



Hawk Happenings

Hogan Cedars Elementary

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Thanks to all of you for a fabulous 2016-17 school year at Hogan Cedars! We appreciate your involvement in our school and your support for your child(ren)! It was great to see so many families at our Spring Luau on May 12, grade level field trips and events this spring, and our School-wide Barbecue on June 1!

Farewell to the following staff members...

- **Theresa Scott, School Counselor, will be transferring to another GBSD school next fall.** Theresa works half time and will continue her half time position at another school. We were lucky to get a full time counselor for next year (see below) but we will miss Theresa tremendously! Over the past five years, she has fully embraced our school community and has provided support and compassion to all of us! We will miss her!
- **Connie Dilts, School Psychologist, will be leaving Hogan Cedars this year and off to future endeavors!** We have appreciated her insight, expertise, and support over the past two years!
- **Sami Gale, 2nd Grade Teacher, will be leaving us this year and off to another teaching adventure!** We have appreciated her positive energy and engaging instruction!
- **Carol Swope, ELD Teacher, is also leaving us this year to find a new teaching adventure!** We have appreciated her expertise and support of ELL students this year!
- **Hannah Briscoe, Title I Educational Assistant, was temporary this year but fully appreciated for her incredible talents with students and reading instruction!**
- **Sandra Jones, Title I Educational Assistant, was also temporary this year but so appreciated for her many gifts with students and instruction (she is also an incredible baker!).**
- **Amy Wrobleski-Reynolds, Title I Educational Assistant, was also temporary this year but much appreciated by staff and students for her incredible strengths in teaching reading!**

We are so excited to welcome the following staff members next year...

- **Brian Baker will be our new full time School Counselor next year!** He brings a wealth of experience working with students and families!
- **Kristi Lund, ELD Teacher, took a one-year leave to explore and learn more about the Spanish culture.** Now she is back! We are excited about her return!

We Have New Plans for Homework Next Year!

Our Site Council Leadership Team, a ten-person committee, researched homework practices and policies this year and developed a new approach to homework for Hogan Cedars students beginning next school year. We are excited to introduce our new Homework Mission Statement:

Hogan Cedars Elementary School will provide authentic, engaging, and relevant homework that supports student learning, involves families, and develops responsibility.

Here are some of the highlights of our new Homework Plan:

- *Every grade/teacher will use a consistent grid-like format which students read and record how many days they read and choose/complete at least three of the learning options each week. (See sample*

Homework page attached, it will be in English on one side and in Spanish on the other side.)
Students will love the “choice option!”

- *All students, grades K-5, turn homework sheets in on Thursdays. This will make it easier for families!*
- *Student participation will be reflected on the report card. This is a way for us to communicate with parents if his/her child is turning in his/her work.*
- *Homework will begin on Thursday, September 21 in the fall (look for it!).*

A HUGE thanks to all families for supporting our fundraising efforts this school year! We had originally planned on using fundraising funds for technology within our building. ***With the passing of the GBSD Bond this past November, our plans changed due to Bond monies supporting technology at Hogan Cedars!*** We were excited to look at other needs in our school. As a staff and as a PTSO, we have designated fundraising funds from this year to go to the following for 2017-18:

- Assemblies
- Books
- Playground needs

We are forming committees to look at the specific needs of each of the three items listed above. We are excited at the incredible opportunities this will bring to our students! We will keep you posted!

HATS OFF to Our Community for Supporting Our School Bond this Past November!

Over the summer we will be receiving items purchased from the GBSD Bond including enhanced technology, new student chairs, new teacher stations, and additional instructional tables and chairs! Safety items are also coming our way! We will keep you posted.

A SPECIAL thanks to The Gresham-Barlow Education Foundation (GBEF)

The GBEF awarded our school with six tubs of Legos to use with students during Inside Recess and other times during the day! This abundance of Legos lets students, kindergarten through 5th grade, explore, create, problem solve, and construct with these building bricks during Indoor Recess time. ***Building with Legos*** provides a positive and naturally engaging experience for students during those numerous rainy days we have in Oregon!

Hope to see you at Field Day, K-5, on Wednesday, June 21st, 1:00-3:00 pm!

Our Last Day of School is Thursday, June 22. We will have an End of the Year Assembly at 8:45 am and then students will be busy in their classrooms for the rest of the day.

Enjoy your summer with your friends and family!

Students' class placements for next year will be on their report cards that come home after June 26th. We have worked hard on having balanced classes for next year. All placements are final.

Join us at our Fall Open House, date to be determined, look at our website for upcoming details!

School starts on Tuesday, September 5th for 1st-5th graders!

Warmly,
Elaine Luckenbaugh

Upcoming Dates--Mark your Calendar

June 21-Field Day, K-5, 1:00-3:00 pm
June 22-End of the Year Assembly, 8:45 am
June 22-Last Day of School
Sept 5-First Day of School 1st-5th grades

Please let the office staff know if your child will not be attending Hogan Cedars in the fall. Thank you.

Please stop by and check our **Lost and Found** area. There are many items there. Anything remaining after the last day of school will be donated to charity.

Thank you to the families who participated in our Family Restaurant nights throughout the school year. Most recently, many families were seen at Chipotle!

Be sure to come to the office to collect any medication that you may have left in the office for your child. Any remaining medication will be disposed of after school is released for the summer.

Year Books are here! 2017-18 year books have been sent home with students who ordered one. If your child did not order a year book, we have a limited amount of extras available in the office for \$13.00 each and they will be sold on a first come first serve basis. **Please send exact change.**

All Library Books should be turned in by now. Please take a look around your home for books that belong here at Hogan Cedars. We appreciate your help with this.

Kindergarten registration is open! Will your child be 5 years of age by September 1st? Come into the office and register him/her for full-day kindergarten. The office will close for the summer on June 23rd.

As we look forward to summer and the new school year, we want to remind families that we will continue to collect a \$25.00 per student **School Supply Fee** for next school year.

Teddy Bear Parade is September 30th in downtown Gresham. Join our Hogan Cedars family as we parade through the fun event.

Each year the **Community Care Day** event is put on by the East Hill Church Family to clean up and beautify school campuses and other community sites. With the goal of supporting the community in a hands-on way, local churches and organizations come together with East Hill Church Family to spend the day serving at various sites in the Gresham area. Please join the movement by volunteering with us at Hogan Cedars this year on Saturday, August 26th from 9 am-3 pm. Contact Kimberly Carl at kimberlyc@easthill.org or 503-661-4444 ext. 291 if you would like to join us. Bring gloves, rakes, shovels, etc. and we will provide your lunch!

East Gresham Food Pantry will be running in the summer. The summer schedule will be active on Tuesdays starting June 27th and ending on August 22nd. The pantry will be in the under cover area at East Gresham from 12-1:30 pm or whenever the food runs out. It will be closed July 4th.

A huge Thank you to all who collected Box Tops this year. We earned \$1291.10 for our classrooms. Thank you also to Kathy Jaskowiak for her dedication to the program! Classroom teachers decide what items will most benefit their students. In a survey of our teachers, we discovered in the 18 classrooms, 11 bought art supplies, 8 bought books and reading materials, 7 used the monies for science related projects. Other uses were field trips, snacks, class rewards and hand sanitizer.

Be sure to check out the Hogan Cedars PTSO Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hogancedars.

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