

Hayhurst Highlights



Neighborhood School and Odyssey Program



Principal's Corner

February 24, 2009

Calendar

- 2/24 Restaurant Night at Daphne's Greek Restaurant
- 3/3 Volunteer Meeting for Science & Art Fair (Faculty Room)
- 3/12 Twelfth Night Performance
- 3/15 678 Guild Fair and Twelfth Night Performance
- 4/9 Spring Plant Fundraiser Orders Due

I want to thank all of the Hayhurst parents for having patience with the new start time. I realize the significant impact on our daily schedule, routine, and the practice of bring your child to school. Because of the necessity of the quick implementation, I was not able to develop a clear plan for the start of the day and needed last week to implement some strategies and then review their effectiveness.

Students and families are welcome to come to school beginning at 7:40 AM. Classroom teacher's start time begins at 7:45 and so I am asking students and families to wait in either the cafeteria and sit at one of the cafeteria tables or wait in the main hallway until the first bell. The supervision is in the cafeteria for students beginning at 7:40 AM. Students are expected to wait in this area and not report to classrooms.

Students eating breakfast will eat in the cafeteria and be excused from the cafeteria. Breakfast eaters are not considered tardy if they are in the cafeteria before the first bell.

Teacher's start time is 7:45 AM and the instructional time for students is 7:50 AM. To ensure that teachers are prepared to teach for that day teachers need the three minutes to ready their classroom. The first bell will ring at 7:48 AM to allow families to walk their child to the classroom and drop them off at the door.

The Odyssey K-2 teachers are asking parents to say good-bye to their students in the main hallway or cafeteria and allow students to walk to their classroom on their own. The K-2 team feels this practice encourages students to take responsibility of getting themselves ready for the day.

Again I appreciate your understanding and flexibility. I will continue to monitor this change and make the necessary adjustments within the time frame allotted to us.

Principal Morrison

PTA Notes

As some of you know, this has been a year of changes for me. After several years as an at-home mom, I returned to full time office work this year. My work schedule requires me to get up at 3:45am each day. Needless to say, this requires some adjustment!

It's time for me to turn the Highlights over to someone new. I will finish out this year, but it would be nice to have someone lined up to understudy for the last few months of the school year.

Please contact me if you are interested in learning about the job.

This is also the time of year for PTA election preparations. The only requirements to run for the PTA board are dedication to a great education for our children, and a desire to make things happen. More info coming soon...

Aviva Cohen, PTA Board Member
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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 Tuesday, February 17th for the PTA Clothes Closet.

PPS Budget

Portland Public Schools is expecting significant budget cuts for next year. Superintendent Carole Smith would like your insights. On Thurs, Feb 26 from 7-8:30pm at Wilson High School, 1151 S.W. Vermont St., the superintendent will give an update on the budget and ask for your questions and money-saving ideas.

This meeting is a good chance to hear the latest budget news in the wake of the Feb. 20th state revenue forecast that is bringing PPS a big step closer to understanding its financial picture for the rest of this year and for next year.

Hayhurst Book Drive in memory of **Matthew Chester** February 12, 1996-2008

Matthew Chester was a brilliant, beautiful boy that was born with a terminal lung disease that took him sooner than expected last May. He attended Hayhurst Neighborhood School K-5 and went on to Robert Gray.

Please watch for flyers explaining the different options for donating a book to Hayhurst Library in memory of Matthew.

Even if you did not know Matthew this is an excellent way to support our fabulous refurbished Hayhurst Library.

The book drive will start Feb 12 (Matthew's Birthday) and end Mar 12.

Parent Leadership

There's strength in numbers – and good ideas. For the ninth year, parents from across Portland Public Schools will gather to exchange ideas and recharge their school batteries at the Community & Parents for Public Schools annual Parent Leadership Conference.

The free conference runs from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Vinci Arts Middle School, 2508 N.E. Everett St.

It is also a good opportunity to voice your priorities before the superintendent prepares her budget proposal and presents it to the School Board March 16. How much do you value smaller class sizes? What elements of your child's education do you hope can be preserved?

Translation will be available in Spanish, Somali, Vietnamese, Chinese and Russian. Child care will not be provided.

The School Board will also hold at least one public hearing on the budget in March or April. The board must approve a budget by May 15.

Big Fat Greek Fundraiser

Tuesday night is our BIG FAT GREEK fundraiser at Daphne's Restaurant in Cedar Hills Crossing, which is right across from GI JOE'S and Powell's Beaverton Bookstore.

The food is quite delicious (I have eaten there a few times) and they have a kid's menu too.

3435 SW Cedar Hills Blvd.
Beaverton, OR 97005
503-644-4048

20% of sales between 4PM and 9PM only go to the school. Remember that these funds are split 50/50 between Odyssey and Hayhurst Neighborhood School and go directly to the enrichment programs.

YOU MUST PRESENT THE FLYER in order to get the credit for the school!! If you can't find your flyer, we will have some extras at the restaurant.

Staffing Survey

A survey was sent home with students today. This is part of the 2009-2010 staffing process.

Please return the survey to the office by Friday, February 27th.

For more information, contact the district's Communications Office, 503-916-3304.

To offer suggestions or ask questions, e-mail the PPS Budget Director at budgetoffice@pps.k12.or.us



Chess Team Success

On Feb 21, 2009 the Hayhurst Chess Team took second place in the regional tournament and will represent Hayhurst School at the state chess tournament in March. Coach Rier should be congratulated for his leadership and chess coaching ability.

2nd grader Jake W. won all five of his matches and took first place in the Chess for Success K-4th grade category. 5th grader Xavier T. won four out of five matches and took 2nd place in the 5th grade category. These boys will compete at the state individual level as well as in the team competition with the top four players from the Hayhurst Chess Team.

We are proud of the chess club team and all their hard work and dedication!

Scholastic Book Fair

For the past several years, Barb Jones & Jeri Schenk have co-chaired the PTA Scholastic Book Fair for Hayhurst. The fair provides great books for the students at reasonable prices. As a result of your support, the teachers have been able to purchase books for their classroom libraries, and we have been able to purchase great books for the Hayhurst library.

Barb & Jeri will be graduating from Hayhurst at the end of the school year, so Hayhurst is in need of new chair people. The book fair occurs twice a year, so only 2 weeks a year to volunteer are required.

Science and Art Fair

Anyone interested in helping organize this years Science and Art Fair please meet in the Faculty Room on Tuesday March 3rd after school from 2:15-3:00.

Lisa Berglund 503-206-4410 or lbhvsb@comcast.net.

5th Grade News

Mrs. Yost's class spent some time at the watershed restoration site behind Hayhurst School. They started out looking at a newly published "Healthy Waters" journal for kids packed with information about watershed stewardship.

The class planted four varieties of native plants at the site: Oregon Grape, Ninebark, Flowering currant, and Ponderosa Pine. Each plant had to be carefully placed in the most favorable location for its variety. They had help from Americorps volunteers and every child got to plant something.

Mrs. Yost's class is also reading new novels and recording their thinking in literature journals about story elements like setting, character, protagonist and antagonist, problem, and solution.

Our goal is to have co-chairs identified by the spring book fair in March so that we can provide on-the-job training. If you are interested, please contact us and we can answer any questions for you.

It is a wonderful and rewarding volunteer opportunity! Thank you - Barb Jones (503-245-3117) and Jeri Schenk (503-293-5440)

1st and 3rd Field Trip

Mrs. Brit's class and Mrs. Taylor's class traveled to the Rice NW Museum of Rocks & Minerals in Hillsboro to enhance their science studies of rocks and minerals.

There are a variety of special rooms in the museum. One is the Rainbow Gallery, where special lights go on and off to change the reflection of the rocks and minerals.

Technology News

The computer lab is buzzing with activity these days. The Kindergarten students are having fun with math websites. We visited the Illuminations site Ten Frame (<http://illuminations.nctm.org/ActivityDetail.aspx?ID=75>) along with others.

The first grade students have imported their photo into a KidPix document and are composing a note to President Obama. They are excited to know that we are actually going to send them to the White House.

The third grade students are doing a Power Point slideshow of the Portland bridges and the fourth grade students are doing a Power Point slideshow about an inventor.

The fifth grade kids just started photography and are attempting to shoot trick photos. They're having a blast

Mrs. Marron's Class

I would love if I could have parent volunteers to help during Worktime centers. Worktime is every day in the morning for one hour. It's a great way to see what we are working on and to meet your child's friends!

Times: Mon: 9-10, Tues 10-11, Wed 9:50-10, Thurs 10-11, Friday 8:15-9:15. Please note: If you have not filled out the volunteer background check form, see Kathy Lee in the office.

On Thursday, February 26th the Audubon Society will do a special presentation in the afternoon.

The Fossil Room displays many types of fossils. There is a prehistoric dinosaur on display that was covered with volcanic ash.

In the Video Room, we were able to watch men search for minerals in a cave, and discover the famous rhodochrosite. If you're wondering what that is, you should go and visit this great museum!

(contribution by Tyson H., 3rd grade)

taking photographs together. They chose poems for their upcoming digital poetry project which they will do using Garage Band, iTunes and iMovie.

Fran Barth

Direct Giving

By now you should have received a letter asking you to support the Odyssey Program by making a donation to the Direct Giving campaign.

We realize this is a tough economic climate. Please give whatever you are able. Our ability to go on this year's Field Studies, and all of the other enrichment activities we have planned, depends on having a successful Direct Giving campaign.



K12 News

Morning Drop Off: We'd like to strongly encourage parents to gather in the cafeteria with their children and say their "good-byes" there. When the bell rings and students are released to go to their respective classrooms they will do so on their own.

We want to encourage independence. It will also make the transition to the new schedule a little less chaotic and more streamlined. If parents/guardians are volunteering that morning or taking on a task from our K-2 "Project Box" then by-all-means please proceed down the hall.

We understand that this will decrease opportunities to touch bases with the K-2 teachers. We'll need to rely on

other conduits (e-mail, after school, etc.) for the time being until we get a smooth A.M. rhythm. Thanks for your understanding. Karen, Jill, and Steve

Author Event: This week Odyssey K-2 students had the pleasure of meeting Laini Taylor, a local Portland writer and artist. Ms. Taylor wrote the fantasy novel *Faeries of the Dreamdark Blackbringer*. Her book was nominated for the ALA BEST BOOK FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN 2008.

She spoke to students about her family, her inspirations, and her life as an artist and writer. She brought fairy wings and a pink wig (she has pink hair herself!) for the children to play with.

K12 Library Help

Our K12 students need an additional library volunteer during the K12 library rotation every Wednesday afternoon, from 12:00 noon to just before pickup time.

If you can help during this time, please contact Laura Jones pacmacs@msn.com or Sarah Brehmer brehmertriad@comcast.net or 503-768-4284.

The children were excited about meeting an author in person. You can read about Ms. Taylor at her website, www.lainitaylor.com.

Prizes and Snacks: K-2 welcomes prizes for the classroom prize boxes, and snacks.

We're on the Web!

www.odysseyprogram.org

678 Help Needed!

We are in need of getting these items organized **ASAP**. The priorities in order are:

Sets for 12th Night - We have unpainted sets that need to be primed and painted. There is a possibility that this could even be organized to happen on the weekend. In addition, if you have artistic skills or are a sponge painter let us know. The go-to person is Ariel Shattan. Her e-mail address is sa32@qwest.net and her phone number is 503-246-4320.

Costumes - We are on our way to being organized for this thanks to Jeannie. You do not have to sew to help out although we do need some sewers. Do you want to have some fun????? We

need to make a hat for most of all the 6-8 students. Do you want to host a hat party at your house???? The go to person for this is Jeannie Vlastelicia. Her e-mail address is vlastelicia6609@comcast.net and phone number is 503-293-7619.

Refreshments - We need to form a committee to make this happen. If you have interest please step up. It will be a lot of fun!!!! Please contact Abby Geid as she can not do it alone! Her e-mail is gieddcarr@msn.com and her phone number is 503-973-5564.

Please pick one that sounds fun and get involved! You will be glad you did.

Don't forget, the first performance of Twelfth Night is on Thursday March 12th at 6:30. March 15th will be the Guild Fair at 2pm and the performance of Twelfth Night at 4pm.

Also, on Sunday March 15th we will have some featured entertainers. Wow! The Morse Men Dancers will be performing, and the Society of Creative Anachronism will be having a weapons demonstration with sword fight.

Join in the fun!

Thanks,
Tawni

Thank You, Thank You!!!

The Multicultural Fair on January 29 was a big hit due to all the volunteers and vendors that supported Hayhurst School. The evening was full of hands on projects, food and awesome art projects from the classrooms.

Thank you Hillsdale businesses: **Casa Colima, City Thai, Baker and Spice, Food Front, Salvador Molly's, Papa Johns.**

Thank You Multnomah Village businesses: **The Village Hut, Starbucks, Thai Herb, Thinker Toys, Acapulco's, Sweets Etc., Topanien, Switch Shoes, Indigo Traders, Down to Earth (Mrs. Hembd plays every Friday night), Seasons and Regions, Otto and Anita's and Grand Central Baking.**

Thank You Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway businesses: **Jopa's, Cactus Jack's, Tokyo Grill, Noodles, Best Texas Bar-B-Q, New Seasons, Si Señor's, Trader Joes (Beaverton Town Square) Safeway, Albertson's, Marquis Care at Autumn Hills (across from Safeway), Marquis Care at Vermont Hills (across from Alpenrose Dairy), Cup of Jo on the Go (across from Safeway)**

Thank you drivers: Lisa Wolfson, Mike Gilzow, Lyle Morgan (did I mention Lyle turned 50 recently :), Jeri Schenk (sorry about the coffee) Nancy Harris, Brittany MacDonald. Thank you Kitchen Help: Stephanie Parent, Michelle Rodriguez, Zachary, Chairese and family, Nancy Harris, Wendy Morgan, Karen Fura

Thank you servers and after school art hangers!
Julie Kresl

Gray M.S. Multicultural

The community is invited to the 10th Annual Robert Gray Middle School Multicultural celebration on Tues, Mar 3, from 5:30-8:30pm. Come and savor the flavors of delicious ethnic foods available for sale at the World Café. Admission is free for the evening's entertainment which will feature the Kaleinani o ke Kukui Hawaiian dancers, the Ballet Folklorico Sol Azteca performing native dances of Mexico, and the RGMS choir.

Pose in colorful costumes at the dress-up photo booth, try your hand at making unique crafts, and enjoy the array of multicultural displays. Students, faculty, staff and local restaurants are collaborating to present this family event. For more information, call the school at 503-916-5676.

Careers in the Arts

WILSON CAREER PATHWAYS IN THE ARTS DAY, APRIL 17

The Wilson High School PTA and the Wilson Area Arts Council (WAAC*) are pleased to co-sponsor a Career Pathways in the Arts Day to be held at Wilson High School on April 17 from 8am to 4pm.

We are inviting participation from colleges with arts programs, members of the local community who work in the arts and can share their experiences with our students, and Wilson High School counselors who can help students with appropriate course and college choices.

Hayhurst Spring Plant Fundraiser

The All School Spring Plant Fundraiser is coming! Flyers and order forms available on **March 17th**.

Orders due: Thursday, April 9th
Plant pick up: Friday, May 15th 1:30-5:30.
Location: Hayhurst school cafeteria

Parents, next month please look for flyers and order forms for our Spring Plant fundraiser. They will be going home with students on March 17th! At the same time order forms will be available online.

We are offering an array of plants that you can order at our first Spring Plant Fundraiser and Drive. NewLeaf Greenhouse will supply us with lovely local plants. Please feel free to view plants online at www.newleafgreenhouse.com.

Gardeners will find a wide variety of border plants, ground cover, annual flowers, perennial, planters and hanging basket, patio plants and will offer certified organic vegetable and herb plants in vegetable samplers this year. In the sampler assortments you can choose from a half or full flat.

This is open to the local community as well as our school community.

Questions? Please contact:
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