

December 16, 2021

Greetings Hogan Cedars Families,

A BIG thank you to all who volunteered in support of our paper doll project for our school wide book, All Are Welcome. Thank you for supporting our students and staff by offering time to finalize the project so we were able to post the amazing artwork throughout our school.

During the two week winter recess holiday, we hope our students make some time each day to read.

Here are a few wise thoughts to keep in mind:

- "A book is a gift you can open again and again." (Garrison Keillor)
- "Books are uniquely portable magic." (Stephen King)
- "There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book." (Frank Serafini)

Thank you for your support of Hogan Cedars and for sharing your children with us every day!

Important Updates and Reminders:

Test to Stay

We look forward to maintaining access to in-person learning when covid-19 exposures occur in our school.

The **Test to Stay** program will begin in the Gresham-Barlow Schools right after Winter Break, and students must have a permission form on file to participate. If you would like your student to be eligible for the program, please turn in a signed permission form to the office. Many of you have already turned your child's permission in. Please feel free to call the office if you have any questions.

Childhood Vaccinations

February 16 is Exclusion Day for childhood vaccinations. If your child is not current with their vaccinations, your child will be excluded from school and daycare. Winter break is a great time to make those appointments. Once your child has received their vaccinations, please send or bring a copy to the office and we will update your child's vaccination record.

COVID-19 Vaccinations

If your child has received their COVID-19 shot(s), please let us know the dates so that we can update your child's vaccination record.

Dates to Remember

December 20-31	Winter Break-NO SCHOOL
January 3	School Resumes
January 11	PTSO Meeting, 6 pm, via Zoom
January 17	Martin Luther King Jr Day-NO SCHOOL
January 28	Curriculum and Instruction Day-NO SCHOOL

Happy Holidays! This time of year can be very busy and stressful, for both the students and the adults. Take time to relax and talk with your children and your significant others. Enjoy the peace that comes with this time of year. The hectic schedules and hurried timelines will always be there. Enjoy your time with your children and please bring them back to us next year (January 3rd).

To the families and friends of the Hogan Cedars community, please have a safe and healthy holiday season.

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