



# Good Samaritan School March 2011 Newsletter



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**THEME:** *Windy Days - Spring's Coming*

**SCRIPTURE:** *The Lord will come to us as the showers, (as the spring rains that water the earth) - Hosea 6:3*

## 2011/2012 REGISTRATION NEWS

### **HERE WE GROW AGAIN!**

Good Samaritan School is proud to announce the addition of Fifth Grade and Pre-Kindergarten for the Fall of 2011, along with the addition of 10 school days added to the elementary school calendar, and 30 minutes to our morning Preschool and Creative Arts classes. Registration dates are as follows:

### Priority Registration Returning Families

Tuesday, 3/1 through Friday, 3/11.  
(Don't forget to hold your child's spot for next year.)

### Open Registration for New Families

Begins Monday, 3/14.

Information on program options and admissions/registration packets can be found on the school website at:

[www.goodsamschool-episcopal.org](http://www.goodsamschool-episcopal.org).

Completed registration packets will be accepted in the school office at anytime.

Contact School registrar, Christi Brenneman, at 541-758-1255 or [schoolgs@peak.org](mailto:schoolgs@peak.org), for questions on admissions and to schedule a school visit.

## Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

The school will celebrate Dr. Seuss during the first week of March.

Monday - 2/28	Sports Day
Tuesday - 3/1	Red & White Day
Wednesday - 3/2	Pajama Day
Thursday - 3/3	Crazy Hat Day
Friday - 3/4	Crazy Hair Day

Theodore Seuss Geisel, better known to the world as the beloved Dr. Seuss, was born in 1904 on Howard Street in Springfield, Massachusetts. His mother, Henrietta Seuss Geisel, often soothed her children to sleep by "chanting" rhymes remembered from her youth. Ted credited his mother with both his ability and desire to create the rhymes he became known for.



At the time of his death on September 24, 1991, Ted had written and illustrated 44 children's books, including such all-time favorites as *Green Eggs and Ham*, *Oh, the Places You'll Go*, *Fox in Socks*, and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. His books had been translated into more than 15 languages. Over 200 million copies had found their way into homes and hearts around the world.

## MARCH CALENDAR

2/28 - 3/11	Read-A-Thon
3/1	2011-2012 Registration
3/17	K-4 <sup>th</sup> Portland Field Trip
3/18	K-4 <sup>th</sup> Early Release 12:30 PM
3/21-25	<u>No School</u> - Spring Break
	Have a fun with your kids!

## MR. NICK'S MESSAGE

Below are some inspirational thought for kids (and parents for that matter) that I've gathered from SOME famous and not so famous folks.

"Whatever you are, be a good one. "

**Abraham Lincoln**

"It's kind of fun to do the impossible."

**Walt Disney**

"The quieter you become, the more you can hear."

**Ram Dass, Teacher - Author**

"It's not how good you are. It's how good you want to be. "

**Paul Arden - Advertising Executive**

"No one is perfect - that's why pencils have erasers. "

**Author Unknown**

"Don't let what you can't do stop you from doing what you can do."

**John Wooden - Hall of Fame Coach**

"The only place where dreams are impossible is in your own mind."

**Emalie - Poet**

## ♪ ♪ **MUSIC** ♪ ♪

Students will not be having music this month.

Mrs. Mary is traveling to India.

Keep her in your prayers.

## A Special Parent "Thank you"

Thank you to our parents who continue to offer and share their talents with our school children. We are blessed by your participation.



## APRIL CALENDAR

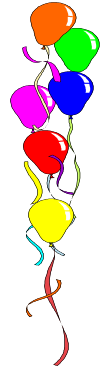
4/14-15 K-4<sup>th</sup> No School Grading and Conference days

4/22 No School - Good Friday

## **8 NEW GOOD SAMMERS!!**

Welcome to our new students:

Conner	T/Th 3's class
Macey	T/Th 3's class
Hudson	Creative Arts
Andrea	Kindergarten
Jiyoan	1 <sup>st</sup> grade
Roddy	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade
Isaiah	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade
Randi	4 <sup>th</sup> grade



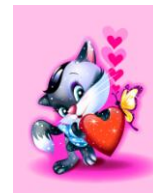
## PAPER TOWELS - It's time again!

Please bring in 4 rolls of paper towels.  
We've gone through our winter stockpile!  
We wash our hands a lot!

## CANDY GRAM SALES

Thank you for all the love  
and candy grams you sent to your little  
sweethearts on Valentine's Day!

The Candy Gram sale profits of \$110.00 will  
be used for KDG - 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trips



## Good Samaritan School 2011 Read Across America Read-A-Thon

Our 2010-2011 Read-A-Thon fundraiser has just begun and has two important goals:

- To promote the joy of reading in our students
- To raise funds for future school activities, materials, supplies and equipment.

Information packets and Reading Logs went home in cubbies last week. Stop by the office if you need another one. All donations are tax deductible.

You can assist your child by:

Listening to them read

Reading to them

Helping them record  
their reading minutes

Send their reading log to  
school with them daily.



## Shoe Policy Reminder

Just a reminder that all students must wear closed-toe shoes for recess activity, in the gym or outdoors.



For obvious safety reasons, sandals and high heels will not be permitted. Please support us in this decision. Your child's safety and well being is at the heart of this policy. Considering Crocs? They are not very supportive, but okay.

We'd also like all students to keep their shoes on at all times when they are in the building, unless directed else wise by a teacher for a activity or project.

## Flowers Blooming!

Wow! Have you noticed all the beautiful daffodils blooming around the playground and parking lot entrances?

They're bulbs the kids planted



## Parking Lot Safety

Our parking lot gets very busy during drop-off and pick-up time. While in the lot:

- Please drive slowly.
- Always hold your child's hand.
- Stay off your cell phones.

We've had a few near misses while people are backing up.



## Child Passenger Safety

### Oregon Safety Laws

Under Oregon law, drivers are responsible for wearing safety belts and ensuring that all passengers under age 16 are appropriately restrained.

"Consistent, proper safety belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes," said Captain Gerry Gregg, Director OSP Patrol Services Division.

Oregon's new child seat laws established the following requirements:

- A child weighing less than 40 pounds must be restrained in a child safety seat.
- A child under one year of age or weighing less than twenty pounds must be restrained in a child seat, rear facing.
- A child over forty pounds but under age eight or less than 4' 9" tall must be restrained in a booster seat that elevates them so the lap/shoulder belts fit correctly.
- Info from: [www.oregon.gov/ODOT](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT)

**Please note that all children on Good Samaritan School field trips will be asked to follow these laws.**

## Elementary News

### Ramona Quimby Portland Field Trip

Thursday, March 17, 2011

#### Walking with Ramona Quimby

"A Private Tour of Author Beverly Cleary's Neighborhood" for Good Samaritan School given by Portland Author, Laura Foster.

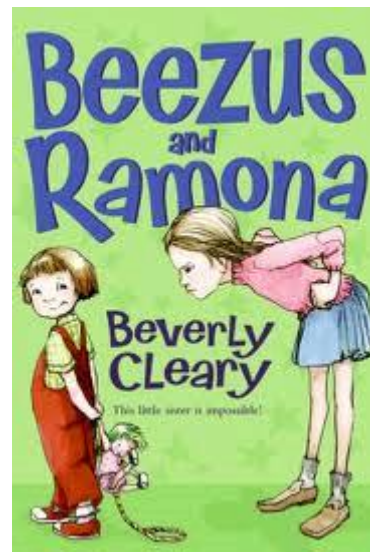
The elementary school students of Good Samaritan School will walk the same sidewalks and streets once trod by beloved author Beverly Cleary, which she used as the fictional streets of her characters, Ramona, Beezus, Henry and others. They will visit fictionalized Klickitat Street (really NE Hancock!), the library site where Cleary spent hours, schools she attended, parks she played in and other sites Cleary writes of in her autobiographies and in her beloved works of fiction.

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### Scrip Gift Cards

#### Available in School Office

What is Scrip? It is a multitude of local and national merchants that sell their gift cards through the Scrip program. Each merchant gives a percentage of sales back to Schools!

Coffee shops, restaurants, grocery stores etc...



All profits support the GSS Scholarship program.

For more information or to pre-order specific gift cards contact Jenny Hanson 541-745-5202 or email: [jennyhanson04@hotmail.com](mailto:jennyhanson04@hotmail.com)

**HAPPY SPRING TO EACH OF**  
**YOU FROM THE GOOD**  
**SAMARITIAN STAFF**

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