



Findley Lingo

Prepared by Findley PTO

Art Literacy – A volunteer-staffed elementary and middle school art education program. The program consists of volunteers who go into classrooms to give a visual presentation on an artist which is followed by a hands-on art project with the students. Six different lessons are presented throughout the year. Volunteers are trained for every lesson they teach by a site-based coordinator at each school. The program's curriculum is based on more than 100 artists, including European masters, renowned American artists, cultural arts, some living and local artists.

Attendance Line – 503-356-2100. Phone number to call when your child will be absent from school.

Back to School Night – Parent-only event held during the first week of school. Parents are welcomed by principal, given school wide updates and announcements, and invited to meet with classroom teachers to hear specific teaching philosophies, curriculum, and student expectations.

Battle of the Books - A statewide voluntary reading motivation and comprehension program sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries in conjunction with a Library Services and Technology Act grant. Students in 3rd-5th grade, regardless of ability, are exposed to quality literature representing a variety of literary styles and viewpoints. The mission is to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, to broaden reading interests, to increase reading comprehension, promote academic excellence, and to promote cooperative learning and teamwork among students.

Beaverton Clothes Closet - The Clothes Closet is operated by volunteers from the School District's parent groups and Beaverton community to provide free clothing for students in grades K-12 from families with limited income.

Box Tops for Education – A way to earn money for our school by clipping Box Tops coupons from hundreds of participating products. Subscribe at <http://www.2ways2earn.com>, enter your Safeway Club Card number & Findley as your school, to earn eBox Tops too!

Carnival – A volunteer run school-wide evening event with games, food, music, and fun for the whole family.

Class Party Parent – Parent who organizes and runs classroom parties throughout the year.

Classroom Coordinator – Parent who coordinates classroom volunteers and volunteer assignments for a specific teacher/classroom.

Common Core State Standards (CCSS) -- A coherent progression of learning expectations in English language arts and mathematics designed to prepare K–12 students for college and career success. More information at <https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/parents/common-core>

Dragon Dash - Findley PTO's primary method of fundraising for the school year. Children have the opportunity to run laps at a designated time and get sponsors to donate to the school.

Dragon Riders – 5th grade students who participate in leadership activities throughout the school year.

ELMOs – Overhead projection units used at Findley.

Field Day – A day devoted to cooperative games and active play for each grade level. Takes place in the spring.

Findley Beautification – Each fall and spring the Findley community meets on a weekend and works around the Findley grounds to maintain and improve the landscaping.

Findley Dine Out – A program that invites Findley families to dine in (or take out) at local restaurants on specific dates where those establishments donate a percentage of their sales to Findley.

Findley Fall Festival – A Halloween-inspired family fun evening event.

Findley Flyers -- A running club that encourages kids to get exercise by tracking their mileage and running with their friends at lunch recess (currently Tues) or before school (Thurs 8AM). All children are enrolled in this program, although participation is optional. Children earn token awards as they reach certain mileage intervals and a medal when they run a marathon!

In Touch Payments – An online fee collection for school fees (field trip, recorders, library fines).

Lost and Found – Locations for misplaced student belongings. Main location is by the hallway doors at the back of the school, leading out to the playground. Items are often placed in cubbies near the cafeteria door as well.

Movie Night – PTO sponsored event held several times throughout the school year on a Friday night. A G or PG film is shown and snacks are available for purchase. Pillows and blankets are encouraged.

mVP (powered by Better Impact) – Beaverton School District's chosen volunteer management system, which incorporates security background checks. All volunteers must have a profile at myvolunteepage.com to volunteer in BSD schools. Use mVP to indicate volunteer interests, sign up for volunteer shifts, and record volunteer hours worked. This system is also used as Findley PTO's primary means of communicating with Findley parents.

SchoolCafe.com – Website that allows access to your student's meal account. You can check balances and add funds to account.

Neighborhood Courtesy - We strongly encourage parents who pick-up and/or drop-off their children in the lower parking lot to be considerate of their neighbors. Please do not make illegal U-turns or use driveways to turn around particularly on Tustin Ranch Drive. This creates congestion as well as a safety hazard for those students who walk to school. We also encourage families to use our designated pick-up/drop-off procedures in the school parking lot rather than parking and waiting for their children in Findley's surrounding neighborhoods particularly Bauer Creek Estates and Remington.

One School, One Book – A program designed to create a shared reading experience within a single elementary school community. A chapter book is chosen, every family in the elementary school receives a copy, and every family reads that book at home over the course of a single month. Activities at school coordinate, promote, and enrich the shared reading experience.

Parent Packet Pickup – Event held the week before school starts that gives families the opportunity to review enrollment forms, pick up bus schedules, district forms for free/reduced lunch, insurance, etc., as well as flyers highlighting PTO activities and events. Pre-ordered school supplies are available for grades K-1 (2-5 grade supplies are delivered to classrooms). Parents can also sign up for an online volunteer profile, receive classroom teacher assignments, and get volunteer badge photos taken.

Passport Club – Volunteer-run geography program for grades two through five. Kids bring home laminated study maps and a monthly study map. Typically, the third Wednesday of the month is passport quiz day and the third Friday is a recheck opportunity for kids who missed a couple missed countries. This program occurs during the school day and is optional.

Portable – Classroom that is separate and outside of main school building.

Principal Chat – Informal open meetings with the school principal.

PTO – Parent Teacher Organization. All parents of Findley students are automatically members of Findley PTO.

PYP – Primary Years Programme, elementary level of International Baccalaureate® (IB) www.ibo.org. It focuses on the development of the whole child in the classroom and also in the world outside, through other environments where children learn. Findley began implementing this program in 2013-2014. More information is available at <http://findleypyp.weebly.com>.

Science Fair - A school-wide evening event where students present their science projects. Parent reviewers interview each participant, and exhibitors from the community share examples of real-world science applications.

eScrip– Opt-in secondary fundraisers. eScrip is an online service which registers your credit cards and then participating stores donate a percentage of your purchase to Findley whenever you use your credit card.

Spirit Days – Days throughout the year where students have opportunities for themed dress and activities during the school day.

Spirit Gear (aka Findley Gear) – T-shirts and sweatshirts with the Findley logo that are purchased through the PTO Findley Gear online order site: <http://www.findleyppto.com/fundraising/findley-gear/>

Student Meal Account - Each student is assigned their own individual meal account which they can access using a Personal Identification Number, (PIN). The meal account is a debit account, so students who purchase full and reduced price meals must deposit money into their accounts before they can purchase meals.

SUMMA – Program at the middle schools for highly-gifted students who qualify during fourth and fifth grade testing periods.

TAG – Talented and Gifted Program

Volunteer Badge – Photo identification that needs to be worn at all times when working in a volunteer capacity at school.

WE – Pillars of the Beaverton School District: WE empower all students to achieve post-high school success. WE innovate. WE embrace equality. WE collaborate.

Yearbook Love Notes – A short note for your student that will be included in the back of the yearbook. Be sure to include to and from information in your love note.