



Hawk Happenings

Hogan Cedars Elementary

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Engaging Hearts and Minds

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Spring is Here!

As we dive into spring, there are many learning and fun opportunities taking place at Hogan Cedars!

- Students continue to learn and grow in all academic areas. There are fabulous learning experiences happening in all classrooms, K-5! This is a time when children can make great strides in their learning. ***Thank you in advance for continuing to reinforce the importance of school!***
- ***Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA), our state tests for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, begin this month and continue into May.*** Students will take two ELA (English Language Arts – reading and writing) assessments and two Math assessments. 5th graders will also complete the OAKS Science tests this spring.

During the testing windows, please have your child:

- Get a goodnight's sleep
- Eat a nutritious breakfast
- Get up early enough to avoid rushing to get to school on time.

Thanks for your support in helping your child to be successful in school!

Thanks for your support in our Annual Read-a-Thon!

Thank you so much for your child's participation and your support in our Read-a-Thon! The reading portion of the Read-a-Thon just ended yesterday and now we are beginning to collect pledges from students and their families. ***The Reading Tracking Sheet, Pledge Sheet, and pledges are due to each child's classroom and/or office by Wednesday, April 10th. Please place these items in the envelope provided at the beginning of the Read-a-Thon.*** Prizes will be awarded at an assembly on April 17 for reading minutes and money collected. We hope to raise \$5,750, if we do, we will have an All School Ice Cream Party! Proceeds from the Read-a-Thon generate funds for new playground equipment. Thanks again for your support! ***It is a TEAM effort!***

Vote for Nick!

Congratulations to Head Custodian Nick Sifuentes for being a semi-finalist for a national Custodian of the Year contest! There were nearly 4,000 nominations nation-wide and Nick was selected **as one of ten semi-finalists!** Nick was nominated by staff and parents for his outstanding dedication and service to Hogan Cedars. He has worked at Hogan Cedars since our doors opened 17 years ago!

We want to move Nick Sifuentes to the next level of this national competition by having our entire Gresham community and beyond VOTE for NICK! ***Community members can vote***

for Nick at www.cintas.com/BestCustodian - vote for Nick Sifuentes multiple times per day through April 19.

Above and Beyond the Call of Duty (ABCD) Awards

Beginning last year, our staff votes for one to two Classified Staff members a year who go “Above and Beyond the Call of Duty” at Hogan Cedars. ***Just last month we recognized Educational Assistant Tammy Brestel for her caring, positive, flexible, and problem solving approach to all that she does! In December we recognized Head Custodian Nick Sifuentes for his incredible dedication to our school and last spring we recognized Secretary Andrew Tusow for her care, passion, and commitment to our children and families!***

We Appreciate Our Volunteers!

Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 22-26. ***We honor our volunteers on Tuesday, April 23 at 3:15 pm in the Media Center at our Volunteer Appreciation Dessert!*** Look for your invitation coming home soon! Thank you for all you do!

Thank You for Our New Boulder!

A HUGE thank you to our Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) and the Gresham community for helping raise funds over the past two years to purchase and install a six foot boulder and additional rubber tile on our playground! Students love to problem solve, maneuver, and climb the playground apparatus during recess! What a fun addition to our playground! We are hoping to install some musical instrument on our playground next. Thanks again for your support!

Photography Artist in Residency Experience

As a ***Right Brain Initiative*** school, we are thrilled to have all of our students, K-5, ***work with photographer Julie Keefe in the area of photography this past fall and spring!*** Grades 3rd – 5th worked with Julie during September and October, and now it is time for grades K-2 to work with Julie this month and into May!

Children from each grade work with Julie for five one-hour sessions during their week-long residency experience, and then display their work soon after that.

The focus of our work with Julie is for our ***students to learn how to take photos from different perspectives and to write about their work. All grades are focusing on the important part about me*** 😊.

Kindergarten Registration Begins!

Our ***Connect to Kindergarten*** is slated for ***Wednesday, April 17 at 3:30 pm at Hogan Cedars.*** This is a time for families to register their children for ***full day kindergarten*** in our district. If your son or daughter will be 5 years old by September 1 and starting kindergarten in the fall, plan to attend ***Connect to Kindergarten!*** You and your child can learn about full day kindergarten, meet the staff, start registration, and visit classrooms. ***Please bring proof of address, original birth certificate, and your child's immunization record. Spread the word!***

Staff Appreciation

Secretary's Day is Wednesday, April 24! Drop into the office and let our secretaries ***Heidi Kaplan*** and ***Andrea Tusow*** know how much your family has appreciated them!

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10! Let them know how your child has benefited from their teaching this year!

Celebrating Our Cultures

Join us for a night of cultural enrichment and family fun at our 3rd Annual ***Celebrating Our Cultures*** on ***Tuesday, April 30 from 6:00-7:45 pm in the Hogan Cedars cafeteria, learning pods, and Media Center!*** Everyone's invited! Wear traditional cultural dress if available. ***Hope to see you there!***

Zero Tardies Goal Continues!

"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!

It's a family effort and accomplishment to get everyone out the door and to school on time! ***We will continue to recognize students who have zero tardies this trimester by honoring them at our end of the year assembly in June. Let's have everyone "on time and ready to learn" each day!***

We are also continuing with our Challenge 5 this year. We want each child to strive for less than five absences this year. ***So continue to strive for less than five!***

SUN Community Schools Begins Spring Sessions Next Week!

We are thrilled that we launched our SUN Community School (CS) this year! SUN CS is a part of our school in which we provide extended day activities for children and also family engagement opportunities for parents and their children! We are beginning spring extended day sessions next Monday, they will run Mondays through Thursdays through June 7. This term the classes range from Lego Building to Writing Classes to Yoga to Computer Coding! If you have questions about our SUN Programs feel free to contact SUN Site Manager Rosita Rendon at 503 501-8587.

Family Resource Coordinator is Here to Help All Families

Our Metropolitan Family Services Family Resource Coordinator, Lety Lopez, supports families in accessing community resources including health, early childhood, parent education, and family support services. Feel free to contact her at 971 706-3728.

Economic Empowerment Workshop

On Tuesday, April 16th from 6:00-7:30pm Metropolitan Family Service will be hosting an Economic Empowerment Workshop at Hogan Cedars. Please join us in learning budgeting, healthy eating, grocery shopping and couponing. Food and refreshments will be provided. Childcare will also be provided for school age children, (K-5th).

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Rosita Rendon, SUN Site Manager, at 503 501-8587 or via email at rositar@mfs.email

PROUD to be a HAWK!

We have so many incredible things happening at our school and in our school community! We share those special moments on Twitter and our Facebook page to celebrate our students' accomplishments and successes. ***I invite you to follow us on Twitter at @HoganCedars_ES and on Facebook @Hogan Cedars Elementary PTSO to see what is happening at Hogan Cedars!*** Some of our most recent postings displayed photos of our ***2nd and 5th grade Music Performance, Hawk Honor Assemblies, Reading Night, Read-a-Thon kick-off, students' artwork, our ABCD Classified Staff winner Tammy Brestel, and of course Nick Sifuentes earning a semi-finalist slot for the national Custodian of the Year contest!*** ***You are also welcome to visit our website at <http://hcweb.gresham.k12.or.us>*** and see what is happening in our school as well as see the Twitter feed on the right hand side of the screen. If you do not want your child's photo to be put on our school or district Facebook page or our Twitter page please

write a note stating that and we will make sure your child's face is not on social media. Thank you! *We are proud of our Hogan Cedars community!*

Warmly,
Elaine Luckenbaugh

Dates to Remember

- April 8 SUN Spring sessions begin and run through June 6
- April 9 PTSO Meeting, Media Center, 6:00 pm
- April 10 Read-a-Thon Pledges Due
- April 16 SUN Economic Empowerment Workshop, 6:00-7:30 pm
- April 17 Connect to Kindergarten, 3:30-5:00 pm
- April 23 Volunteer Appreciation Dessert, Media Center, 3:15 pm
- April 26 NO SCHOOL, Curriculum and Instruction Day
- April 30 Celebrating Our Cultures, 6:00-7:45 pm
- May 10 Spring Luau, 6:30-8:30 pm