and Culture*

Learn more about Native American tribes in Washington State [here](#) and see an impressive map of tribes throughout the country [here](#).

**PTA Family Interest Survey**

We know that this is a difficult year for every parent, caregiver, and teacher in our community. We also wanted to find out how the PTA can help you navigate all of these challenges. How do you want to PTA this year?

Please take a few minutes to answer this [short survey](#), so that we can best help you make your child’s - and every child’s - potential a reality. You get a lot of surveys, so our promise to you is that we will 1) use the information you share in what we do and 2) report back to you on what we learned from all families and educators in our PTA community.

**PLEASE COMPLETE BY FRIDAY, 10/23/20**

**PTA General & Board Meeting 10/13**

Please join us for our first official PTA Board & General Meeting on Tuesday, 10/13. We've got quite a full agenda and we hope that you can make it! There are several items to vote on as well, so please join us!

**Topic:** PTA Board & General Meeting  
**Time:** Oct 13, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: [link to meeting](#)  
Password: Otters!

**OTTER KNOW SUBMISSIONS**

The Otter Know is published during the school year once a week on Tuesday, with an Otter Know Update on Friday if needed. Articles for the Otter Know are due the Thursday before the Tuesday publication. Articles can be sent through the website, or to the Communications Committee.