



January Rain Brings ... More Rain

Dear Ordway Community,

You may have heard the saying - April showers bring May Flowers. Although that springtime saying may be true, here in the Pacific Northwest, the rain begins well before April.

We sure had a lot of rain this past week! Some of the time, the rain came down as a soft drizzle, and other times it was a deluge. Always, we hope that you are all staying safe ... and occasionally having some fun when it rains. Even when it is rainy and and grey, spending time outdoors gives a positive boost to ones mental health. So the next time you see a puddle, go ahead and make a splash! Or, at least take an intentional step into the puddle with a little smile.

Sincerely,

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Ordway School Consolidation / Closure

The School Board decision to consolidate/close Ordway Elementary will come on Thursday, March 14th. **That's less than 7 weeks away!**

The Ordway PTO will be hosting current and perspective Ordway Families on February 9th. This meeting will be to inform families about the district proposal to consolidate/close schools, including Ordway, and the BISD planning processes. Additionally, this meeting will let you know how you can get engaged with the school district and community. *We strongly encourage you to attend as we will be discussing important meetings the district has planned.*

What: **Ordway PTO Meeting for School Closure Processes**

Why: **To Inform and Engage**

When: **Friday, February 9th, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

Where: **Ordway Gym**

We are continually adding information and links on our PTO Resources website ([here](#)).

- The SCAC presentation to the School Board can be found on the PTO Resources page, and on the school board documents page, [here](#).

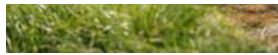
The Superintendents Office and School Board are working on scheduling several meetings specific to the school consolidations/closures.

- **Public Hearings for Ordway and Commodore**
 - Date and Location: still to be determined
- **Community Meetings for Ordway, Commodore, and Sakai**
 - Date and Location: still to be determined

Ordway PTO Resources

BISD Closure Scenarios





Question of the Week

How fast can a river otter swim (in miles per hour)?

a) 13 mph b) 8 mph c) 5 mph

See the answer at the end of newsletter



Support Our Schools ~ for Our Kids

Renewal Enrichment & Operations Levy (Prop. 1)

Renewal Tech Levy (Prop 2)

For more information, see BIPSS <https://bipss.org>

Election day is February 13th, 2024



Volunteer with us to share joy

Do you want to help plan more family fun? Do you have a knack for creating school art and displays? Do you love numbers and can't wait to join our fundraising and treasury team?

Contact the PTO today to join in on the fun of creating more smiles. Our Volunteer Coordinators, Alora and Maribel, would love to hear from you! Email them [here](#).

We are looking for volunteers to:

- **February Kindness** ~ Volunteer to spread kindness and love around the school and neighborhood
- **Bingo Night, March 1st** ~ Volunteer opportunities coming soon.
- **Communications** ~ Share with our community, and keep us in the know, by updating the PTO website, and/or these very newsletters.
- **Secretary** ~ Help the PTO cross their t's and dot their i's
- **Carnival** ~ Join the Carnival Team by emailing the Volunteers Coordinator

Volunteer Coordinators - [Email here](#)

Volunteer Website

- <https://bainbridgeptos.org/ordway-pto-volunteer/>



The river otter can swim up to 8 miles per hour.

Website Reference - click [here](#)

Upcoming PTO Meetings

Feb 5 @ 6:30 PM

Mar 4 @ 11:30 AM

April 8 @ 6:30 PM

<https://bainbridgeptos.org/ordway-pto-events>

Community Events

BYS: Free Viewing of "Screenagers: Under The Influence" | Feb. 1st @ Bainbridge Cinemas
Register for Free | See Link [here](#)

BSF Online Auction: Money raised goes to BISD | Feb 2-10

<https://www.bsfgala.org>





The Ordway PTO's mission is to support and enrich the classroom experience for all students by fostering a sense of community and cooperation among our Parents, Teachers, Staff and Students.

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