

Good morning! It's nearly time to launch the 4th Annual Children's Book Harvest. Last year we collected books from the schools and businesses around Portland that participated in this annual book drive and were able to give 35,000 books to nearly 4,800 children in Portland Public Schools!

This year the Children's Book Harvest will run from 10/3 through 11/10. Your school can choose to host the book drive for the entire time period or for the length of time that makes the most sense for your school community. Parent/teacher conferences are November 9th and 10th this year. We would like to encourage the book drive organizers to use the conferences as an opportunity to reach parents who might not otherwise make it in to the school and to promote book donations during the conferences.

We're reaching out to your school's principal through the PPS Office of Teaching and Learning to alert them that the book drive is on the horizon. Please connect with your principal and then use this link to register your school's participation: [Children's Book Harvest Registration](#) It is important to register your school so that you can receive important communications and updates about the book drive but also so that you can take advantage of the Transportation Department's offer to pick up your boxed books at the end of the drive and deliver them directly to The Children's Book Bank Marine Drive location!

If you would like to have someone from The Children's Book Bank attend a PTA meeting to talk about the book drive, please contact me at shawn@childrensbookbank.org or call (503) 954-6853. We are also going to offer a "how to host a book drive" training at our location on Marine Drive on 09/27/2016 at 1:00 PM and 9/29/2016 at 9:30 AM and would love to see someone from your school attend. The address is 716 NE Marine Drive and the trainings will last about an hour. Please register at the link above so that we know how many participants to expect.

Thanks for all that you do to support the teachers and students in your school. I hope you'll consider participating in the 4th Annual Children's Book Harvest to help make a difference in the lives of many more students here in Portland!

Most sincerely,

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