

Hayhurst School



Hayhurst Highlights

January 27, 2010

CALENDAR

01/28

Multicultural Fair, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

01/29

Friday Coffee, 7:45 AM

Superstar Reader Sheets Due

01/31

M.U.S.E. Winter Band Concerts, West Sylvan Middle School, 1:00 PM (Beg.) and 2:30 PM (Int./Adv.)

02/01

Site Council, 2:30 PM

Doughnuts With the Principal, 8:15 AM

02/03

Kindergarten Round Up, 9:30 – 11:00 AM and 6:00 – 7:30 PM

02/04

Family Write Night, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

02/05

Friday Coffee, 7:45 AM

02/08

PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM

Neighborhood Association Meeting, 7:00 PM

SCRIP Ordering Deadline

02/10

Odyssey Informational Meeting, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Technology! Technology! Technology! This particular topic has surfaced more than once over the last couple of months. Technology has become an integral part of our society as we rely more and more on it for our day-to-day functions.

Hayhurst School is lucky to house a computer lab with a knowledgeable support person. All K-5 students receive weekly technology lessons enhancing classroom curriculum. Hayhurst classrooms have access to classroom computers and all teachers have data projectors and document cameras to support classroom instruction.

Recently a person reminded me that as soon as we purchase a new form of technology, process it, and begin to use it, the technology is already outdated. To address this essential component of the educational process, I am forming a short-term technology committee made up of teachers and parents to develop a K-8 technology plan for

our building. The committee will collect data, analyze the results, develop a vision and action plan to reach the vision through grants and fundraising. If you are interesting in participating on this committee please email me at rmorrison@pps.k12.or.us by February 5, 2010.

ROBIN

Hayhurst School Kindergarten Round Up

Pass the word to all potential parents. The Hayhurst School Kindergarten Round Up will be held on February 3, 2010 at 9:30-11:00 and 6:00-7:30 PM. Kindergarten programs and the process for enrolling students will be discussed.



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HAYHURST MULTICULTURAL FAIR

Hayhurst School's annual Multicultural Fair is scheduled for **Thursday, January 28th** from 6:00-8:00 PM.

This event is very festive and this year we have many opportunities for the kids. We have about 20 restaurants donating food, we have African Drumming, String Instruments from India, Henna painting, Face Painting, Origami, The Arabic Cultural Center coming to play Arabic Bingo and serve mint tea. To top the night off our own Dorice Horenstein will perform with a couple of her Israeli Dance Groups.

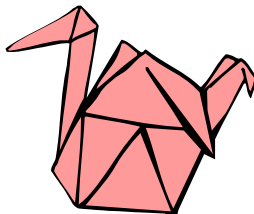
Multicultural Night Highlight: Our children's art projects will be hanging all over the school.

It is a fun filled night that we look forward to every year and we would love to have you participate!

Volunteers are still needed for after-school set-up, food pick-up, and general clean-up! The sign up sheet is located on the PTA board.

Thank you so much, I look forward to meeting new parents and to thanking my "seasoned" volunteers ☺

Julie Kresl



FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION

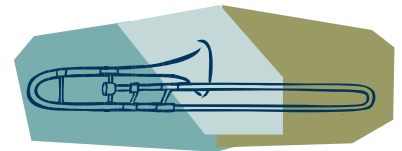
If your household has experienced a change in income, your child(ren) may now qualify for free or reduced-price school meals. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, if your income goes down, if you lose your job, if you start getting SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly food stamps) or TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families). You may submit an application for the first time, or you may reapply if previously denied and your income has changed. For more information and to apply online go to: www.nutrition.pps.k12.or.us or call: Kendall Rundberg at 503.916.3247.

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 at alysonbroberg@yahoo.com or Alyson Broberg (503) 347-3278.



M.U.S.E. WINTER BAND CONCERT

On **Sunday, January 31**, Hayhurst band students will perform in the M.U.S.E. Winter Band Concert. The concert will include students from all the M.U.S.E. schools playing together as one ensemble!

Where: West Sylvan Middle school, 8111 West Slope Drive, Portland 97225 (in the gym).

Times:

1:00 – 1:40 PM, Beginners

2:30 – 3:15 PM, Intermediate and Advanced bands

We hope you can attend!

Bryant Allard
Director of M.U.S.E.
1-800-233-6873

<http://www.museband.com/>

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LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found in the main hallway is building up and it's time to clean it out. Please have your child check the table and rack. The lost and found will be packed up on **Friday, January 29th** for the PTA Clothes Closet.

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 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 runs through the month of February. Families will receive a cover letter and instructions on February 10th. Thank you for your support.

Maggie Turner (Matthew's mom) and Julie Kresl



AUTHOR DAY AND FIRST

ANNUAL FAMILY WRITE NIGHT

Author **Carmen Bernier-Grand** will visit Hayhurst classrooms on **Thursday, February 4th** and then join us in the evening to launch our First Annual Family Write Night at Hayhurst from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

Writing together encourages skill development, preserves memories, and facilitates family bonding. Write in a team of families led by Hayhurst parent authors and take home a finished piece. Simple writing activities that are fun for all! Carmen will work with bilingual Spanish/English speaking participants.

Writer parents wishing to volunteer should contact Amy at akminato@eoni.com

Carmen Bernier-Grand was born in Puerto Rico. She is the author of many non-fiction and fiction books for children that have won numerous awards. Her latest book, *Diego, Bigger than Life* was an Oregon Book Award Finalist this year. "I wrote my first story in second grade. My teacher asked us to write a composition and I wrote about my teacher chewing gum in school. The paper came back with a note from my teacher that said: Great Imagination! But my sister said that the note meant that I was a liar. I didn't write another story until my children were born in 1981. I write in my second language. I can write in Spanish, but most of my books are in English. It takes me longer than it might take a native

English speaker." Carmen is a beloved and frequent presenter at schools.

WITHOUT A TRACE TEAM (WATT) WORKS WONDERS WITH LUNCHROOM WASTE

The Invisibles are hard at work brainstorming while rinsing over 220 drink cartons at every lunch. Why rinse? According to Metro Recycling (503 234 3000 Web: www.oregonmetro.gov) lunchroom drink cartons are not recyclable unless they are rinsed because otherwise they rot on the way to the recycling center. WATT solved this problem with its usual dexterity. The Invisibles rinse the cartons, which are put in an unlined garbage can then tapped out and transferred to a lawn debris bag. One of two things happen to the freshly loaded lawn debris bags. They are distributed into half empty curbside bins of She Who Recycles neighbors, or hauled off to Far West Fibers (503 643 9944) once a week with a big ugly van load of non-curbside eligible plastics, hard (tubs smaller than 6 oz. i.e., yogurt cups, pudding cups, apple sauce cups, straws, chocolate milk bottles, clamshells) and soft (zip locks, sandwich bags, shopping bags, bubble wrap, shrink wrap, plastic you can poke your finger through).

Polystyrene (also know by the brand name Styrofoam) was banned from use by restaurants and grocery stores in Portland on 1/1/90. Polystyrene is made

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from coal tar, a byproduct of coal mining and it never biodegrades and is difficult to recycle. Of course you still see it everywhere because of loopholes in the ban. Hayhurst is one of the places polystyrene is seen, felt and tasted everyday. In fact PPS sends 39 million polystyrene trays to the municipal landfill every year because the ban does not include schools. Hayhurst contributes 36,000 polystyrene trays to a nearby landfill every school year. WATT is collecting polystyrene to take to Bridlemile Green Team's polystyrene round up on January 30th so if you have a pile of it bring it to the coffee cart on Friday January 29 and it will be recycled. During the week of January 25th WATT will also be rinsing lunch trays to recycle at Bridlemile on the 30th. To find out the incredibly depressing details of Styrofoam please read the short online article "Cradle to Grave: The Life Cycle of Styrofoam" by Andrea Kremer.

All that is left is compost. Are there any Hayhurst families with big gardens in need of compost?

There are about 177 days in a school year. If every family picked just one day a year to help recycle lunch room leftovers WATT would be on its way to sustainability. Please consider adding your name to the recycling sign up sheet on the Neighborhood PTA board.

Recycling Reminders: Collect drink pouches and put them in the drink pouch bucket in the faculty room and put your money bottles and cans in the marked container in the faculty

room - all funds raised go to Hayhurst.

Recycling Tip: Are you suffering Junk Mail Madness? Get rid of it by writing to Direct Marketing Association and register to be on a list not to be contacted by solicitors. It is free and lasts for five years but only for national mail. HOW: Write a letter or postcard with the date, your name, address, and signature, and write, "Please register my name with the Mail Preference Service." Send it to: Mail Preference Service c/o Direct Marketing Association, P.O. Box 7643, Carmel, NY 10512. You can also register online at www.the-dma.org/consumers/offmailinglist.html

BIKE FIRST CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS SOON

For the past three years, Bike First in affiliation with Lose the Training Wheels have collaborated to offer Clinics for students with disabilities. The Bike First Camps help children with disabilities or special needs gain stability to master the skills needed to balance and steer a two-wheeled bicycle allowing them to play with their siblings and peers with new confidence. The clinics have helped students ranging from autism, mild cerebral palsy to Down syndrome ride a bike.

If you know a child at your school who could benefit from a bike clinic please have their parents register them at the Bike

First website, <http://bikefirst.googlepages.com/>. Safer Routes to School offers full sponsorship for students who participate. For more information, please contact Carolina at 503.823.1189

WILSON HIGH SCHOOL'S 8TH GRADE PARENTS NIGHT

When: **February 4th, 6:15PM**

Where: Wilson Auditorium

Agenda: question and answer session with counselors; presentations by choir, drama and band; Principal speech; and tours of WHS

Questions: Contact Erica Meyers emeyers@pps.k12.or.us or 503-916-5280

Wilson is a comprehensive public high school with a proud tradition of excellence. In addition to our core curriculum, Wilson offers Advanced Placement and advanced level courses. Rigorous programs are also available in visual and performing arts, computer science, and marketing. At the 9th grade level, teachers collaborate for global studies, English, and biology in our Freshman Communities Program, offering the support of a smaller learning unit as freshman transition to high school. Our programs allow students to pursue a rigorous course of study and encourage high academic performance and intellectual growth while also providing opportunities for students who excel in fine and

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performing arts to develop their gifts. Opportunities to learn outside the classroom include Multnomah ESD Outdoor School Program, apprenticeships in science, architecture and engineering, advanced study programs at area universities, and participation in our extensive athletics programs.

ROBERT GRAY MULTICULTURAL FAIR

Robert Gray Middle School (5505 SW 23rd Ave.) will hold a Multicultural Fair on Wednesday **Feb. 10, 2010** from 5:30pm to 8pm. There will be a variety of foods from local restaurants, entertainment, world crafts and other activities.

This is a great chance to check out Robert Gray. Join us!

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL

MRS. YOST

Imagine going back in time to 1869 when the golden spike was driven at Promontory Summit, Utah to celebrate the completion of the first Transcontinental Railroad. That is what four driven fifth grade Hayhurst Neighborhood School girls did last week when they entered *The Daughters of The American Revolution* essay contest. Each girl extensively researched about this historical event. They assumed the identity of an Irish

worker, a Native American, a settler, or a Chinese worker and wrote an essay of 300-600 words that included accurate historical accounts of the time period and what they might have experienced.

Last week, the Daughters of The American Revolution Portland Division judges notified Mrs. Yost a winner had been chosen for the contest. Congratulations to Hannah Holler for taking first place for fifth grade in this contest! We are all very proud of each of Hannah, Ellie, Qadira, and Quinnn for their determination and dedication to complete this project. Way to go!

ODYSSEY PROGRAM

ODYSSEY DIRECT GIVING

The Odyssey Direct Giving Campaign is well underway, and we would like to thank all those who have donated thus far! However, we still have quite a way to go in order to fund performances and field studies, particularly for the 345 and 678 clusters. Planning, rehearsals, costuming, and reservations for campsites and other venues-- AND BILLS are taking place now, and we need your support in order to continue with the enrichment activities that make Odyssey a program like no other in the Portland Public School system. If you haven't already donated, please do so as soon as you can. If you can't give the

suggested donation amount, you can give on the installment plan, or give whatever amount your family can afford. Please contact Abby Giedd at 503-973-5564 or gieddcarr@msn.com if you have and questions or concerns.

FOUNDERS' TEA

If you are interested in attending a Founders' Tea and learning a little more about the Odyssey program please email Sonya Wilder sonyaand3@yahoo.com or Lisa Berglund pblbhb@comcast.net.

Tentative date for the tea is **February 7** at O'Conner's in Multnomah Village, but space is limited so please let us know if you are interested in attending.

ODYSSEY IS ON FACEBOOK

If you are a member of Facebook, join the 'Odyssey Program!' group and network with the Odyssey community. We have >90 groupies and counting!

ODYSSEY 678 STUDY HALL: HELP WANTED!

6-8 Students who don't complete their homework work in Study Hall from Noon – 1:00 PM.

Our teachers need *your* help during study hall.

Where: 678 Study Hall

When: 12:00 – 1:00 P.M., Any Day of the Week

Who: Anyone who has the time

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Qualifications: Patience

Compensation: The priceless appreciation of the whole Odyssey community for your generosity of service!

678: EXTRA! EXTRA!

Copies of the 678 Journalism Club's *Northern Star* will be on sale at this week's Friday parent coffee. We will be featuring our New Year's edition of the *Northern Star*, with all the latest stories from 678 and our community. Proceeds from the paper go to cover the cost of printing.

The 678 Journalism Club meets Monday afternoons after school and publishes a monthly newspaper and the 678 Yearbook. Contact Victoria Olivares at victoriaolivares@comcast.net for more information.

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 be memorizing 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 PERFORMANCE

Please note that the 3-5 Cluster performance has been rescheduled for **April 11th**. More information will be coming about volunteer opportunities.

ODYSSEY 345 CLUSTER

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

www.odysseyprogram.org

ODYSSEY K12 CLUSTER UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Permission slips should have been signed and returned for the field trips listed below. We have 3 trips in 2 months! Please be sure to check your schedule and see if you can come on one or more of our trips. We need lots of help for OMSI and the Chinese Gardens. Also remember you need to have your background check approved before you go. Background checks are good for three years. Most of you are on the approved list, but if not be sure to turn it in right away.

- **Thursday, February 4th**- Field Trip to "Little One Inch" Play 9:30 - 11:30 AM
- **Tuesday, February 16th** Field Trip to OMSI 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM.
- **Thursday, March 18th** - Field Trip to Chinese Gardens 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Next Highlights edition:
Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010

Next Highlights deadline:
Friday, Feb. 5, 2010

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