



South Tabor Crow

A neighborhood newsletter brought to you by your
South Tabor Neighborhood Association (STNA)

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Welcome!

Back to School

Welcome back to the second edition of our revived neighborhood newsletter! Thanks to your enthusiastic feedback and suggestions, we're back with the second edition of our revived South Tabor neighborhood newsletter. Keep the ideas coming! We can always use help with features, profiles, and anything else you, our neighbors want to learn more about. (information below).

This issue introduces not just schools, but also education opportunities for people of all ages. Read on to discover some surprises and ways to get involved.

Mt. Tabor Talk

Check out the new **Tree Guide for Mt. Tabor Park!** Newly painted posts with numbers guide you to interesting information about native trees as well as species expected to thrive in our changing climate. The guide is available for use on your electronic device and is formatted for printing.

Runners & strollers, mark your calendars for the annual Tar 'n' Trail Run on October 20.

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park is always looking for **volunteers** to weed, pick up trash, and greet visitors at the Visitor Center.

Ways to support your neighborhood schools

- Link your Fred Meyer account with **Community Rewards**, naming the school of your choice.
- **BottleDrop** account funds can be donated to a specific school.
- Eat out at local restaurants for Dine In nights supporting schools.
- Volunteer with a school. This requires a **PPS volunteer clearance** and sign-up.

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Juan at 67th and Woodward where STNA maintains a street mural

Crow's Nest

Message from the chair of STNA

As the proud dad of a Franklin High teenager, making it safe for kids to walk and bike to school is something that is super-important to me. We live in one of the few neighborhoods where this is possible, because we have elementary, middle, and high schools within our boundaries. But kids beyond our neighborhood go to schools in South Tabor too. And they have to cross some of Portland's most dangerous streets to do this, while our kids must cross these same streets to visit friends. Wouldn't it be great if these streets were safe enough so parents didn't have to drive their kids?

With your help and through community partnerships, STNA will continue to advocate for traffic mitigation measures.

Until then, especially with school back in session, please observe speed limits and pay extra attention to bikes and pedestrians. Together let's keep our neighborhood safe for everyone!

In community,
Juan Cummings

Upcoming Events

- September 19th, 7-8:30pm:
STNA Board Meeting @ All City Church
- September 22nd, 12-1:30pm:
District 3 Candidate Forum
@ Brentwood-Darlington Community Center
- September 24th, 10-11:30am:
Oregon Walks District 3 City Council Candidates Walk @ Mt Tabor Park

Higher Ed, Just Across the Street

Portland Community College (PCC) **Southeast Campus** enrolls over 11,600 students at SE Division and 82nd. In addition to classes (be sure to filter for the SE campus), check out the quiet, spacious library with free wifi.

Or volunteer at a **Learning Garden** for food pantries Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00-1:00.



South Tabor's Cool Schools

By Kyla Sweet

South Tabor is unique in Portland for having four public schools within our boundaries that serve diverse student populations.

Atkinson Elementary / 5800 SE Division St.
(Enrollment: 365)

Atkinson was designed in 1953 by Pietro Belluschi, a famed modernist architect, and named after George Atkinson, an 1848 settler and the first Clackamas County school superintendent. Originally a K-8 school, Atkinson became K-5 in 2020 when Portland Public Schools (PPS) began converting schools to give students more opportunities at the middle school level, such as sports and electives. Atkinson is both a neighborhood elementary school for South Tabor, and a Spanish Dual Language Immersion school with lottery admission.

Pioneer Special School Program: Youngson (5-9) and Holladay Center (K-6) / 2600 SE 71st Ave. (Enrollment: 88)

The Pioneer Special School Program serves children citywide with social/emotional support and life skills instruction. The campus consists of the Youngson School, built during the post-WWII baby boom, and Holladay Center, originally a convalescent home and modified to a Special Needs school in 1973. Though it may look a tad brutalist from the outside, the purposefully low building with colorful windows was made to be accessible and kid-level on the inside.

Kellogg Middle School / 3400 SE 69th Ave.
(Enrollment: 677)

The original Kellogg was demolished in 2018 and rebuilt and reopened in 2021, the first new middle school built in Portland in 50 years. It is a feeder school for Spanish Dual Language Immersion and students from Lent, Arleta and Marysville Elementary. While some South Tabor middle schoolers attend Kellogg, most go to Harrison Park Middle School, just across Division and 82nd.



Clockwise starting top left: Atkinson Elementary, Kellogg Middle, Pioneer Program, Franklin High

Franklin High School / 5405 Woodward St.
(Enrollment: 1881)

Founded in 1914 and extensively remodeled in 2017, FHS is Portland's largest high school, as the feeder school for six middle schools. The remodel provided a state-of-the-art theater that regularly hosts music, theater, and dance programs and a sports track and field where you can cheer on the Lightning spirit. Students also publish *The Franklin Post*, well worth checking out for student-centered news.

Profile

Meet Franklin High School's principal, Zulema Naegele, EdD

Dr. Naegele, who became principal in 2023, earned her BA in Spanish from Arizona State University, her MAED from Northern Arizona University, and her EdD from the University of Portland. Her research focuses on the ethnic studies curriculum.

She's the mother of two Cleveland High School students – one about to graduate, the other off to college. The family lives midway between the two schools.

The Crow caught up with Dr. Naegele, whom students call "Dr Z," in her light, airy office full of plants and art.

CROW: How did you end up at Franklin?

Dr. Z: I came to Portland with my husband and two first-graders 11 years ago from Arizona. We were looking for a different experience of where to live; visited, and loved it. We thought it would only be three years – ha! My mom comes for long, long periods of time. It fills my heart to have her here.

[Before coming to Franklin] I worked as a bilingual teacher, starting with middle school, and taught part time at Winterhaven School while I earned my doctorate as part of an Education Leadership program at Portland University.

CROW: What's great, unique about Franklin?

Dr. Z: I love the diversity, that we teach five languages! The dual language program in Spanish is especially important, maybe because I was fortunate to have grown up speaking Spanish at home.



Principal Zulema Naegele in front of Franklin High School's track

And everybody is so dedicated, so caring. I see that every day in the relationships between students and teachers. I'm super-proud of my team – it's not the kind of job you do by yourself.

CROW: What are your biggest challenges?

Dr. Z: It's so important to build trust within the community of parents and students in an authentic way. I'm impatient for it to already be there, but it takes time.

CROW: How can South Tabor neighbors support the school?

Dr. Z: Come to events! Athletics, our performing arts are amazing. There's a fall musical. There's a jazz band. Bring your younger kids so they can get a sense of what's possible for them in a few years. Sometimes the office staff needs volunteers to help put together packets, things like that. [Learn more about how to support the school at [this link](#)]

CROW: What do you want neighbors to know about the school?

Dr. Z: There's this amazing energy where everyone is so friendly and welcoming, and I want that type of energy to spill into the community. But I also want it to be reciprocated, like if you're noticing that something isn't right with a student, come talk to us, even if you don't have a student here. Our kids walk through your neighborhood, and we want it to be a safe space, to extend that sense of caring for our kids, our students, and to have the neighbors be a part of that.



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- Fred Meyer Community Rewards:
<https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards>
- BottleDrop:
<https://bottledrop.com/donate-nonprofits/>
- PPS Volunteer Clearance:
<https://www.pps.net/volunteer>
- Mt. Tabor Tree Guide :
<https://www.taborfriends.org/tree-guide>
- Mt. Tabor Volunteer:
<https://www.taborfriends.org/volunteer>
- PCC SE Campus:
<https://www.pcc.edu/locations/southeast/>
- PCC Learning Garden:
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- Atkinson Elementary:
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- Support Franklin:
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Local South Tabor crows line up to get their talons on the latest issue

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