



Hawk Happenings

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Engaging Hearts and Minds 

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Welcome Back!

Happy New Year and welcome back to the school routine in **2020!** We are excited to have your children back at school!

"ROCK THE RULES" Gives Students a Boost and Refresher of Our School-Wide Expectations! This week, January 6-10, we have been "Rocking the Rules" as we refocus on our school-wide expectations of being safe, respectful, and responsible. This week all students are playing the fun and engaging Kahoot! game as they review our school expectations in different locations of the school (cafeteria, playground, hallways, etc.). Classroom teachers are also teaching expectation lessons for different areas of the school. Mr. Baker is joining in with lessons too! Mrs. Luckenbaugh is also reading the book *The Invisible Boy* by Trudy Ludwig to each class. The story focuses on showing kindness and including others at school. We strive to make these lessons fun, engaging, and meaningful with some added humor! **We are so PROUD of our students and their safe, respectful, and responsible behavior at school!**

SUN Community Schools Begins Winter Sessions Soon!

We are thrilled to have SUN Community School (CS) continue to provide extended day activities for children this winter! Extended day sessions begin Tuesday, January 21st, because of the holiday Monday. After that, the sessions will run Mondays through Thursdays through March 19th. This term the classes range from Art and Photography to Science and Lego engineering. If you have questions about our SUN Program feel free to contact SUN Site Manager Rosita Rendon at 503 501-8587.

Check out these community resources!

With tax season fast approaching we would like to provide our families with information on where to get their taxes prepared for free. We will have tax packets in both English and Spanish available in our lobby area by the end of January. This packet will include a list of locations you can visit to meet with trained volunteers, prepared to help you navigate through the tax preparation process, and inform you whether you are eligible to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC.) Each year about \$130 million is left unclaimed by Oregonians who are unaware that they are eligible for the EITC. This is money that could be going into the pockets of our families. If you would like a tax packet sent home with your student, please feel free to contact our Family Resource Coordinator, Lety Lopez, at 971-706-3728.

Join us for our Family Math Night!

Hope to see all of you at our Hogan Cedars Family Math Night for Kindergarten through 5th grades on **Tuesday, January 21, from 6:30-7:30 pm.** This event is sponsored by Title I.

- Play **math board games** with your child.
- Enter your child's name in a **drawing for a free Yahtzee game** (one awarded at each grade level).

- Participate in math games throughout the gym and cafeteria, including Candy/Hawk Walk, estimation games, Number of the Day, Math About Me, and How Much is Your Name Worth?
- **Eat ice cream!**
- Receive a **set of flash cards cards and materials** to continue playing math games at home with your child.

The class with the most students attending our Math Night will get an ice cream party ☺!

Dudes and Donuts is Quickly Approaching!

Dads, uncles, grandfathers, and other friends are welcome to join us for **Dudes and Donuts on Tuesday, January 28 from 7:30 – 8:15 am**. It's a time to have a donut, fruit, and juice or coffee with your special Hogan Cedars student.

Student Assessments Measure Growth

We have three different assessments coming up this winter and spring for Hogan Cedars students.

These assessments measure growth and progress of our students and are a part of the learning experience at our school.

- ***Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS)***: During January all students, **K-5**, will be assessed for a mid-year check of their reading skills. We have been administering this assessment for several years. From these results, we will adjust reading groups both in the classroom and in Title I. *All students will continue to have reading instruction in the classroom, but students in Title I reading groups may change.*
- ***English Language Proficiency Assessment for the 21st Century: ELPA21***: Students who have been identified as ***English Language Learners (ELLs)***, **K-5**, will be taking ELPA 21 during the month of February. This is a yearly assessment that measures students' proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, listening to, and understanding English.
- ***Oregon State Assessment System (OSAS), also known as Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA)*** in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math: This is Oregon's state test that is administered to **3rd – 5th graders** at the elementary school level this spring. It is an academic "check-up" for students on what they know and can do. It also:
 - *Lets teachers, parents, and school leaders know if student learning is on track.*
 - *Measures how students are doing on the Common Core State Standards *.*
 - *Challenges students to think critically and apply their knowledge to real-world problems.*

*The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) were adopted by Oregon in 2010. CCSS are new, **higher standards** in English and Math, **aligned to college and career** expectations, and help **ensure students are ready** to take their next step into a training program, college, or career.

** **Oregon state assessments and 2019-20 opt out information**: Oregon state law requires us to inform you that a form is available from the Oregon Department of Education that allows you to opt your child out of state assessments for the 2019-20 school year. Should you wish to opt out your child, please fill out the form and submit it to our office at Hogan Cedars. The form can be accessed at

https://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Documents/Opt-Out_Form_2019-20.pdf

or on our GBSD website under Assessment Resources. You may also receive a copy of the form from our school office.

Thanks for your support in helping your child learn and grow at Hogan Cedars! If you have questions or want more information about state assessments, please contact Elaine Luckenbaugh, Principal.

PROUD of Our School!

We have so many fabulous things happening at our school and in our school community! We want to share those special moments on our Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook page to celebrate our students' accomplishments and successes. Highlights on social media have recently included photos from classroom activities, winter artwork, our Holiday-sing-A-Long, and more! ***I invite you to follow us on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook at @HoganCedars_ES to see what is happening at Hogan Cedars!*** Just follow the links on our website. *If you do not want your child's photo to be put on social media please write a note stating that and we will make sure to honor your request. Thank you!*

Safety is Our Number One Priority

Hogan Cedars is a very busy place at arrival and dismissal times. ***Please review the following Safety Information*** as we move into the new year:

- ***In the mornings, all cars that are dropping off students will need to enter the parking lot at the far entrance. For everyone's safety, it is important that every car stays in the line (regardless if the student has gotten out of the car or not) until they have reached the drop off area. We will work as efficiently as possible to move vehicles while keeping safety in mind.***
- ***At dismissal, cars will again enter into the parking lot from the far entrance and will need to wait in line until their respective children are released to the vehicle. We will work as efficiently as possible to get students to their vehicles.***
- ***Day care vans will be permitted to enter into the first entrance at arrival and dismissal and drop off or wait for their respective students in the circle area.***
- ***We have cross guard staff helping students and families cross Fleming Street safely during arrival and dismissal times. Please be attentive to this.***
- ***Please call the school office by 8:30 AM if your student will be late or absent. The phone number is 503-261-4500. After hours you can leave a message.***

Emergency Drills

In order for us to keep your children safe in case of an emergency, we practice several different kinds of drills throughout the year at Hogan Cedars. We have a fire drill once a month, and Earthquake and Lockout and Lockdown drills several times a year. ***If you are in the building when we are having a drill, we ask that you participate with the rest of the school as if it were a real fire or other emergency.*** Thanks so much for helping to keep our school safe!

Good luck to Miss Eda!

We will miss Mayumi Eda as she heads off to a new job outside the district this month! Mayumi has worked as an Educational Assistant at our school for the past two years. ***We will miss her joyous spirit and kind and caring ways with children!***

Flash Alert

Be informed, be prepared. Parents and community members can sign up for notification of any ***emergency school closures*** and ***district news releases*** by email. To register log on to the following website <http://www.flashalert.net/regions.html>

Exclusion Day is coming soon

Exclusion day for state required vaccinations is February 19, 2020. Letters will be mailed to parents whose children are not up to date or whose records are incomplete. Should you receive a letter, please provide updated information to the school as soon as possible. Children who are not current for

vaccinations by February 19th will not be able to attend school until records are complete. If you need assistance in locating a health care provider or clinic site, please contact our school nurse.

Let's have a great 2020! We want your children to have the best possible learning experience here at Hogan Cedars. Please have them here "on time and ready to learn" every day! Please dress your children for the weather each day! We go outside each day for recess unless it is raining or there are frigid weather conditions, thank you!

**Warmly,
Elaine Luckenbaugh**

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 14	PTSO Meeting, Media Center, 6:00-7:00 pm
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—No School
January 21	Family Math Night, 6:30-7:30 pm
January 24	Curriculum & Instruction Day—No School
January 28	Dudes and Donuts, 7:30-8:15 am
February 11	PTSO Meeting, Media Center, 6:00-7:00 pm
February 17	President's Day—No School
February 19	Immunization Exclusion Day

Celebrating Our Cultures April 28, 2020

We have had incredible family involvement in our Celebrating Our Cultures Nights in the past! As we plan for our 4th Annual Cultures event, we wanted to expand our activities to include even more of the cultures represented in our school community! We invite you to share your cultures with us as we begin to plan for the FABULOUS event. This could include a craft activity, snack, traditional dress, music, or dance. Please share your ideas below and send back with your child to turn in at our school office.

Student Name _____

Parent Name _____

Phone Number _____

Idea(s)

Culture represented _____

We will contact you regarding your ideas. Thank you!