

Hayhurst Highlights



Neighborhood School and Odyssey Program



October 27th, 2008

Principal's Corner

Calendar

- 10/27 Sally Foster Sale Ends
- 10/28 School Pictures
(Fall Individual Photos)
- 10/29 TAG Mtg @ Wilson HS
- 10/31 Storybook Character
Parade
Grandparent/Special
Friend Day
Superstar Reader Due

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 and every day life. We rely more and more on technology for our day-to-day functions.

Hayhurst School is lucky because it houses a computer lab and a knowledgeable support person and students receive weekly technology lessons to enhance the classroom curriculum. Hayhurst classrooms have access to classroom computers and all second through eighth grade teachers have data projectors and document cameras to support their instruction.

Recently, a person reminded me that as soon as we purchase a new form of technology, process it, and begin to use it in the classroom, the technology is already outdated.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 November 7, 2008.

Principal Morrison

PTA Notes

As many of you know, the last two weeks have been very challenging for our family. The usual fall illnesses ran through our house with a vengeance this year. One of my children ended up in the hospital for five days. When a child is ill, everything else comes to a screeching halt.

Fortunately, we are now all on the mend. I want to thank everyone who reached out to us to express concern and offer support. I couldn't always

answer calls or return messages, but it meant so much to know that people cared and wished us well.

This difficult time has given me a renewed appreciation for our Hayhurst School community. Our family is certainly fortunate to have so many good friends at Hayhurst.

Aviva Cohen, avivac@comcast.net
PTA Communications Cmtee Co-Chair

***"We are crew,
not passengers"***

***- Kurt Hahn,
founder of
Outward Bound***

Storybook Character Parade

Our annual Storybook Character Parade is this Friday Oct 31st beginning at 9:45 AM. Iowa Street will be filled with all of our favorite storybook characters.

Examples of characters you might see include: The Mouse and the Motorcycle, The Stinky Cheese Man, Mr. Canis, The Big Bad Wolf, Little Red Riding Hood gone bad, Jack and the Bean Stock, the Headless Horseman from Sleepy Hollow, and The Three Little Pigs.

The Hayhurst School parade celebrates the importance of literacy and how much fun it is to read. The entire school community is invited to share in this crazy event.



Join the Parade Band!

The Hayhurst School Storybook Character Parade is in need of a few more musical parents to play in our Out of Tune Band.

If you are willing to join Coach, Mr. Hermens, and Mr. Rood and march with this little impromptu band, contact Kathy Lee in the office.

There is no practicing necessary and you don't have to be that musical. The more the merrier.

TAG News

Over the last two weeks part of the district's and Hayhurst School's professional development focused specifically on better understanding the characteristics of the talented and gifted, establishing a systematic process of identifying TAG students, and exploring effective strategies to support TAG students within classrooms. All of our teachers and me participated in this professional development opportunity.

The Wilson TAG parent meeting is October 29th, 2008 from 7:00- 8:00 PM at Wilson High School.

Additionally, remember to turn in your parent/student surveys to your classroom teachers by October 30, 2008.

Principal Morrison

HELP WANTED

Courtyard Committee Co-Chair needed!

Involves planning a couple of work parties each year and doing some general maintenance (weeding, watering, spreading mulch, etc) throughout the year.

Interested? Contact Heather Triplett

heather.triplett@gmail.com

Grandparents & Special Friends Day

Hayhurst School is also celebrating Grandparents and Special Friends' Day this Friday, Oct 31st.

The Hayhurst PTA will provide coffee and sweets in the cafeteria from 9:15-9:45 AM and then grandparents and special friends are encouraged to either walk in the parade or set up yard chairs along the parade route to cheer us along.

After the parade, guests are invited to join students in their classroom until 10:45 AM.



Scrip News

A couple more families have joined the scrip bandwagon, and we earned \$53.27 this month. Scrip has untapped fundraising potential to fund Neighborhood Enrichment.

If you have any questions about scrip, please contact Stephanie at parentlaw@gmail.com



Thank You!

Mrs. Taylor's third graders would like to thank the PTA for giving us Enrichment funds to take the Early Portland City walking tour. We had a sunny day and we saw many new and interesting places.

Our students loved the Skidmore Fountain and the Benson Bubblers. We visited the Multnomah Hotel which is now The Embassy Suites. We also stood in an elevator that was powered by water.

Art Literacy

Art Literacy in the third grade was a blast! I saw such creativity and watercolor techniques being explored. The interest was very high. I am sure the students know more ways to use water colors.

We were shown many beautiful paintings done by Joseph Turner our Art Literacy artist. We thank Lisa Remillard and Lee Hayes and Tricia Dowling for organizing and making this program stay at Hayhurst Neighborhood School. Good job parents.

Kathleen Kay Taylor

3rd Grade News

The students in room 6 have been studying small businesses. The students made candy necklaces to sell at back to school night. Students borrowed money and supplies from me and then figured how much they would have to charge in order to make a profit and earn a profit. They met their goal but were disappointed that they did not sell any rain checks but one to Mrs. Iverson.

The next phase of this project is to decide how to earn on their profit. I have doubts that a bank right now would give enough interest to keep these young apprentices satisfied. The goal is to make their business more appealing.

Some of the students are gearing up for Grandparent Day and trying to market their product better. We have thought about getting a bank to take the challenge and give the students a better interest rate. We are looking for ideas.

Kathleen Kay Taylor



Thank you to each parent that chaperoned. We are so proud of our parents who contribute to the education of our children.

In our computer class, with Ms. Barth, we are making a slide show of the city we saw. All in all we had a good learning experience. We also are looking forward to the spring when Junior League will come out and teach us about our city now.

Kathleen Kay Taylor



Neighborhood Giving Tree

Let's keep going pulling those leaves off the neighborhood giving tree! The bulletin board near the library still has plenty of leaf or acorn shaped tags showing supplies needed for class activities. Simply pick a tag and bring the item into your teacher.

Let's try to fill these items by next week:

Mrs. Esterline - dry erase markers
Mrs. Collins-Hytrek - Fall bulbs
Mrs. Britt - Fall bulbs
Mrs. Iverson - \$1-2 Baskin Robbins or BK gift certificates

Mrs. Taylor - Go Phone
Mrs. Spanaule - Harry Potter, Book Seven
Mrs. Yost - acrylic paint Whole Neighborhood School - Cups and Napkins for the poetry festival

The specific details to each of these items are on the tag. Just grab one!

If you donate an item via the giving tree you can get a direct giving receipt for tax purposes or corporate matching. Contact Stephanie Parent to receive your receipt.

678 Costumes

The costume parade is almost upon us!!! 678 students are to have their historically accurate costume at school on Monday, October 27th-your eyes did not deceive you, that reads MONDAY, OCTOBER 27TH. If possible send the costume on a wire hanger and covered with a garbage bag with your child's name on it.

If your child is using an Odyssey owned costume there still are some pieces that you need to provide such as a belt and/or shoes and/or hats. ASK YOUR CHILD!

K12 News

Grandparents and Special Friends Day is Fri, Oct. 31, 9:15 - 10:45. Coffee in the cafeteria starts at 9:15; the Storybook Character Parade starts at 9:45. K-2 children can dress as a character from one of their favorite stories. At 10:15, grandparents and special friends can visit the classrooms.

Harvest Party: Fri, 1- 2pm. We need volunteers to help with activities and bring cookies, apple cider, cups and napkins. Sign up sheet is next to Mrs Klatt's door. Questions? call Robyn F. 503 227-3038 or jamrotopo@hotmail.com

TAG: Teachers now have TAG nomination forms. Please talk to your child's teachers if you have questions.

Science & Arts Fair: Your child may want to save their home made instruments and shakers to display at this year's Science & Arts Fair.

Please call me if you have any questions about the costume (Odyssey owned or your own.) FYI Costume Avenue in Beaverton has wonderful wonderful costumes and they are very accommodating to program. They sell and rent costumes. Their address is 12760 SW 1st Avenue.

Thank you.
Betsy Cruickshank
betsy@mossylog.com or 971-998-7106

Flat Stanley: Year 1 and 2 students will soon begin a Flat Stanley unit in literacy. The teachers need additional copies of Flat Stanley books, please contact Karen Klatt if you have questions about which books.

Art: Please send shoe boxes to school for use on an upcoming project. We will also need small bits and pieces for an upcoming "make a bug" art project; please save and bring in bottle caps, wire, golf tees, small containers of unusual shapes, detergent caps, milk or juice carton caps, corks, beads, sequins, small rocks and shells, odd doo-dads that might make a part of an insect sculpture.

Snacks: When you burn as much energy as a 5-8 year old it's a long stretch between breakfast and lunch! Each day the children in K-2 are provided with a snack to help keep their focus on learning. The snack supplies need to be replenished often. You

Did you know there is an Odyssey Volunteer Email List?

It's Exclusive!

If you want to be on *the list* you have to let us know.

Email lkbhvsb@comcast.net and say **Sign Me Up!**

Then, once a week - we'll let YOU know when volunteer opportunities are available.

Help if you can or wait for the next request. There's ALWAYS something to do at Odyssey.

can drop off donations of NUT-FREE snacks at your child's check-in room.

Prizes: The K-2 students are often rewarded with a small prize for being extra helpful or doing a good job with particular tasks or behaviors. These little prizes are motivating and are a bright spot in the day for the children. Teachers can use donations of small items such as stickers, erasers, colorful pencils, even candies. Party Warehouse and Dollar Stores are great sources for inexpensive prize materials. Thank you once again for your generosity!

Conferences: Just another reminder, please sign up for a conference time! Sign-ups are posted on the walls in the K-2 hallway.

Volunteer Corner

Help Wanted!

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- 8-9am everyday: math flashcard help needed.
- Fri am: Homework grading assistance.
- Mon 10:20 - 11:20 or 12:05 - 2:05: Literacy and writing support needed.
- Wed 12:05 - 2:05 support needed for History and Simulation groups

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- Writing Mentors needed

Hospitality Host: Welcome new families, host Odyssey picnic and Friday Morning Coffees.

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.

We're on the Web!

www.odysseyprogram.org



Chinook Books

If you're not familiar with Chinook Book - The Best of what's Green and Local, it is a one-of-a-kind resource - a coupon book, a directory, a source of ideas and inspiration.

The new edition of *Chinook Book* has over 300 coupons and resources for exploring our community and supporting local, sustainable businesses. Find hundreds of dollars in everyday savings. The retailers tend to be different than those found in the

Entertainment - for a complete list visit: www.ecometro.com.

The books are sold for \$20 and we keep **\$10 per book!** To take a look or make your purchase, there are copies available at the PTA Cart or in the office (give payment to Kathy Lee please).

If you have any questions or would like to help with Chinook Books contact Stephanie Parent at parentlaw@gmail.com.

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!

Book Fair Success!

Thanks to the many families that purchased books, and the hard work of wonderful volunteers, the PTA Fall Scholastic Book Fair was a success! The profit from the fair will be given to the teachers for them to purchase books for their classroom libraries. Each teacher will receive approximately \$150.

Thank you to the following volunteers who gave their time and energy to serve at the book fair: Nicole

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

Fleishman, Sarah Watson, Jeri & Amy Schenk, Karen Fura, Amy Jockers, Terry Hunt, Dawn Buckwalter, Karen O'Connor, Terri Palmer, Shannan Fasold, Lynn Schore, Laura Jones, Jordan MacGregor, Lisa Wolfson and Sandra Bishop. The book fair wouldn't be possible without your help!

Barb Jones, Book Fair Chair

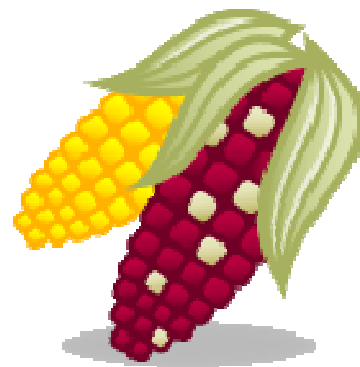
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Sally Foster Due

Orders with checks are due on October 27. Be sure to email friends and family to place orders online too! This is a big fundraiser for the PTA to fund our many school-wide events and improvements.

Thank You Chipotle!

A big thank you to Chipotle Mexican Grill! Chipotle generously donated 50% of proceeds last Thursday from 5-8pm. The food was awesome and the place was rockin'. We had a lot of fun for a good cause.



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