

# Hayhurst Highlights



Neighborhood School and Odyssey Program



November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008

## Calendar

- 11/18 Restaurant Night @  
Laughing Planet Cafe
- 11/21 Superstar Reader Sheets  
Due
- 11/24 No School  
(Parent/Teacher Conf.)
- 11/25 No School  
(Parent/Teacher Conf.)
- 11/26-28 No School  
(Thanksgiving)
- 12/7 Barnes and Noble Book  
Fair

## Principal's Corner

During my state of the school address, I spoke of the importance of the Hayhurst community reaching out to the larger community and promoting the positive experiences happening in every classroom.

Additionally, I stated that parents telling personal stories to about their child's positive Hayhurst educational experience to any one who would listen was one of the reasons for our growth spurt.

Stories of classroom successes, dedicated teachers, and tremendous enrichment opportunities will only perk prospective parents' interest and draw community members into our school.

The PPS Office of Enrollment and Transfer received a grant to help schools market themselves to their community. Hayhurst School (Hayhurst Neighborhood School and the Odyssey Program at Hayhurst) was selected to participate in this grant opportunity.

The Hayhurst Marketing Committee members including Julie Kresl, Abby Giedd, Amy Spunaugle, Steve Hermens, and I have been working with Lois Leveen, a facilitator, to develop a marketing plan for Hayhurst School since the beginning of October.

Over the next few weeks, the Marketing Committee will begin to roll out the framework to staff, students, and especially parents.

The committee recognized a key marketing strategy were Hayhurst parents voices. At this Wednesday PTA meeting, the committee will present our ideas and the action plan.

Sharing our personal stories is the focal point of this marketing plan and I know from experience Hayhurst parents love to talk about the wonderful educational opportunities here at Hayhurst School.

Principal Morrison

## Laughing Planet Fundraiser!

Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> will be "Hayhurst Day" at Laughing Planet Café.

Laughing Planet will donate **20% of proceeds all day** (11am-9pm), including any gift certificates bought that day.

Located on the corner of Vermont and 45<sup>th</sup>, across from the SWCC.

<http://www.laughingplanetcafe.com>

## New School T-Shirts!

New school t-shirts will be available to purchase in December! School shirts make great holiday gifts or motivational prizes for your students.

Show your school support, enliven your kids' school spirit, and help to market our great Neighborhood School and Odyssey Program simply by wearing a comfy t-shirt!

T-shirts are 100% cotton, pigment-dyed or heathered, adult and youth sizes, variety of colors, featuring the new all-school logo.

Prices will range from \$8.00 - \$16.00. Profits go into the PTA funds to be shared 50/50 between the Neighborhood School and Odyssey Program.

T-shirts will be sold through the PTA cart in the school entryway, and at all-school events. If you have any questions or comments about school shirts, please email Julianna Verboort at [jverboort1@comcast.net](mailto:jverboort1@comcast.net).

### TAG Corner

Draft classroom TAG plans will go home with students this week.

Please check your child's backpack or folder. Please take time to read through the plan.

During your parent-teacher conferences these plans will be finalized.

## Child Care Survey

Parents and guardians are invited to take an online survey through November about before- and after-school child care programs offered through PPS. Results will be shared with principals and child care providers to help improve these valuable programs.

To take the survey, go to: [www.pps.k12.or.us](http://www.pps.k12.or.us) and scroll down to find the link.

## Lego Spud Drive

The Hayhurst Lego Robotics Sno-Dawgs are counting on winning the Lego League Tournament, but first we need to collect 100 bags of potatoes before December 4th.

We have been researching growing potatoes using "precision farming." We are holding a potato drive to promote the key role of potatoes in our food supply and help our local community.

We need 100 bags so we can donate them to the Neighborhood House local food bank. Please put a bag of potatoes in the box that says "Potato Drive."

Conference week is a great time to help us out with our potato drive. If you

## Barnes and Noble Book Fair

On Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a book fair at Barnes & Noble at Washington Square Too. On that day, you can purchase books or other items in the store and **up to 15%** of the total sales will be donated to our school.

A special Hayhurst voucher must be presented to the cashier for this fundraiser. Pickup a voucher at the PTA cart or watch your email and backpacks.

Phone orders (503) 598-9455 will also be accepted on those two days for all those out of town friends and relatives (sorry, internet orders are not possible).

**Volunteer Help:** We also need in-store gift-wrappers to help on the day of the event for extra donations to the school. Please email me at [cutlern@yahoo.com](mailto:cutlern@yahoo.com) if you can help with this.

Thanks! Neil Cutler

donate during conference week we'll trade you a bag of chips for a bag of potatoes!  
Please help. Want to know why we picked potatoes? Keep reading!

### Ode to Spuds

*Spuds are tasty  
Spuds are cool  
Spuds grow everywhere  
Spuds just rule*

*Baked, mashed, fried, or boiled  
If you store them right they won't spoil  
From Ireland to the Andes to the  
Pacific North West*

*Potatoes always grow the best  
Spuds use water efficiently  
They have calcium, protein, iron,  
potassium, and vitamin C  
Potatoes are very delicious  
We should eat them because they  
are nutritious*

*They have lots of names  
Papas, spuds, taters, and mashers  
Some are awesome  
Some are just lame*

*85% of the plant we can eat  
More than corn, rice, or wheat  
So this Thanksgiving give your Thanks  
Donate spuds to our local food banks.*

## Science in Action

Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade class has just finished a science unit about simple machines. We learned about kinetic energy, inertia, and potential energy. Our final project required students to design and build wheels and axles to race down an inclined plane.

We awarded prizes for design, speed, accuracy, and distance. Our students were very supportive of each other and we all had a lot of fun.

Using all of the knowledge we learned in our unit we also designed an inquiry-

based experiment that we scored with the state scoring guide. We are all working to create a viable and fair experiment to use as a passing work sample by the end of the year.

Amy Spunaugle

**Have a Submission for the Highlights?**

email: [avivac@comcast.net](mailto:avivac@comcast.net)  
by Friday night

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Wish

Mrs. Yost's Wish List:

- Quiet pencil sharpener or someone to pre-sharpen pencils.
- One copy of All the Places to Love by Patricia Machlachlan.
- One copy of Woman Hollering Creek by Sandra Cisneros.
- One printer Cartridge HP color #57
- \$25.00 gift card to Barnes and Noble or Powell's for reading group book sets.

## Neighborhood Enrichment Meeting

Neighborhood Enrichment Committee met on Wed Nov 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 am. Highlights of the meeting were:

- The Neighborhood School is focusing on **poetry** all year. All children are writing poetry and making beautiful poetry books. A poetry person is coming in to work with the kids on April 8<sup>th</sup> and a poetry performance will be April 30<sup>th</sup>. The teachers are planning a beautiful celebration on the 30<sup>th</sup> and encourage all parents to invite as many family, friends and dignitaries as are available.
- Most of our **classroom volunteer** positions are filled. Mrs. Esterline would appreciate a few more parents to help in her classroom and Mrs. Yost could use more help with photocopying. Mrs. Yost has a bin filled with projects for volunteers to help with at any time.

- The teachers have started the **Self Manager** program again. They have purchased charmed bracelets and self managers will earn charms for self managing their behavior. They also want to have a self manager celebration each month with the self managers. This program has been a proven success and the teachers would love a parent to help with the monthly self manager parties.

- Mrs. Yost and Mrs. Spunaugle would like to incorporate **Achieve Curriculum** for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Achieve is a curriculum that teaches the kids about business management. It is about an eight week course that is math focused and ends with a field trip. They need about \$700.00 to add this curriculum to their classrooms.

- Stephanie Parent updated us on our **fundraising** efforts. Our goal is to raise 16,000 to enrich our curriculum. We have raised about \$4,000 so far. The poinsettia sales will go to enrichment funds along with Laughing Planet this month. Only about 17 families have given directly so we will be encourage more families to direct give. We will also push for scrip sales in December. It was exciting to hear a few parents are working on matching funds through their company.

Thank you all for attending we will be meeting again in January.

Julie Kresl  
[juliekresl@comcast.net](mailto:juliekresl@comcast.net)

### Hayhurst Lego Robotics News

The Hayhurst Snow Dawgs are just a few weeks away from the tournament at Intel on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. The Dawgs are fine tuning their programs and their robots to meet the many challenges.

We are also busy working on the research project. This year's theme is "Climate Connections". The challenge is to discover the links between science, people, resources and communities, to learn about past climates and delve into questions surrounding our current and future climatic conditions. After extensive research, the team narrowed its focus to agriculture and then eventually to the potato. How many of you know that this is, in fact, the Year of the Potato?



## 345 News

In History we began practicing for our performance with a pre-audition activity led by our directors Sasha Reich and Debby Barany. We are having a great time!

In Science we participated in two activities related to change. The Storybook Parade was not rained out! We had representatives from the Colonial period, Revolutionary period, Lewis and Clark, and Oregon Trail periods.

## K12 News

Conferences: If you need to change your conference time, please call the office to reschedule; the office has the master schedule. Please Note: K12 Students only join these conferences if requested by the teacher.

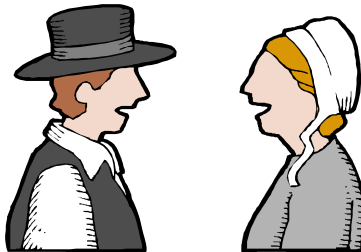
Morning arrival: Please remember our K12 teachers are serving nearly 90 students this fall and every minute matters! This means morning arrival is crucial to a successful day. Please help your children and your teachers by remembering that first bell rings at 7:50 a.m., attendance is taken at 7:55 a.m., and academic instruction starts promptly at 8:00 a.m. Children that arrive late miss out on valuable instructional time. We thank you for honoring this time frame.

## 678 Conferences

Parent Teacher STUDENT Conferences are coming up. At Odyssey we do things a bit differently and Parent Teacher STUDENT Conferences are no different.

If you have not signed up for a time slot please call Betsy Cruickshank at 971-998-7106 to do so. Several requirements are: Students have to be in attendance. Please come 1/2 hour prior to your slotted time. Only one conference per student.

In Art, we participated in Art Literacy, learning about William Turner and creating seascapes we might have seen on our journey to the New World. The seascapes are in the hallway by rooms 17 and 24.



Snacks: Just another reminder that the children burn a lot of energy each day at school, so snack time is important! The snack supplies need to be replenished often throughout the school year. You can deliver donations of NUT FREE snacks to your child's check in room. Thank you!

Flat Stanley: Year 1 and 2 students have begun a Flat Stanley literacy unit. This fun and creative story line is inspiring for young imaginations. Teachers need additional copies of book #1 in the Flat Stanley series.

TAG: Teachers have TAG nomination forms. Please talk to your child's teacher soon if you have questions and/or would like to request a form to nominate your child.

## K12 Beginning Readers

November and December bring a lot of short weeks at school. We have found that students who practice each day retain their skills. Would you please review the sounds and word lists with your student?

Play a time game, see how fast your child can read down the lists; or make a game of counting how many words they can read before needing to slow down and sound out a word. Keep notes on their progress so they can see that a few minutes of practice really is worth the effort!

## From Our Treasurer

We appreciate your donations! One small housekeeping note: please make sure that your check (or your employer matching check) is made out to Hayhurst PTA-Odyssey Program, or Hayhurst PTA with Odyssey in the memo line.

The bank is very picky about how the check is designated, and we hate to have to ask you for a new check! Thank you so much for participating in all our fundraising efforts.

Abby Giedd, PTA Treasurer  
[gieddcarr@msn.com](mailto:gieddcarr@msn.com)

Science & Art Fair: Your child may want to save their homemade instruments and shakers to display at this year's Science & Art Fair, to be held March 19, 2009.

Art Supplies: Please bring in shoe boxes, and small "bits and pieces" such as: wire, bottle caps, golf tees, beads, small unusually shaped containers, film canisters, detergent caps, rocks/shells, corks, etc., for our upcoming projects. You will enjoy what the children create when they recycle these items and turn them into art!

Please also continue to read with your child, and listen to them read from any books they enjoy.

All of the children are making progress due to your diligence and willingness to reinforce the routine at home. Your efforts free up more time at school for enrichment activities. We're looking forward to a BUG lesson and interactive presentation by OMSI this month!

Thank you for your continued support.

We're on the Web!

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

## Painting Competition

To help raise environmental awareness and foster science literacy among elementary- and middle-school students, Bayer Corporation and the United Nations launched the second year of their partnership in the United States to bring the International Children's Painting Competition to school-children nationwide.

With this year's theme, Climate Change - Our Challenge, UNEP and Bayer Corporation are inviting students ages six to 14 to learn more about climate change

and express that knowledge creatively through art.

The students' paintings are expected to focus on the impact of global warming on our planet, as well as concrete actions people can take, such as using renewable energy and eco-friendly light bulbs, planting trees, sharing vehicles and using public transportation, among others.

Deadline: January 15, 2009. For complete entry rules, go to:

<http://www.bayerus.com/msms>.

## PTA Cart

Our PTA Cart is now up and running thanks to our staff of 11 volunteer parents! We are able to staff the cart on 4 days of the week in the front hallway of the school. PTA Cart Hours are Before and After School on MON, TUES (pm only), WEDS and FRI.

Please take the time to check it out and don't forget to bring your wallet (or purse). We have Odyssey coffee, Neighborhood t-shirts, Chinook Books, Coffee Mugs (Neighborhood and Odyssey), pencils, Pizza Coupon cards (Round Table and Papa Murphy's), more Starbucks' cards (very soon) and Valley Cinema Passes!

We sold out of the first 75 Valley Cinema Passes allotted to us.....so I went and picked up 50 more! They are a terrific value at only \$9 for an adult AND child admission to 10 different kids movies. That's less than \$1 per show for both! Get your pass now for you or your friends and neighbors. The PTA makes \$3 each on these as well. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks for your continued support of Hayhurst School!

Neil Cutler  
[cutlern@yahoo.com](mailto:cutlern@yahoo.com)

## Poinsettia Pick Up

Parents, please pick up your plants on Tuesday, Dec 2nd from 2:00-3:00 in the cafeteria/stage!

Sincerely,  
Shannon Weiland  
Plant Fundraiser Coordinator  
Odyssey Parent Volunteer  
[shannon@scubed.net](mailto:shannon@scubed.net)

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## Thank You!!

Thank you to everyone who participated in **Sally Foster**, we will make over **\$2000** for our school!

If you have a question about your order, you need to contact Stephanie ([parentlaw@gmail.com](mailto:parentlaw@gmail.com)) or Dawn ([dawn.buckwalter@tralblazers.com](mailto:dawn.buckwalter@tralblazers.com)) by Tuesday, Nov. 18.

Thank you!  
Stephanie Parent



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