

# Hayhurst School



# Hayhurst Highlights

May 5, 2010

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

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At the Fall 2006 State of the School Address, I focused on the fact that the Hayhurst community at that time was divided. During the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year, the Hayhurst School community developed and implemented a plan of action to lay the foundation of becoming one strong supportive community with two unique entities. A Principal Advisory Committee (PAC), consisting of the Hayhurst Neighborhood School and the Odyssey Program at Hayhurst parents was formed.

The PAC utilized information gained from parent focus groups and parent committees to discuss in depth our community's specific issues and designed a specific plan of action to address these issues. During the PAC conversations, it became apparent that in order to become an even stronger school we needed to redesign the current parent committee infrastructure. All parent committees had an opportunity to ask questions and bring up concerns during the process.

At the end of the process, Hayhurst School, consisting of one community with two entities, developed a collaborative relationship in order to support the academic achievement of all of our students. The overall vision of the infrastructure was to provide effective and efficient support by creating a more cohesive community, which continues to include teachers, administrators, parents, and volunteers. This was accomplished by establishing one PTA structure that is transparent, coordinated, and equally representative of Hayhurst Neighborhood School and the Odyssey Program at Hayhurst.

As with any infrastructure, it is now time to take a step back and reflect on the vision, goals, and progress towards meeting the vision. The current PTA board members and I would like to invite parents and community members to attend the next PTA meeting, which is on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 PM, to begin the reflection process. It is important for everyone's voice to be heard in this process. An important part of Hayhurst School is truly the caring, loving adults who surround our children and *serve* in a way that supports and promotes their growth and achievement. Whether you are the parent of a child in the Hayhurst Neighborhood School or the Odyssey Program at Hayhurst (or both!), you have an opportunity to participate in the review process by attending the next PTA general meeting.

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## CALENDAR

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**05/03 – 05/07**

Teacher Appreciation Week

**05/06**

OP K12 'Exploring Asia'  
Performance, 6:30 PM

**05/07**

Spring Plant Pick-Up 1:00–4 PM

**05/08**

Courtyard Clean Up, 10:00 – 2:00

**05/10**

PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM, Library  
SCRIP Orders Due

**05/11**

Hayhurst Neighborhood  
Association Meeting, 7:00 PM

**05/12**

Hayhurst School Talent Show  
Part I, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

**05/13**

Hayhurst School Talent Show  
Part II, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

**05/14**

WATT Meeting, 2:30 PM,  
Courtyard

Highlights Submission Deadline  
SCRIP Pick-Up

**05/17**

Lost and Found Items Taken to  
Clothes Closet

Doughnuts with the Principal,  
8:15 – 9:00 AM

**05/19**

Professional Development 2  
Hour Late Opening

## ALL-SCHOOL NEWS

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### COMPUTER LAB NEWS

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Thanks in part to district refresh and PTA funds, the computer lab now has twelve new 20" iMacs! This is a huge upgrade. We are all excited to have state of the art equipment in our lab. Many, many thanks go to the PTA for supporting technology at our school.

People often ask what we need in the lab. Here's a partial list:

- headphones (prefer USB connections but mini jacks work, too)
- new, royal blue mousepads (need 30)
- AA batteries
- AA rechargeable batteries
- digital cameras (3.0 MP and up)
- USB microphones (need 25)

Fran Barth  
Instructional Technology  
Hayhurst Neighborhood School  
Odyssey Program at Hayhurst  
503-916-6300



## PLANT DELIVERY DAY IS THIS FRIDAY!

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Plants must be picked up on this day only:

**Friday, May 7th  
1:00pm - 4:00pm**

We have a limited amount of plants to sell on plant delivery day and we need to sell them. Come by to see what we have!

Thank you all for supporting our enrichment fund!

Shannon Weiland  
[shannon@scubed.net](mailto:shannon@scubed.net)  
503-810-4722

Want to volunteer? Call or email me.

## WALK+BIKE NEWS

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May is Walk + Bike Month! Take the WALK + BIKE CHALLENGE 2010! Walk or bike to or from school in May. Win prizes, get fit and stay healthy, and reduce traffic around our school.

If you live in the Hayhurst neighborhood, make an extra effort in May to walk, bike, skate or scoot to and from school. If you live a little further away, and you normally drive to or from school, try parking a few blocks away and walking or biking that extra little bit! Even if you take the school bus, you can continue to walk to and from the bus stop. You could even organize a walking train with your neighbors, or bike with some of your friends.

On Friday or Monday, every Hayhurst student will receive a scorecard for the entire month of

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May. Color in your scorecard each day, and indicate whether your trip to or from school included walking, biking or skating. Every participant who turns in a scorecard by the deadline of June 2, indicating that they walked or biked during the month of May, will receive a prize. Then we can turn in our school's tally to the WALK + BIKE CHALLENGE 2010.

In addition, come celebrate with all your friends at WALK + BIKE BASEBALL NIGHT AT PGE PARK, **Friday, June 11**, at 7:05 p.m., when the PORTLAND BEAVERS play the Sacramento River Cats. This game is a \$1 menu Friday, featuring \$1 hot dogs and drinks. PGE Park is right across the street from a MAX Blue Line stop, and there is plenty of bike parking available as well.

Discounted tickets to the WALK + BIKE TO BASEBALL NIGHT AT PGE PARK are available directly through Group Ticket Sales (see your scorecard for more info). Email me, and if there is sufficient interest from enough parents by MAY 20, I will contact PGE Park Group Ticket Sales to get a big Hayhurst group together to go to the game!

For more information about the WALK + BIKE CHALLENGE, visit [www.walknbike.org](http://www.walknbike.org), or email Iris Cox, your Hayhurst school coordinator, [iris.cox@gmail.com](mailto:iris.cox@gmail.com).

Thanks everyone, and enjoy a wonderful Spring month full of walking, biking, and other outdoor activities!

Iris Cox,

Walk + Bike Month Coordinator

## WATT UPDATE

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### *Solarize SW is for the Hayhurst Community*

I registered for Solarize Southwest by calling 503 823 4592 two days later received a visit from Mr. Sun Solar. Happy to discovery I am a perfect candidate for a 2,300 WATT photovoltaic array. My husband chortled at my gleeful delight over the estimate which shows the following discounts: Energy Trust of Oregon's incentive, Oregon Income Tax Credit and a Federal Income Tax Credit. What does that mean? My net cost for 10 PV panels: \$520.50. You can also register online at

[www.solarizesouthwestportland.org](http://www.solarizesouthwestportland.org)

Please consider registering soon as the deadline is **MAY 15**, 2010.

### *Wonderful WATT*

The Without a Trace Team 4/23 meeting took place on a blanket in the sunny courtyard with prizes, lemon tea, cookies and jicama. Topics ranged from real trays to purchasing school supplies but we all honed in on the need to learn about writing grants as a way to successfully implement future goals. So that will be the topic of our next meeting on **Friday, May 14th** at 2:30 in the courtyard.

Remember: hard plastic bottles (#7 plastic) can leach a harmful plastics chemical called bisphenol A (BPA) into water. Carry stainless steel or other BPA-free bottles. Don't reuse bottled water bottles. The plastic can harbor bacteria and break

down to release plastics chemicals.

WATT is looking for a wonderful Wednesday lunch room volunteer (or two to split a shift from 11:00 to 11:45 and 11:45 to 12:30). Sign up in the hall or email [kendallkic@aol.com](mailto:kendallkic@aol.com) if you can share your sorting skills. WATT is re-directing two dumpsters a month away from the landfill and into the land of re use!

## HAYHURST SCHOOL TALENT SHOW

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Here is some important information about the Talent Show!

- The Talent Show is on **Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. The two nights are filled with different acts. Students have been assigned to a specific night. I sent home this information to families.
- The acts have to be performance ready. It is the students and parents/guardians responsibility to get the performance ready.
- If the student is singing or dancing, the background music has to be on a C.D. I will burn the song and return it to the student.
- Each student can do one solo act and/or one group act. (Choir does not count.☺)
- The 3-5 Choir will be opening the show on Wednesday night.
- The 6-8 Choir will be opening the Thursday night show.

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I need volunteers both nights. The acts will be in groups that will sit together on benches in the cafeteria. I need someone to bring groups back stage from the cafeteria, someone backstage monitoring the group of acts that are about to go on, and someone to help get the acts off stage when they are finished. Please feel free to contact me with any questions 503-916-6300 or bhembd@pps.k12.or.us.

I can hardly wait to help share all of the wonderful talent we have here!

Thanks! Ms. Hembd

## SCRATCH IT FOR SCHOOLS

Hayhurst School was selected for a second year to participate in the Scratch It For Schools activity. On Wednesday, April 14th, Fran Barth and Kathy Lee represented Hayhurst School in this Oregon Lottery event. They scratched lottery tickets for five minutes and earned **\$1, 185.00** for Hayhurst School!! The money will be added to the money already being saved to purchase a new kiln for Hayhurst School.

## COURTYARD CLEAN-UP

Please come to help with the Hayhurst spring courtyard clean-up on **Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>** from 10am - 2pm in the courtyard!

We will be doing general garden and yard maintenance. Feel free to bring your own gardening tools since we only have a few extra on hand. Hope to see you there- rain or shine!

## LOST AND FOUND

Please schedule a time to take your child(ren) to the lost and found and dig through the piles. Have students look closely at the items in the lost and found. The lost and found will be sent to the PTA clothes closet on **May 17<sup>th</sup>**.

## NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL

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## BULLETIN BOARD HELP

I am doing up a new bulletin board to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. My original idea just got too big and I need to just do something easier...

That is where YOU come in...

RIGHT NOW, could you email me at: [paulhgibbons@comcast.net](mailto:paulhgibbons@comcast.net) with a 2 sentence comment on why our teachers are so great, or why you appreciate them?

I'll print these comments out and post them on the bulletin board! I could really use your help! I actually lost blood putting up the paper yesterday! I nearly cut my pinky off at the expense of beautifying the school! So, help me out here, will ya?

Thanks,

Heather Gibbons  
(Max's Mom)

And....Bulletin Board Queen  
Extraordinaire

## MRS. TAYLOR'S CLASS

### *Superstar Readers!*

Here are Michael Tirabassi and Sean Cunningham, Super Star Readers in Mrs. Taylor's room. They wear the highest number of pages medal in March of this 2010. Congratulations.



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## Junior Achievement

Peggy Kerl taught “The City” curriculum to Mrs. Taylor’s third graders. Junior Achievement sponsored this educational event. The curriculum is developed by their agency to help local children understand the way a city is laid out into zones and practice a simulation of making blueprints. They learn to write a check and then set up a restaurant business.

Ms. Kerl is employed by Kraft foods that treated the students every day to juice and Kraft made snacks.

Ms. Kerl is a businesswoman who teaches this curriculum fantastically. And I am honored to support Junior Achievement in the schools.



Korea. We have had Artists in Residences and parents to help us learn Taiko Drumming, Fan Dancing, Umbrella Dancing, Taekwondo, Songs of Asia, making masks, Kimonos, and many other items. The art projects will be on display that night.

This year teacher, Diana Kruger, is producing the event and she couldn't have done it without all the help from the rest of her team, Steve Hermens and Sandi Rosenfeld. And a special thank you goes to all the parents with all their help from costumes to decorating the stage and so much more. This is an event that took so many people to bring it together we can't name them all.

The students had a wonderful time studying Asia and look forward to the program on Thursday. Be sure to join us!



## ODYSSEY PROGRAM

### K12 NEWS

The K-2 Odyssey has been busy getting ready to present their culminating program on “Exploring Asia”. Our event will be on **Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 pm for the students and then at 6:30 pm for the families.

The students in K-2 have been working on studying four countries of Asia. We covered China, Japan, Vietnam and South

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Students need to report to their check in room at 6 PM. The performance begins at 6:30, there will be snacks, artwork and slideshows to entertain parents between 6-6:30.

## ***Volunteer opportunities:***

Want to volunteer the night of the event? Please contact the event night coordinator, Rebecca Hicks, [rebgak@hotmail.com](mailto:rebgak@hotmail.com)

We will need at least 10 volunteers to help set up for the event and clean up. If you are interested in helping with the food (snack) for the performance, please contact Maria Stange [mtstange@comcast.net](mailto:mtstange@comcast.net) or Shannon Weiland [shannon@scubed.net](mailto:shannon@scubed.net)

If you did not turn in your costume on April 30<sup>th</sup>, please do so ASAP. Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask your K-2 team. Thank you!



## **K12 PERFORMANCE**

Exploring Asia Culminating Performance: **May 6<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm

This is an event you will not want to miss! Invite your grandparents and friends. Tickets are not required.

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**Next Highlights edition:**  
**Wednesday, May 19, 2010**

**Next Highlights deadline:** **Friday, May 14, 2010**

*Do you have an item or classroom news to submit?*

Email [tammyinpdx@yahoo.com](mailto:tammyinpdx@yahoo.com)  
(Put "highlights" in the subject line, and remember to make any files PC-friendly!)

## **345 PARENT SUPPORT**

In an effort to help parents better understand and support their students with the Oregon or Bust Unit, each week a "Parent Support" document will be posted on the 345 cluster website. The goal of this document is to outline, in general, what will be happening in the cluster each week including what is due and when. The document should be posted each Monday. Should you have questions or suggestions, please email Hope Young [hopenyoung@gmail.com](mailto:hopenyoung@gmail.com).