



SPARKY'S SCOOP

April 2, 2021

A Note From Mrs. Z

Hi Sexton Mountain! My Grammy is Mrs. Z, the school's secretary. I hear her talk about you all the time and how much she loves spending her days at Sexton Mountain. She tells everyone how awesome the families in the Sexton Mountain Community are and how she has loved watching the children of Sexton Mountain Elementary School learn and play and grow up. She says she is so very lucky to have gotten to know so many of you and to have worked with the best school staff in all of Beaverton. My Grammy is a little sad because she is leaving Sexton Mountain but she is planning to spend the next many years with my Grampy and our family doing fun things. I know that everything is going to be good because in a few months I will get to meet her in person and I know that just like my 8 older cousins, she and I will be great friends.

I just wanted to thank you for all the fun and love and good times you have shared with my Grammy. I know it has meant the world to her. Maybe when I grow up I'll get to go to Sexton Mountain – that would be so cool!

Well Sexton Mountain, I don't have an actual name yet, but my Grammy calls me Lentil. Probably in June, when I am born, my parents will give me a real name. In the meantime, keep being as wonderful as you've always been and thank you for being so good to my Grammy.

Love, Lentil and all my cousins - Karter, Rylee, Zooey, Will, Merritt, Wesley, Sutton and Keller



Margaret,

Thank you for all you have done to assist us! The help you give us constantly will never be able to be replaced! You give us smiles, encouraging words, gentle reminders when we need to complete things and help whenever we ask for it. Without you it will be much more difficult to do what we do. We are sad to see you go, but happy that you get to retire and spend more time with Mr. Z and your family!

The PTC Board



The Sexton Mountain PTC is looking for new members and has open Board positions. We are currently looking to fill the positions of President, Secretary, Volunteer Coordinator, and Committees Coordinator. Most positions are two-year terms, and you can learn more about them by reading our Bylaws (<https://www.sextonmountainptc.org/sexton-mountain-ptc-bylaws>). If you have any questions or would like to nominate yourself or someone for a position, please send us an email (<https://www.sextonmountainptc.org/ptc-board>). Election voting will take place on May 25th during our quarterly evening PTC meeting.

The primary purposes of the Sexton Mountain Parent Teacher Club (PTC) are:

- 1. To provide educational materials, supplies, and equipment for the education and enrichment of children attending Sexton Mountain Elementary School (SME) in Beaverton, Oregon; and,**
- 2. To supply parental and educational support and to enhance school spirit by sponsoring extracurricular activities; and,**
- 3. To serve the Sexton Mountain Elementary School community through the organized efforts of its parents, students, teachers, staff, and friends.**

Have you joined the PTC?

You are invited to join the Sexton Mountain Elementary PTC!

All parents/guardians of current SME students are welcome to join, as are all SME teachers/staff. Members are invited to attend general membership meetings and vote on PTC business such as officer elections and annual budgets. Membership is free - just fill out the form below.

If you would like to vote on PTC board members at our last quarterly meeting this school year you must be signed up as a member!

Going forward, an invitation to join the PTC will go out at the beginning of each school year. Membership is open throughout the year. Come join us!

[PTC Membership Form](#)

Also, be sure to check out the PTC [website!](#)

Sparky's Book Bus: Now Rolling on Wednesday MORNINGS!

Sparky's Book Bus is moving to MORNINGS, starting April 7th! **The route will remain the same, but our times have changed.** Keep updated by checking our updated Sparky's Book Bus [schedule](#).

Note: There will no longer be a curbside pickup on Monday afternoons. However, families can pick up books by visiting the book bus, emailing Ms. Kimball with a request, or placing holds to be picked up either from the classroom or by dropping by the school between 7:30 and 4. For more information, check [here](#).



Upcoming Events

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| April 5 | Hybrid Begins for K-2 |
| April 8 | Hybrid Begins for 3-5 |
| April 16 | No School - Grading Day |
| Apr 28 | No School - Staff Development |
| May 31 | No School - Holiday |

Safe Routes to School

Return to School 2021 – Plan Your Trip

As we prepare for return to in-person instruction, Beaverton Safe Routes to School invites you to explore your options for safe travel to school on our website. We have provided suggested routes for walking and rolling, as well as safety tips for all modes of travel. Additionally, you will find arrival and departure maps for every elementary and middle school. These maps indicate how students who travel by foot, bus and car should arrive and leave our school campuses. The safety of our students depends on you! To learn more visit www.beaverton.k12.or.us/safe-routes

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Meet Our Staff

Hi Sexton Mountain families! I am Monica Ionis, the English Language Development K-5 teacher here at Sexton Mountain. I love being able to work across all grade levels to serve our amazing emerging multilingual students! I have been a teacher for many years in three different states. I grew up in Milpitas, California and was fortunate to teach 5th grade there. I even had my former 5th grade teacher as my mentor! Then in 2002 my husband's job transferred us to Virginia! I taught third grade in Chesapeake, Virginia for a few years. When our son, Aidan (Sexton Mountain alumni) was born, I took time off to raise him. We were fortunate to live near a military town, Norfolk, that gave us the opportunity to meet families from all over the US. Fast forward six years and we headed back west to beautiful Oregon. Our daughter Sarah (another Sexton Mountain alumni) was born in Oregon. As a family we love camping. Oregon is the most beautiful place to camp. We camp every summer and holiday weekends. We love hiking, biking, swimming, and playing outdoor games. Over the past year, I have rekindled my love of studying Spanish. I joined an "intercamio" or language exchange group. I have weekly conversations with people across Latin and South America. It has been an amazing experience! I am looking forward to travelling again and practicing my Spanish in country. Thanks Sexton Mountain for being such an awesome community!



Hello, I'm Jeanine Elzie!

I am new to Sexton Mountain ES as your Learning Specialist. I am so pleased to be part of our community. I work with Dalene Stark and Kristen Stephens and a team of wonderful people. I enjoy learning, reading, writing, thinking about math concepts, laughing, creating art, and going for walks in nature!

I facetime with my two-year-old granddaughter every afternoon. She lives in New York, and we have been sharing the beautiful change of seasons, and our flowering bulbs, trees, and plants. 😊

I am looking forward to seeing you soon!

