



# COUGAR CALL

# FEB 2018

## A Monthly Newsletter for YCES Events

Yamhill Carlton Elementary School | 420 S 3rd St, Carlton, OR

### Be a Voice for your Child!

Yamhill Carlton Elementary is striving to open the air ways of communication for parents and our community. We want to hear your voice and concerns regarding students as soon as they become evident.

If your child comes to you with concerns that they are struggling with at school, whether it be a social matter, behavioral issue, or are struggling with academics, please involve the staff immediately. Unless a problem is brought to our attention, we do not know one exists. We strongly believe communication is the key to the success of our students.

### YCES Communication Protocol:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Student talks to staff:** Encourage your child to communicate with their teacher or another staff member if they have a problem or concern.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Parents contact the teacher by email:** Discuss the concern in as much detail as possible. This is truly the fastest and most effective way to start the conversation.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Parents make an appt. with teacher:** Arrange for a meeting with the teacher that fits both of your schedules.
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Parents and or student makes an appt. with principal or counselor:** If problems persists, request to schedule and appt. with the principal or counselor. Likely, they have already been made aware of the situation.

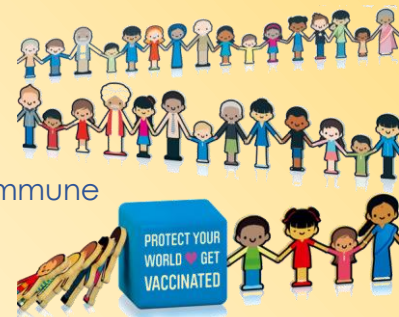
Office staff will be happy to help arrange an appt. as well. We work hard to support families at YCES.

If you have suggestions on how we can open the doors of communication, please let us know.

### Immunizations

Please make sure your child's immunization records are up to date. Exclusion Day is coming up soon. Children who are not up-to-date on their immunizations by **February 21, 2018** will be excluded from school until their immunizations are up-to-date.

Also note, according to an updated Oregon law, Religious exemptions signed prior to March 1, 2014, are no longer valid. Parents will be required to turn in documentation of immunization or complete the new process for a nonmedical exemption prior to February.



### SBAC Testing

**YCES 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in the Smarter Balance assessment in May for both English Language Arts and Math. This is an annual test provided by the Oregon Department of Education.**

**For more information, please visit:**

<http://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Documents/Opt-Out%20Form%202017-18.pdf>

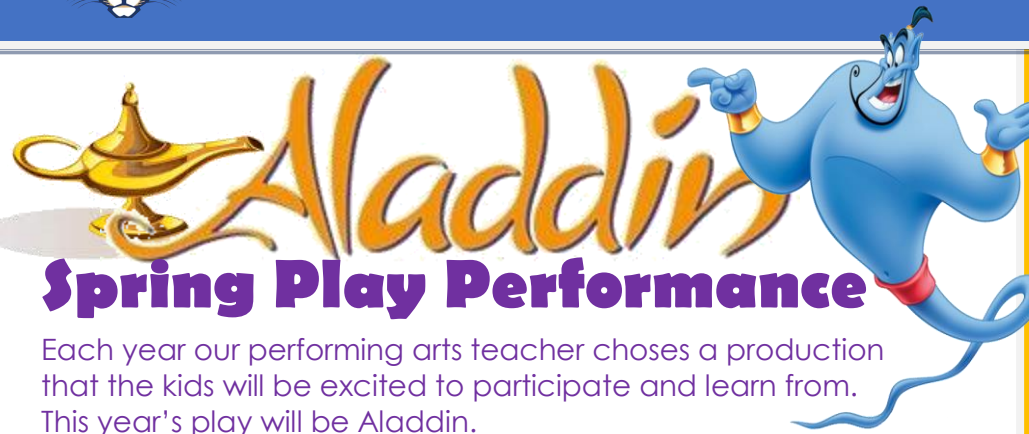
### OREGON'S STATE TESTS:

- Challenges your child to think critically and apply his or her knowledge to real-world problems.
- It goes beyond multiple choice and asks your child to explain his or her answers.
- Acts as a snapshot of your child's progress and may be considered along with other pieces of information to determine your child's academic success.
- Help identify schools and districts that need additional supports to ensure more students are meeting higher standards.



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Each year our performing arts teacher chooses a production that the kids will be excited to participate and learn from. This year's play will be Aladdin.

### Auditions: Monday, Feb 5th from 3pm-6pm

- Open to YCES 2nd-4th graders.

- Auditions will be held in the STAGE classroom and students will be escorted to the main entrance at 6:00pm for pickup.
  - Sign up on the list by the gym doors.
- Pick up an Audition Form posted next to the Audition Sign-Up sheet.
- Bring the Audition Form filled out and signed by parents to audition. This is their ticket in the door!
- Mrs. V does group auditions, not individual auditions. It is more fun that way and takes the pressure off! Students will read scenes from the play with partners and learn a short STOMP style dance number.

• No callbacks!

• Cast list will be posted on Friday, Feb. 9th.

• First rehearsal will be Tuesday, Feb 13th at YCIS from 3-5pm.

**There will be a 30 minute mandatory parent meeting in the YCIS Library at 5:00 pm right after rehearsal this day.**

• Questions? Email Mrs. V at [beltverhoefs@ycschools.org](mailto:beltverhoefs@ycschools.org)



## Upcoming Events

Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> – Beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> – Spring Play Auditions for Aladdin: 3 to 6 PM

Open to 2nd-4th Grade in the Stage Classroom

Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Team Meeting in Library 12:15 – 1:15 pm

Then Every Wed. until end of year

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> – School Board Meeting

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> - Science Fair for K-8<sup>th</sup> at YCIS (Presentation Boards Due Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>)

Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> - Play Cast List Posted

Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> - Rehearsal from 3-5 pm at YCIS - 30 minute Mandatory Parent Meeting - 5 PM - YCIS Library

Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM – YCES GYM

Fourth Grade Stage Performance

Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> – **NO School** - President's Day

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – Immunization Exclusion Day

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Pride of Cougar Day  
Volunteers are requested to help

March 1<sup>st</sup> - Second Grade Performance

6:00 PM in the YCES Gym

March 26<sup>th</sup> - March 30<sup>th</sup> – **NO School**  
Spring Break

April 5<sup>th</sup> - Spring Pictures

April 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> - Spring Play - Aladdin  
Performances times TBA YCHS  
Cafeteria Stage – tickets required

April 18<sup>th</sup> - Art and Science Fair

## Stage Performance Schedules

Each grade level has the opportunity to perform in front of their parents and guests:

**Fourth Graders: February 15<sup>th</sup> – A Night of Jazz**

**Second Graders: March 1<sup>st</sup> – Laugh Out Loud**

**First Graders: March 15<sup>th</sup> – We Love Our Pets**

ALL PERFORMANCES are in the YCES Gym  
Doors open at 5:30 pm - Curtain Opens at 6:00 pm

## Lost and Found

Our lost and found is filling up, again!

Most of what we have are nice winter coats and sweaters. Please come in or have your child check for any missing items.

