

Hayhurst Highlights



Neighborhood School and Odyssey Program



Principal's Corner

FROM THE DESK OF
Superintendent Smith:

Dear PPS staff and community, Governor Ted Kulongoski this morning proposed a state budget for 2009-2011 that reflects the tough choices forced upon our state by the dismal economy, and contains some difficult news for our K-12 schools.

The Governor proposed a \$6.39 billion State School Fund to pay for Oregon's K-12 schools. That's \$147 million more than in the current two-year budget, a 2.4 percent increase over two years. By the state's own reckoning, at \$6.39 billion the State School Fund is more than \$150 million short of the amount the state would need to spend to maintain essential services.

The Governor suggested he would ask a supplemental session of the Legislature in 2010 to tap the Education Stability Fund to protect schools in the second year of the budget. To be prudent, he did not ask the Legislature to commit the funding now, in case the economy worsened.

PTA Notes

I guess we are officially in the midst of the holidays! Halloween and Thanksgiving have come and gone with great success, our poinsettias we ordered through the school fundraiser arrived last week (make note to order more next year as they look marvelous! J), and the Barnes and Noble Bookfair is giving me a great reason to stop procrastinating and start shopping.

Our last PTA meeting before the New Year is **Tuesday the 9th at 7 pm.**

School districts' costs are rising far more than 2 percent, in health care, energy, services and supplies, and in salaries for staff, if they are to keep up with the cost of living. In addition, Oregon schools already are taking significant mid-year cuts in our state funding.

That leaves Portland Public Schools facing an uncertain budget future. We have been able to maintain our services and absorb the current state funding cut with some belt tightening and by tapping our reserves - but those reserves could quickly be exhausted.

I have asked our budget analysts to review the Governor's budget closely and present a more detailed picture of our PPS financial outlook to the School Board's finance committee Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Today's announcement is just the first step in the process - the opening of a statewide conversation about
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Come show your support and see just what your PTA is up to in those monthly meetings. If child care is keeping you from the meeting, we've got you covered. Ashley Beckham from West Hills Early Childhood Learning Center (she happens to be my neighbor) has been helping us with child care. We look forward to seeing you there!

Happy Holidays!

Ian Mickelson
PTA President

December 8th, 2008

Calendar

- 12/8 Donuts with the Principal
8:15am-9am
Site Council Mtg 2:30
OAKS state testing begins
Scrip Ordering deadline
- 12/9 PTA Meeting 7pm
Hayhurst Neighborhood
Association Mtg 7pm
- 12/10 Odyssey High School
Fair Night 6pm-7:30pm
- 12/11 Neighborhood School
Winter Music Prog. 6pm
- 12/12 Progress Reports Sent
Home
- 12/19 OAKS state testing ends
Superstar Reader
sheets due
Scrip Ready for Pickup
- 12/22-
1/2 No School
(Winter Break)

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how to pay for our schools over the next two years, and beyond. We promise to keep you posted, and hope you will join us in advocating for our schools and our students in Salem.

Carole Smith

New School T-Shirts!

100% cotton shirts featuring the new all-school logo are now available! There are many colors and sizes, sure to please everyone in the family. Prices are: \$8.00 kids sizes; \$10.00 adult sizes; and \$12.00 for the fitted, heathered "ringer" t-shirts in juniors/womens and boys/mens sizes.

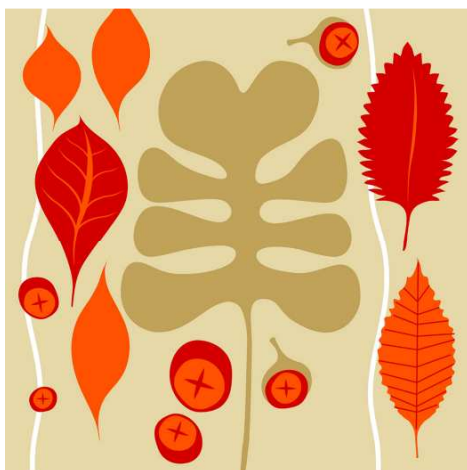
T-shirts will be sold via the PTA cart before and after school, and at all-school special events. School shirts will make great holiday gifts for your kids, yourselves, grandparents, teachers, staff, special members of our community, friends! Show your school spirit!



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 and scroll down to find the link.



Tag News

The TAG office will test all students who were nominated during the 2008 nomination period January 14th and 15th. More information will come home to parents after the winter break.

TAG Resources for Parents and Teachers

Prufrock Press

<http://www.prufrock.com/showproducts.cfm?WPCID=1059>

Hoagies for Gifted

<http://www.hoagiesgifted.org>

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

Superstar Readers

All students, non-readers and experienced readers are encouraged to participate in the Superstar Reading Program. Each student keeps track of (or logs) the pages he/she reads, and also the pages that are read to him/her, on a blue Superstar Reader tracking sheet.

Each month, the Superstar Reader blue log sheets should be totaled and signed by a parent/guardian, then turned in to the Superstar Reader Folders. Folders are located in each classroom in the neighborhood school. Folders for Odyssey are located on the wall in the hallway outside Mrs. Callicotte's room, and in Mrs. Lloyd's room.

For every log sheet turned in, each Superstar Reader is rewarded with an incentive prize; the prizes are based on the number of pages read. (Note: the total number of pages read by others to child is halved.)

It is fun for kids to see how many pages they can total up in a month, and always fun to earn prizes! Those students who reach 10,000 pages will earn Superstar Reader medals!

The Superstar Reader program is sponsored by Hayhurst PTA. Information about prizes is posted on a sign in the hallway, near the Cafetorium.

CONGRATULATIONS: The first 10,000 Page Medal Winner of the 2008-2009 school year is Matthew K!



Kindergarten Happenings

We have two special presentations coming up within the next few days. Please join us if you can!

The first one will be on Monday, December 8 at 1:30. During our Sing Along time a former teacher and friend of mine, will give a presentation about American Sign Language.

Mrs. Paxton taught deaf children at my former school. She also grew up with two deaf parents. She will show us some new signs, and will also show us how to sign one of my all time favorite songs, What a Wonderful World.

The next special presentation will be on Friday, December 12 at 10:15. A friend of mine, Bryce Hixon, is a science teacher in Utah. He has also published a children's science textbook and gives lectures to teachers about teaching science to children.

Bryce will be in town for a few days next week, and he has volunteered to give a special demonstration for our kindergarten kids.

Michelle Collins-Hytrek

5th 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.

Gray M.S. Bazaar

Happy Holidays! It's time for the 2nd annual Panache Holiday Bazaar: Saturday, December 13th, 10am - 4pm. Here you will find one of a kind handmade items in all price ranges to satisfy many people on your gift list - from baby to grandpa. You might even find that special gift you can only buy for yourself! Many different craft vendors will display and sell a surprising array of items.

Find us at 5505 SW 23rd Ave, Portland. Turn North off Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy onto SW 25th Ave and make two curves till you are in front of the school or turn West off of SW Sunset Blvd on SW Martha St. and continue winding down the hill to the school cafeteria in the front of the building.

Maureen Lawson
Former Hayhurst Parent

Winter Concert

The Neighborhood School K-5 Winter Concert will be on December 11th at 6pm.

The 3rd - 5th grade choir will also perform.

Please Join Us for an Evening of Song!

Box Tops Contest

Please continue to send in your Box Top coupons to your classroom. The clipped Box Tops earn 10 cents each for Hayhurst. We will continue to tally the amount received for each classroom until the end of 2008.

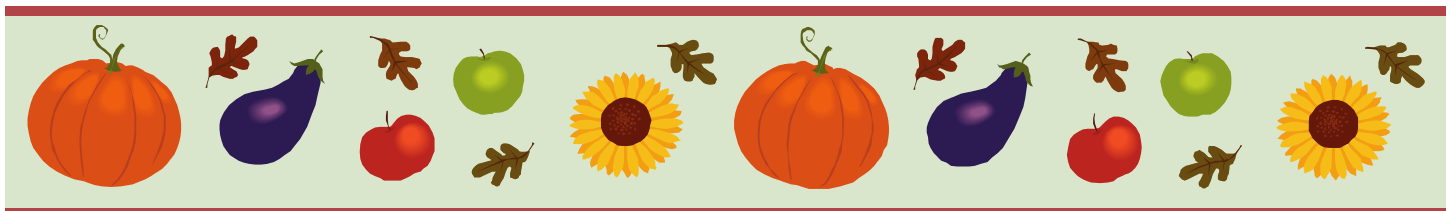
Our next classroom surprise will be awarded at the beginning of the new year. So, send in those coupons and add to your class total.

Have a nice holiday break.

Jeri Schenk

Have a Submission for the Highlights?

email: avivac@comcast.net
by Friday night



345 News

OAKS state standardized tests will take place from Mon. Dec. 8 through Fri. Dec. 12 from 8-10 am. Please make sure your child is at school by 7:55 am each morning.

OMSI science started this week with a lesson on chemical reactions. Ask your child to describe the chemical reaction of mixing sodium borate with chemical X.

In History, colonists participated in simulation activities this week including

colonial word finds, ship sailing, writing focus, board games and puzzles to be used during indoor recesses. Please ask your child what he/she learned from this week's writing focus.

In Geography, students completed a model of the ship their colonists traveled on to the New World. Ships are on display in Rms. 17 and 24. Please come view these amazing representations!



K12 News

WEBSITE UPDATES! Please check out the new postings on the Odyssey K-1-2 website!

<http://www.odysseyprogram.org>

You'll find class schedules, homework, special notices, and "In Their Own Words"-- which posts student computer lab work and the kids' thoughts on Odyssey. Please contact Hope Young at hopenyoung@gmail.com if you have questions, comments or suggestions for postings.

MISSING MANNERS? Teachers have noticed that the children could use a refresher course on manners. Please remind children that when another person addresses them (child or adult), the polite thing to do is make eye contact and respond in kind (with "hello", "good morning" or other appropriate words).

Another good manners reminder -- please do not interrupt others. If a child has something urgent or important that needs to be said, he or she may say something like "Excuse me, I hate to interrupt, but may I say something important?" And a reminder about using basic courtesy is important as well -- saying please, thank you, you're welcome, excuse me, and offering friendly greetings to others; as well as helping friends by holding doors open, helping to move chairs, picking up things friends have dropped, etc.

You can practice manners with your children at home -- make it fun by acting over the top with your voice and expressions; have a contest to see who can be the most polite each day! Everyone likes to be treated with respect and kindness. And a friendly smile, eye

contact and pleasant greetings make both the giver AND receiver feel good!

LA PURISMA, MEXICO: Help Odyssey Send Hope to La Purisma, Mexico! On Dec. 3 Wednesday Rotation, the K12 cluster created art pieces that represent hope to send to La Purisma, a village in Mexico.

Children may still bring coins to school to send along with the art projects, if they would like to participate in the fundraiser for La Purisama Village. Please contact Debi Crawford with questions.

Thank you for your support!

3-8th Grade Testing

At conferences teachers gave 3rd-8th grade parents a Q&A for the testing history to accompany student's state testing scores. The handout given at conferences was incorrect. Research and Evaluation resent the correct handout after conferences.

The corrected testing history will be sent home in all 3rd-5th grader's progress report. Sixth-eighth graders will have the updated handout in their backpacks.

678 High School Fair Night

Come One, Come All to our high school fair night at Odyssey December 10, 2008. Eighth graders and their parents are highly encouraged to attend EVEN if they know for sure where they are going, things change and it is always a good idea to find out about other options.

Seventh graders are encouraged to attend to get an idea of some of the high schools that our alumni attend. Additionally this is a great evening for sixth graders to check out as well so they can start thinking about high school, it is never too early to do so.

The meeting will be held in the cafeteria from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Our plan is for Odyssey students to be able to ask questions in small groups with Odyssey alumni high school representatives. This will be informally structured (don't ask). There will be parents of the high school representatives available as well to let talk to Odyssey parents and let them in on some of the high school "secrets."

So that we can gauge our attendance please RSVP to betsy@mossylog.com

We're on the Web!

www.odysseyprogram.org

Goodsearch and Goodshop

Hayhurst School just received a check from Goodsearch for \$177 last week. This is money that we earned just by using Goodsearch and Goodshop over the past year.

If you are planning to do any online shopping this holiday season, please consider using the Goodshop link through Goodsearch.

How? Its easy, first go to www.goodsearch.com and before you do your search or shopping on Goodshop, simply type "Hayhurst" where it says "Who do you Goodsearch for?"

Alternatively, you can use this link to get to Goodsearch:
<http://tinyurl.com/6zhzhy>

For every search that you do at Goodsearch.com, Hayhurst will earn money.

You can earn even more money for the school by using Goodshop. Here is how: after typing in Hayhurst as your preferred charity at goodsearch.com, just click on the shopping tab or the "Goodshop" bar near the bottom of the page and then click on the online merchant you want to shop at.

All the popular stores are there including: ebay, Nordstrom, Barnes & Noble, Travelocity, Land's End, Best Buy, Zappo's, and many more. A percentage of your total purchase will go to Hayhurst School. This can really add up quick!

Thanks so much for supporting Hayhurst School!

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PTA Clothing Center

Many Portland children do not have warm clothes to wear to school this winter. In fact, some children do not have jackets, pants or shoes that fit.

Each year, the PTA Clothing Center assists over 2,000 Portland Public School students from across the district. Students are referred to the Clothing Center by teachers, school counselors, or principals.

Located at Marshall High School in southeast Portland, the Clothing Center is staffed by volunteers from each local Portland PTA unit. Each PTA is assigned two days each year, one day in

the fall and one day in the spring, to send several volunteers to the Clothing Center. The volunteers sort donated clothing and help outfit students with clothing in their size.

Hayhurst's turn to volunteer at the Clothing Center is December 17th. There will be a carpool of volunteers leaving Hayhurst at 9am and returning by 2pm.

Brooke Gaab will coordinate our PTA Clothing Center volunteers. If you would like to volunteer at the PTA Clothing Center this year, please contact Brooke at (503) 977-9053 or brookegaab@aol.com.



Poinsettia Success

Thank you for your all those who participated in our 'first' all school 'Poinsettia fundraiser'. We raised almost **\$600.00** and we appreciate all those who purchased plants to help support our school.

Thank you volunteers that helped out with posters and plant delivery! Thank you and please enjoy your beautiful Poinsettias!!!

Love plants? Coming this spring, our first spring plant fundraiser - with a large variety of plants!!

Season greetings,

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Plant Fundraiser Coordinator
Odyssey Parent Volunteer
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