



Hawk Happenings

Hogan Cedars Elementary

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We are off to a great start to the 2017-18 school year! It has been exciting to see so many children and families at Open House, Kindergarten Gradual Entry activities, our Parent Teacher Student Club (PTSO) Meeting, the Teddy Bear Parade in Downtown Gresham, and at school during the day! What a fabulous community we have!

We have so many wonderful things happening at our school and in our school community! We want to share those special moments on Twitter and our Facebook page to celebrate our students' accomplishments and successes. Highlights on social media could include family school events, Fun Run, class art projects, technology work, field trips, and more! ***I invite you to follow me on Twitter at eLuckenbaugh2 to see what is happening at Hogan Cedars!*** *If you do not want your child's photo to be put on our school or district Face Book page or on my Twitter page please write a note stating that and we will make sure your child's face is not on social media. Thank you!*

Hogan Cedars 10th Annual Fun-Run will be tomorrow, Friday, October 6th for Kindergarten-5th grade! This is a fun event that allows students to gather pledges and run laps to support our school. Pledge sheets for the Fun-Run were sent home earlier this week. You have the opportunity to help your child by pledging per lap or a flat pledge. Proceeds raised will help to support our playground at Hogan Cedars. We are in the process of forming a committee to plan for this exciting endeavor!

We continue to work diligently toward our goal to ***“Create a dynamic learning community where every student is valued and supported on his/her educational journey.”*** Students are learning and growing at Hogan Cedars! *For parents of 4th and 5th grade students, your children's results of last year's Smarter Balanced Assessments will be distributed this week, October 2nd-6th.*

Over the past five weeks, our staff has provided opportunities for your children to:

- Learn school routines, procedures, and expectations in all areas of the classroom. We also have students learn and practice behavior expectations of ***being safe, respectful, and responsible*** in all areas of the school including the hallways, playground, cafeteria, buses, and more!
- Review our arrival procedures of entering the school's side front doors, having breakfast as needed in the cafeteria, and lining up with our classes in the cafeteria (3rd-4th grade) and gym (K, K/1, 1st, 2nd, and 5th grade). This makes a positive and productive beginning to the day! *I want to thank all families for helping make this arrival procedure work so smoothly and knowing that the safety of our students is our number one priority! We welcome parents each and every day and appreciate your support in entering through the front doors to sign in each day. You are invaluable!*
- Meet our new full-time counselor ***Mr. Brian Baker!***
- Learn our school and district's ***Safety Response Protocols (SRP)***. Students have learned procedures for ***Lockout and Lockdown***. We practice a drill each month. During the first week of school your children did a fabulous job exiting the building during our fire drill!
- Practice skills in reading, writing, math, and more each day!

- Participate in reading screening called DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills).
- Participate in an electronic math assessment in **i-Ready Math** (1st-5th grade).
- Have learning experiences with our new district math adoption, Ready Math.
- ***Read and listen to the children's story We're All Wonders, written and illustrated by R.J. Palacio.*** This book emphasizes friendship, kindness, and acceptance. Children had the opportunity to think about, "Why am I a wonder? What makes me unique?" All classes did art and/or writing projects based on the story and went on a "Wonder" Gallery Walk throughout the building.
- Be involved in our first ***Hawk Honors assembly*** of the year! We recognized students for ***being safe, respectful, and responsible*** with a special emphasis on ***Hawk Honor Friendship Awards***, sang our ***We're All Wonders*** song (written by our own Mr. Peter NG!), and acknowledged classes earning Hawk Fliers for fabulous behavior! ***This year we will continue to have our Hawk Honors Assembly once a month on the last Wednesday of each month.***
- Be involved in ***Hawk Runners*** during lunch recesses (we just started this week!).

A HUGE thank you to our PTSO for their generous donation to our school this past spring! *We are sincerely grateful for their funding to support:*

- *Art Assemblies to be coordinated by our Right Brain Initiative Arts Committee*
- *Books for our Media Center to be selected by our Literacy Committee*
- *Playground Enhancement to be planned by our Playground Committee*

A HUGE thank you to our school community for passing the GBSD School Bond last November! *This fall we have received:*

- *Over 250 Chromebooks for students to use K-5! These are "housed" on carts funded by the bond as well.*
- *36 new Chromebases for our computer lab!*
- *New student chairs (we are waiting for the sliders to arrive for the bottom of the chairs so they push in easier!)*
- *Small group tables and "wobble chairs"*
- *New teacher desks and chairs*

"On time and ready to learn" is our motto at Hogan Cedars! We want every child to benefit from being at school from the start of the day to the end of the day in order to get the full school experience in reading, writing, math, science, social studies, art, and more! ***Remember school starts promptly at 8:35 am (9:35 on Wednesdays).*** Also, please make sure that you have your child at school the entire school day to receive the full benefits of his/her learning experience. ***Unless your child has an appointment, please do not pick your child up early, we want them to gain from every minute of school!*** Thanks for your attention to this!

We have two attendance initiatives this year:

- ***Challenge 5: Join us in the Hogan Cedars 2017-18 attendance challenge!*** We want each child to strive for less than five absences this year. ***Attendance matters.*** Every day your child misses school, whether excused or unexcused, he/she misses opportunities to learn, which limits his/her success in school. ***So this year, strive for less than five!*** There will be recognitions at the end of the school year for having great attendance at Hogan Cedars!
- ***Zero Tardies:*** This year we will also continue to recognize students who have ***zero tardies and two or less absences at the end of each trimester*** by honoring them at Hawk Honor Assemblies.

Warmly,

Elaine Luckenbaugh

Dates to Remember

OCT 6th	Annual Fun Run
Oct 10th	PTSO meeting 6:00 pm
Oct 12th	Curriculum & Instruction Day-NO SCHOOL
Oct 13th	Statewide Inservice Day NO SCHOOL
Oct 17th	Picture Day
Oct 17th	Title I/ELD Night 6:30- 7:45 pm
Oct 24th	Moms & Muffins 7:30 am

Important-Please take a moment to stop in the office and pay your student's **school supply fee** if you have not already done this. This fee covers the school supplies that your student's teacher purchased for the entire school year for every student.

Show your school spirit on Wednesdays! We encourage students and staff to wear their Hogan Cedars t-shirts or school colors (green and black) on Wednesdays.

Show your college or team spirit on Fridays! We encourage students and staff to wear college sports shirts or team shirts on Fridays.

Thanks for your child's participation in our new Homework Plan! Our Homework Mission Statement: *Hogan Cedars Elementary School will provide authentic, engaging, and relevant homework that supports student learning, involves families, and develops responsibility.*

Please Return Important Forms. Please look over the verification form that was sent home today and update as needed. It is critical that we have the most current phone numbers and email addresses so that we may contact you in case of injury, illness or emergency. Be sure to sign and date. Thank you for your attention to this.

Absent Students. For safety reasons it is important that you call in your child's absence. Voicemail is available before and after hours. The phone number is 503-261-4500. Feel free to leave a message.

Birthday Celebrations are such a wonderful time! We understand that a child may want to share his or her big day with classmates. Please remember that you must first clear it with your child's teacher if you want to bring a treat to school, and that the treat, such as cupcakes, cookies or a healthy alternative, must be purchased. Our school policy is that treats will be given out only during the student's lunch time in the cafeteria in order to interrupt as little valuable classroom instructional time as possible. Also, please be aware that flowers, balloons, etc., are not allowed in the classroom or on the buds, so we ask that you do not bring or send those items to school.

PTSO Meetings happen monthly and all are welcome. The PTSO (Parent Teacher Student Organization) meet in the library to discuss and plan schoolwide events that make Hogan Cedars a fantastic place to learn and grow. The next meeting is October 10th at 6:00 pm. Come join the amazing team and help build a stronger Hogan Cedars community.

Keep Collecting those Boxtops! Our wonderful volunteer Kathy Jaskowiak is making a huge difference as she collects, counts, and redeems the boxtops that your kids bring in to his/her classroom teacher. The proceeds go directly back to the classroom teacher.

T-Shirt and Sweatshirt order forms are available on the front lobby table. If you are interested in order a T-shirt or Sweatshirt, please fill out a form and our PTSO will fill your order as quickly as possible

Help Hogan Cedars take advantage of the SCRIP Program! Please think about supporting Hogan Cedars through the scrip program. Scrip is a program that gives back a percentage of dollars purchased on gift cards. There are many different businesses, including restaurants, retail, fuel, and grocery stores to choose from. Simply order dollar for dollar scrip and Hogan Cedars will get money back. Keep this program in mind as the holidays approach! Watch for more information about this program to come home soon.

Movie Tickets are here! Mt Hood Movie Tickets are available for sale in the office. Stop by and pick up your today. The cost of the tickets is \$9.00.