



# Schirle Shark News

"It's a great day to be a Schirle Shark!"

December 2018

Schirle Elementary  
4875 Justice Way S.  
Salem, OR 97302

Have you checked the website?  
[schirle.salemkeizer.net](http://schirle.salemkeizer.net)

Clinton Gertenrich, Principal  
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## Shark Dates & Events~

### \*\*December\*\*

- December 7 Hot Cocoa Morning, 8:30am-9am
- December 11 Choir Concert 7pm- Crossler Gym
- December 12 Choir performs at the Capitol, 10am-12pm
- December 18 Orchestra Concert 7pm- Crossler Middle School
- December 21 Holiday Sweater Day!  
Winter Classroom Parties  
Staff vs 5th Grade Hockey Game 8am-8:55am
- Dec. 24-Jan. 4 WINTER BREAK: Enjoy your time off!

## Looking Ahead ~ January

**Watch for more information in next month's newsletter!**

- January 7 Return to school 9am
- January 9 PTC Meeting 6:30-8:00pm
- January 18
  - Tropical Spirit Day - Get out your Hawaiian shirt and Leis. Let's bring some sunshine to January!
  - Movie Night (Movie TBD), 6:30pm in the gym
- January 21 NO SCHOOL, MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
- January 25 Grading Day-No School for Students

## School

### Delays/Closures

As colder weather approaches feel free to go to the **district website** to see the latest weather or emergency announcements—

**www.salemkeizer.or.us** then go to "emergency closures/delays".

In the event of a closure due to weather or emergency the district will use the phone dialer you.

## School Hours

### GRADES K - 5

Doors open: 9AM

Dismissal: 3:35 PM

### OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

### Lunch Times

**KG & 1st grades:**

11:55-12:25

**2nd & 3rd grades:**

12:20-12:45

**4th & 5th grades:**

12:40-1:05

**C-7 Lunch:**

12:35-1:05

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**Hot Cocoa Morning!**

When: December 7th, 8:30am-9am

Where: Schirle's Library

What: Yummy Hot Cocoa with friends.

Cost: Bring .25 cents OR a canned food donation for the Food Bank and enjoy some Hot Cocoa before school.



**Welcome all 3rd-5th graders to the 2018-2019 round of Oregon Battle of the Books!**

In teams of four, students will go head-to-head and test their knowledge of this year's seventeenth\* OBOB books in an exciting, literacy-promoting competition. Team signups began in November. Battles will begin immediately following Winter Break and will take place during lunch recess and at the end of the school day. (Schedules will be posted in the library.) The books are all available in the library, so encourage your student to begin reading the books as soon as possible. Watch for more information in Thursday folder.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pearson in the library or email [PEARSON\\_LAURA@salkeiz.k12.or.us](mailto:PEARSON_LAURA@salkeiz.k12.or.us).

\*3rd graders will participate in a condensed version of OBOB with fewer books

**Music Notes for December**



- ◆ The Winter Concert, featuring our own Band, Choir, and Orchestra, will be Tuesday, Dec. 18th, at 7 PM, at Crossler Middle School!
- ◆ The Schirle Choir will be traveling to the Capitol, Thursday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. Please come hear us sing at 10am!

**A Few Words From Our Principal:**

What an amazing year of weather we've had this school year. As cold weather approaches with the possibility of school delays or closure, feel free to go to the district link @ <http://www.salkeiz.k12.or.us/about/emergency-school-closures-and-delays> and check to see the latest weather announcements. We also use a District-wide phone dialer system that will assist in notifying parents of a delay or closure. If you receive an automated call because of the attendance of your child, please take the time to respond to the message and notify the school of any unexcused absences.

**A Big Thanks To:** Julie Rundquist (Orchestra), Rachel Grove (Choir) and Rich Such (Band) for their work with preparing our students in learning how to be musicians. Our students are excited about their performances this month. The Schirle Choir will join Crossler Middle School's choir program @ Crossler Middle School on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the school gym. The Schirle Band and Orchestra will perform at Crossler Middle School on December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm.

**Parents need to know:** Schirle Elementary practices emergency drills on a regular basis. We evacuate our school building each month with either a fire drill or earthquake drill. We will practice our second lock down drill this year in January in the event of an emergency. We take great care in informing our students what to do in case of an emergency. Please take the time to discuss what your family would do in the event of an emergency in your home.

Also, I want to let everyone know that we will have a school auction on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> @ Illahe Hills Country Club. It will be an amazing evening of fun for parents, grandparents, friends, and community members. More information to follow about getting your tickets to attend this great event that helps raise funds for supporting students with their learning at school. We thank you for your support!!!

Lastly, With all of the activities going on this time of year, I would like to encourage you to set aside some quality time to spend with your children. Time is the best gift you can give them. What a privilege it is to work with your children here at Schirle. Our Schirle staff wishes you a wonderful Winter break with your family.

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Mr. Gertenrich

## Staff VS 5th Grade Hockey Game!



**When:** Dec 21st. Doors open at 8am, Puck drops at 8:15. This event will go until 8:55 with pictures at the end.

**Who:** Staff VS 5th graders only. Any grade can watch though.



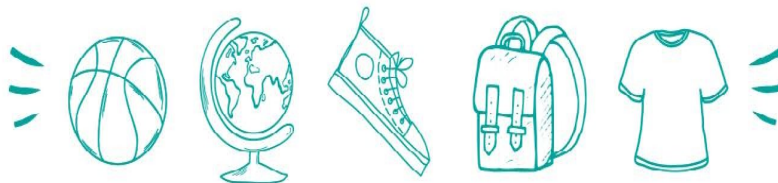
## Schirle's Giving Tree

Watch for the Schirle Giving Tree in our front entry by the office. Each snowflake hanging on our display will represent a child or sibling of a child in our school who would benefit from a gift or two. This can be a great way to teach our Schirle Sharks what this season is really about. They can make a difference for someone right here in THEIR school community. It's not the gifts, but what's behind the gifts that's important.; the spirit of giving.

\*More information will be coming out soon



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Our **FUNDrive**<sup>™</sup>  
will be held at:

Schirle Elementary  
4875 Justice Way S  
Salem, Oregon 97301

December 6 & 7, 2018



and will benefit:



Screen Free Week 2019

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<https://sites.google.com/site/schirleptc/>

<http://www.screenfree.org/>

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