

Hayhurst School



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Parent volunteers are essential for maintaining not only classroom programs, but creating a welcoming building environment for our community. During the month of January and the first week of February, parent groups stepped lent a helping hand in one way or another to ensure school wide events happened without a glitch. A huge thank-you goes out to all of these dedicated volunteers for making Hayhurst School a wonderful school.

The annual Hayhurst School Multicultural Night was once again a huge success due to the hard work of Julie Kresl and her large parent volunteer group. As the head of the Multicultural Night Committee, Julie Kresl, rounded up over 25 restaurants to donate the

delicious food we enjoyed, organized the student activities and performances, and recruited other parents to volunteer for an hour or two.

On Thursday, January 28th, students, parents, and community members experienced learning about African drumming and Latin American instruments, created Latin American paper cutting, participated in an Arabian tea ceremony, enjoyed having their hands painted with henna, watched an Israeli dance troupe (organized by Dorice Horenstein) perform traditional dances, and ate food from around the world. Julie, thank-you for organizing a wonderful family evening!

Carmen Bernier-Grand, author of many non-fiction and fiction books, spent the day at Hayhurst School for the annual PTA Author's Day on

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Thursday, February 4th. Mrs. Bernier-Grand's latest book Diego, Bigger than Life, was a finalist this year for the Oregon Book Award. Throughout the day, she met with students and discussed her books and the process of writing.

Bonni Goldberg and Amy Minato collaborated to extend the Author's Day into a family write night event. Hayhurst parents (published writers) volunteered to lead this first annual family write night. More than 25 families came together and spent the evening writing about their family experiences. Mrs. Bernier-Grand participated in this event supporting our Spanish speaking families. A huge thank you goes out to all the parents who made this family event a success including: Bonni Goldberg, Joseph and Amy Minato, Victoria and Dezi Olivares, Geo Kendall, and Todd Burkholder.

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ROBIN

CALENDAR

02/12

Friday Coffee, 7:45 AM

SCRIP Pick-Up

WATT Meeting, 2:45 PM, Faculty Room

Book Drive in Memory of Matthew Chester Starts

02/14

Valentine's Day

02/15

President's Day, No School

02/16

TAG Testing

02/17

Professional Development, 2 Hour Late Opening

Immunization Deadline

Dining Fundraiser: Otto and Anita's

02/18

TAG Testing

02/19

Friday Coffee, 7:45 AM

Oregon Green Schools Waste Audit

Next Highlights Deadline

02/24

School Tours, 8:45 – 9:30 AM

Odyssey Informational Meeting, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Next Highlights Edition

02/26

Friday Coffee, 7:45 AM

High School Transfer Deadline

Superstar Reader Sheets Due



ALL-SCHOOL NEWS

DINE FOR DOLLARS WITH HAYHURST AT OTTO & ANITAS!

Celebrate Oktober Fest in February at **Otto and Anita's Bavarian Restaurant** in Multnomah Village! Just mention that you are with Hayhurst School and our school gets 15% of purchases for LUNCH and DINNER on **Wednesday, Feb. 17 ONLY!**

This includes all food: dine-in or carry out! (Call ahead for take-out orders please.) They also offer gift certificates, so you can buy now for later feasts!

Otto and Anita's lunch is from 11-2 and dinner from 5-9. Tip: try their dill pickle soup!

Otto and Anita's:
3025 SW Canby, Portland, OR
Located in Multnomah Village
(503) 452-1411
www.ottoandanitas.com

Parking is very limited in front of the restaurant; however there is plenty of free parking across the street at Loaves and Fishes.

A short history: Otto and Anita came to Portland in 1970. Otto worked at the Benson Hotel's London Grill for over 9 years. He was the executive chef at the Trianon Restaurant for 23 years. Otto & Anita's opened in 2003.

Contact me if you have questions. Thanks everyone! See you there!!

Cassy White
Hayhurst PTA
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MULTICULTURAL FAIR – A BIG SUCCESS!

2010 Multicultural Fair was a huge success thanks to many local business and volunteers. The event was started on Wednesday by the neighborhood school performing Latin American dances and songs. During January, each classroom practiced different traditional dances with an Artist In Residence and Mrs. Hembd taught the kids Mexican folk songs. The Run for the Arts event paid for the Artist in Residence. We appreciate the teachers and kids for sharing this rich culture experience.

Thursday the 28th was filled with food, entertainment and awesome Hayhurst spirit. Thank you tickets sales people. Thank you afterschool volunteers for hanging art work and setting up the cafeteria. We had a crew of about 5 parents preparing food in the kitchen. Thank you to all. Thank you to all the drivers who picked up food in Multnomah, Hillsdale, Barbur Blvd, and Hall Blvd. Thank you to all the servers who served food from 25 restaurants. THANK YOU clean up crew, it went quickly and efficiently. ☺

The event would not be complete without our AWESOME LOCAL Businesses. As we all know, the businesses in our area are asked 10

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times a day to donate and still keep giving! They have donated to this Multicultural Fair for at least 15 years so PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE say thank you every time you frequent the following businesses:

Acauplco's Southwest Gold in Multnomah, Albertsons, Baja Fresh on Barbur, Baker and Spice in Hillsdale, Cacuts Jack's on Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy, Casa Colima in Hillsdale, Chipotle on Hall Blvd (Hayhurst family member), City Thai in Hillsdale, Delicious Texas BBQ on Hall Blvd, Down to Earth in Multnomah (Mrs. Hembd plays there every Friday night), Food Front in Hillsdale, Grand Central Baking (Hawthorne Blvd), Jopa's Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy (parents on Hayhurst Alumni), Noodles on Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy, Otto and Anita's in Multnomah, Papa Johns in Hillsdale, Safeway on Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy., Salvador Molly's in Hillsdale, Thai Herb in Multnomah, Starbucks in Multnomah, Season's and Regions between Hillsdale and Multnomah, Si Señor's by Fred Meyer, Tokyo Grill by Safeway, Village Hut in Multnomah (Hayhurst family), Thriftway in Garden Home.

Thank you Heather and Michaela for creating MULTICULTURAL TRIVIA and thank you to the follow business's for donating such awesome prizes: Topaniens in Multnomah, Thinker Toys in Multnomah, Cup of Jo on the go coffee drive-thru across from Safeway, Annie Bloom's Books in Multnomah, Switch Shoes in Multnomah and Indigo Traders in Multnomah.

Thank you Miho, Ikuko and Mio for sharing the Japanese culture with us.

Thank you Karen and Sara for sharing your Mexican Folk Art and African beads.

Thank you Dowling family for making the Mexican Flag project happen!

Thank you entertainers for sharing your rich cultures: Okaidja Afroso for African Drumming, Gerardo Calderon for sharing your string instruments, Roger Witter for sharing your AWESOME face painting, Raina Imig for Henna painting, our VERY OWN Dorice Hornstein for sharing your rich Israeli culture with our school and the Arabic Heritage Center for setting up a rich learning experience for our kids.

Teachers and kids and Art Literacy people, the art projects were OUTSTANDING! Thank you.

In closing, it is such a pleasure to be part of Hayhurst School. It thrills me that we celebrate diversity.

Julie Kresl

P.S. A special thanks to Brooke for letting me talk ☺ You're the best!

COMPUTER LAB NEWS: WEBSITES

Parents are always asking me about websites- here is a link to the Portaportal that I have started to put together- please keep in mind that this is a work in progress:

<http://www.guest.portaportal.com/hayhurst>.

If you ever find any great sites that you'd like to share, please email them to me at fbarth@pps.k12.or.us (Please put "websites" in the subject header).

Donations: Some of the items we need are **headphones** with mini jacks, AA **batteries**, USB **microphones** and **digital cameras** (3.0MP or 4.0MP are actually fine for what we need so if you're upgrading, consider donating your old camera for the students to use).

Fran Barth
Instructional Technology

2ND ANNUAL BOOK DRIVE IN MEMORY OF MATTHEW CHESTER

The Book Drive will start **February 12th** (Matthews Birthday). Matthew was a K-5 student at Hayhurst Neighborhood School. He won everyone over with his big blue eyes, kind heart, and inquisitive personality. He was an avid reader and it was such a pleasure to receive \$500.00 dollars of books in his memory last year. Matthew passed away in May of 2008 while he was in 6th grade at Robert Gray. He had a terminal rare heart disease that took him from us sooner than expected. It seemed appropriate to hold a book drive in his memory due to his passion of reading. The book drive will happen during the month of February. On Thursday February 11th, families will receive a letter and instructions. It is exciting that Hayhurst has a

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librarian educational assistant to create a list of books needed.

Thank you for your support!

Maggie Turner (Matthew's mom) and Julie Kresl



PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND IMPROVED LEARNING ABILITIES – THERE'S A CONNECTION

Studies suggest a connection between physical activity and increased levels of alertness, mental function and learning¹. By walking, biking or using another active means to get to school, students arrive more ready to learn. In addition, it is a great way to reduce traffic congestion during drop-off and pick-up, improve air quality around school and counter growing rates of childhood obesity.

Organizing a bike train, a group of students biking to school accompanied by an adult, is a fun and safe way for students to get to and from school. If you are interested in organizing a bike train, the Portland Safe Routes to School program is ready to help. Contact Safe Routes organizers at SafeRoutes@trans.ci.portland.or.us or 503-823-4998.

¹Sallis, J.F. et al., "Effects of health-related physical education on academic achievement: Project SPARK," Research Quarterly for

Exercise and Sport, 1999; 70(2), 127-134.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL POLICY ON LICE

After extensive research, the schools in Multnomah County last year joined the rest of the nation and adopted a new policy on head lice. Portland Public Schools excludes students for live lice, but does not exclude students for nits. Students with nits will continue to be monitored for re-infestation of lice. Schools no longer do classroom or school screenings for lice. Extensive research has shown that classroom screenings are not effective in preventing lice outbreaks.

Please remind your students not to share clothing (especially hats), combs and brushes or hair accessories, helmets or uniforms and towels. **This is the most common way that lice are spread.** Lice are unable to jump or fly and do not survive more than 48 hours off the scalp. Head lice are spread by direct contact with the hair of an infested person. Schools are not a common source of transmission. Your child is much more likely to be exposed to lice during sleepovers, camps or doubling up during out of town sports activities. For more information visit the website for CDC (Centers for Disease Control) www.cdc.gov.

TARDINESS AND ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Please remember the importance of being at school everyday on time unless you are contagious. Research has proven that attendance is a critical component of a students' academic success. When students are tardy more than ten minutes or absent even one day they miss vital direct teacher instruction. Being late ten minutes a day adds up to missing two weeks of school by the end of the year. Direct instruction is impossible to replicate for individual students. Please make an effort to get your child to school on time every day. If they are contagious, call the office to let the classroom teacher know they will be out of school that day, but bring them back to school as soon as they are well.

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The TAG office will test all students nominated during the 2009 nomination on **February 16th and 18th**. If your child was nominated this fall they will be tested on one of these two days. Please make certain your child comes to school having had a nutritious breakfast and a good' night sleep.

TAG Resources for Parents and Teachers: Prufrock Press http://www.prufrock.com/show_products.cfm?WPCID=1059

Hoagies for Gifted <http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/>

SENG (Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted) <http://www.sengifted.org/>

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VALLEY CINEMA SPRING WEEKEND MATINEE PASSES

The new Valley Cinema Spring Weekend Matinee passes are now available at the PTA cart on Friday mornings! For ONLY \$9, each pass admits one child (age 3 & over) AND an adult to 10 different great kids movies! Please see the attached schedule of movies this spring. If you cannot make it in to the school to purchase a pass on Friday mornings, there are passes in the office. Movies include: Disney's Princess and the Frog, Planet 51, Old Dogs, Shorts, Astro Boy and Ponyo. So pick up your pass soon, because they will sell quickly!

WITHOUT A TRACE TEAM (WATT)

All right all you awesome waste reducers, now is the time to put your children on the Without A Trace Team (WATT). Melissa Kerry is part of Americorp and the cornerstone of Oregon Green Schools (www.oregongreenschools.org). She will visit Hayhurst School on **Friday, February 19th** at 2:15 to help complete a waste audit AND finish our application for Green School status. WATT needs about seven students to help with the waste audit. The process will take less than an hour. Please let me know your child's name and age if they can come learn invisibility. Confirming our Green School status will help Hayhurst School

get on the short list of 68 schools who will receive REAL trays in September. WATT has the key ingredients to support change. Our growing membership roster includes the principal, school staff, and parents. The WATT system is reducing lunchroom waste from 6 bags of garbage a day to 1 so the green school application process should be easy.

February 12th is going to be a BIG recycling day in general. Many of the classrooms will have Friendship parties; school parties produce A LOT of plastic. Let's keep that party plastic OUT OF THE LANDFILL. I will be invisible in the hallways starting around 1:00 and am looking for a like minded invisible (or two) to patrol our hallways. Our next WATT meeting will be held on **Friday, February 12th** at 2:25 in the faculty room.

The Bridlemile's Styrofoam round-up on Jan. 30th was eye opening. My van was full to bursting with polystyrene Saturday morning. WATT member Karen O. chatted with Congressman David Wu and channel 12 news did a story on the event—see the clip here: <http://www.kptv.com/video/22393967/index.html>. The challenge of rinsing trays for a week taught WATT how and where to recycle the trays. WATT decided since the Invisibles are already rinsing drink cartons they might as well rinse trays. She Who Recycles will store and recycle them. That adds up to 19,140 polystyrene trays redirected from the landfill to the recycling center. Invisibles

can sign up to help recycle at lunch and at school events on the sheet posted on the PTA Board in the entry way.

WATT members have great ideas and we will figure out how to keep the steps we have taken in place and make future steps even smaller.

If you want to be a WATT member contact Kendall KIC (kendallkic@aol.com) 503 758 2831, no strings attached.

HAYHURST SCHOOL ARTS AND SCIENCE NIGHT PROJECTS

It is not too early for your child to be thinking about a science project for the **March 4, 2010** Hayhurst School Art and Science Fair. Some projects, such as growing seeds or observing patterns, involve a few weeks to gather information, so now is the time! Your child's teacher may have an in-class project or may expect the kids to prepare their own; check with your teacher. Remember that science can include psychology, zoology, sociology, ecology, health, etc.! The next time your kid asks, "Why didn't the plastic dishes in the dishwasher dry?" Or "Why do we see mostly crows now?"-- Encourage him or her to think how the question might be investigated scientifically!

PARENTS: do you have a science-related career or hobby? Would you like to present a hands-on booth or demo? Please contact Alyson Broberg: (503) 347-3278 alysonbroberg@yahoo.com.

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NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL

MRS. IVERSON'S CLASSROOM

Thank you to everyone who came to our Multicultural Fair and our Mexican Dance Performance. Remember when we do our Run for the Arts this year we can once again have the Young Audience programs back next year. This month we will be having a performance by a Japanese Story Teller called *Asia Fantasia* and an author visit.

Friday, February 12th will be our Friendship Day Party from 1:00 to 2:00. Please give cards to all the children. If you need paper for making Valentines let me know. We will have treats, a fun game of Bingo and a craft.

COMPUTER LAB NEWS

The Kindergarten students are learning more about KidPix. The 1st grade students are working on poems in Kidpix and are learning how to change their fonts. The 2nd grade students designed a Nature Poem slideshow in Kidpix and recorded their own voices reading their poems. They are

utilized animated stickers to bring their poems to life. We introduced Lego Robotics to the 3rd and 4th grade students for the first time and we are all having a ball. The kids began working in teams of three. They are excited to be able to program their robots to move in a rectangle or a "Z" - one team even did an "X". The 5th grade students are almost done with their legend projects. They recorded their legend in Garage Band, added a little background music to give the narration some depth and then imported it into iMovie for their sound track. They are currently adding titles and images of their masks to create a podcast.

Fran Barth
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ODYSSEY PROGRAM

K12: ART ON FRIDAYS

Over the past few weeks during art, the students learned about different artists. On January 8th we learned about Alexander Calder and made wire sculptures. On January 8th we learned about Vincent Van Gogh and made a "Starry, Starry Night" crayon/wash drawing to

go with the planets unit. On January 22 Rebecca and Laura taught about Frida Kahol and made mixed media frames and pictures of Frida. This is a school-wide art lesson for Art Literacy funded by the PTA. The week of January 29th we had guest teacher Lisa Whitridge come create a cultural experience about Africa. She heads up the Non-Profit Organization, CiCan. Find out more about her and her organization at

<http://www.cican-pdx.org/>

After experiencing the culture in the morning, the kids made African masks in the afternoon.

The art program in K12 has been headed up by me, Debi Crawford. I will be moving at the end of the month to London, England. It has truly been my pleasure working with and getting to know your children! I have hopes that another parent will continue to volunteer to bring more art into your children's lives. Cheers!
Debi

THE 10 ESSENTIALS

Did you know that the K-8 curriculum was developed around ten essential principles which guide our teachers in the classroom? Over the next several Highlights editions will share these principles to help you better understand the Odyssey program. All our teacher have been trained by the founders of the Odyssey program, Marion Grassley and Susan Anderson.

Essential# 1: Cooperative Learning

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Research shows that cooperation is more effective than competition in improving academic achievement. Cooperative learning provides the opportunity for older students to learn and practice leadership, helping younger children who look up to them. Students benefit from constructing knowledge together, as a team. As in multi-age learning, students contribute at their unique level. They can be leaders in their areas of strength, and receive assistance in areas where they are less confident. Cooperative learning in a supportive environment provides opportunities to learn and practice problem solving, effective communication and collaboration.

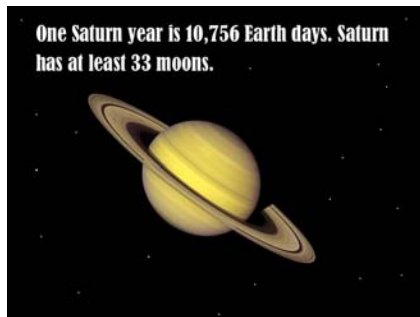
Participating families tell us that multi-age teams are one of the most important features of the Odyssey program, benefiting all students as they learn social skills which have long term benefits not only in the classroom but in their future careers.

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The Kindergarten students are learning more about KidPix and have recently been introduced to Kidspiration. They are becoming more confident every day! The 1-2 students have been working on their slideshows about space. They have learned how to capture images off the internet and import them into their slides. They are using real images of planets from two of the websites we have

earmarked. The kids sure know a lot of interesting facts about space! The 345 students are continuing to work on their Civil War Keynote slideshows. They have imported photographs and are working on the designs of each of their pages. They have become quite skilled in navigating the design elements of Keynote.

Fran Barth
Instructional Technology



678 FUNDRAISER

The 678 is holding a Constitution-a-thon in the month of February to raise money for enrichment activities. This fundraiser is a great way to involve your family and community in raising money for our program. Students will memorize the Preamble of the Constitution and reciting it during the constitution-a-thon.

Look for upcoming announcements for the official dates and pledge forms.

ODYSSEY 345 CLUSTER

Please note that the 3-5 Cluster performance has been rescheduled for **April 11th**. More

information will be coming about volunteer opportunities.

345 parents are reminded to check the Odyssey web page for teacher updates.

www.odysseyprogram.org

Next Highlights edition:
Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010

Next Highlights deadline:
Friday, Feb. 19, 2010

Email tammyinpdx@yahoo.com
(Put "highlights" in subject line)

Submitted articles may be sent in the body of the email or as attached files. **Please be sure that files are PC compatible.**

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