



Hawk Happenings

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Engaging Hearts and Minds 

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We have a WONDERFUL School Community!

It was great to see so many of you at our Title I Family Reading Night, Moms and Muffins, grade level field trips, photography artist in residence experience, and Hawk Honors assembly! Hope to see you soon at one of our other school-wide events!

We have so many incredible 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 pumpkin patch field trips, Principal for a Day activities, BizTown field trip, science and engineering experiments and designs, fall art projects, Hawk Honors assembly, 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 our school or district Facebook page, our Instagram 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!*

Fall Festival is Almost Here!

You and your family are invited to our Fall Festival on Friday, November 15 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm! Our Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) sponsors this incredibly fun-filled night. Families will have the opportunity to buy tickets to play games, participate in the Hawk Walk, have their faces painted, eat pizza, and play Bingo! There will also be themed-filled baskets that will be raffled off in a drawing. Watch for fliers coming home with more information!

Conferences are Quickly Approaching

Today, November 7, you will be receiving a scheduled time to attend Parent Teacher Conferences. Conferences are an important time to meet with your child's teacher, share information about your child, learn about your child's progress, and ask questions about your child's learning. ***We see this as an optimum time to support your child's learning by recognizing his or her strengths and areas needing growth or improvement. It is a team approach to helping and supporting your child!***

This year conferences are scheduled for ***Monday, November 25 and Tuesday, November 26.*** There is no school on these days. We have scheduled a 20 minute conference for each child. Parents who are not together due to divorce or other circumstances will need to decide to attend the conference together or decide to share the information between them in some other way. We appreciate you being on time for conferences because scheduling is tight and rescheduling is difficult. Thank you!

Good Luck to Mrs. Ishman!

We will miss Lisa Ishman as she heads off to a new job this week outside of GBSD! Lisa has worked as a Title I Educational Assistant and Health Assistant at Hogan Cedars for the past six years. ***We will miss her incredible communication with families, work with students, and BIG heart!***

Our Fun-Run was a HUGE Success!

Thanks to all of your children for participating in the Fun-Run on October 1! It was a perfect day (no rain) and your children had an extra burst of energy! Students ran a total of 3602 laps which equals over 900 miles! We raised more than \$9,400! Our school earned a school-wide Ice Cream Social for reaching our goal of \$5,500 and beyond! Money raised supports our students at Hogan Cedars with playground needs, field trips, and school-wide events. Thank you to all of you!

Principal For A Day

Each year we invite a community member to our school for Principal for a Day. ***This year Gresham City Police Chief Robin Sells joined us on October 29!*** She toured classrooms, talked to students and staff and saw all the wonderful things going on at Hogan Cedars! We also learned lots of “cool behind-the-scenes” information from Chief Sells as she talked with several classes!

Printmaking Artist in Residency Experience

As a ***Right Brain Initiative*** school, we are thrilled to have all of our students, K-5, ***work with artist Kanani Miyomoto in the area of printmaking this fall and spring!*** Grades 3rd – 5th are just finishing up their work with Kanani this coming week. We will be displaying their finished printmaking for all to see soon! Grades K-2 will work with Kanani beginning in April.

The focus of our work with Kanani is for our ***students to learn printmaking techniques as well*** as focus on ***“What personal traits/passions/interests contribute to my relationships and community?”***

Look for our Cross Guard Each Day!

With our new neighborhood across the street this year, we have a cross guard to help students and families get across Fleming street safely each morning and afternoon. The City of Gresham will get a crosswalk painted at some point during this school year but for now we are crossing from corner to corner to keep students safe. ***As you drive down Fleming and come into our parking lot, please make sure you are watching for students and families crossing the street ☺.*** Safety of our students is our number one priority. Thank you for your attention to this.

Changes in our PTSO Board

Our PTSO Co-Presidents Rick and Shara Weiss have moved from the Gresham area to pursue other work and adventures. We wish the very best to them! Chris and Anna Baker were voted in as our new Co-Presidents at our October PTSO meeting. ***Please join us in welcoming them and supporting them as our new presidents!***

Attendance Matters!

Our goal at Hogan Cedars is to ensure that every student attends school regularly and is “on time and ready to learn” each day. Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student’s academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, you as parents play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life.

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school—regardless of the reason—it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent—which means missing 18 or more days over the course of an entire school year. Research shows:

- Children chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school.

- By 9th grade good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8th grade test scores. Absences can add up quickly. A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month!

Clearly going to school regularly matters...

We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. ***Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time.*** Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Ensure your children go to school every day unless they are truly sick.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your children feel anxious about going to school.
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your child to school.

Let us know how we can best support you and your children so that they can show up for school on time every day. We want your child to be successful in school! If you have any questions or need more information please contact me.

Warmly,
Elaine Luckenbaugh

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 11, NO SCHOOL, Veterans Day
November 12, PTSO Meeting, 6:00 in the Media Center
November 15, Fall Festival, 6:30-8:30
November 25 and 26, Parent Teacher Conferences
November 27-29, NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Holiday
December 4, Picture Retakes

Mt. Hood Theatre movie tickets are still available. The cost is \$10 for the remaining 7 movies. Two adults go free with the child ticket. Stop by the office or send your money in with your child. We will send the tickets home with her/him.

Reminder: Please keep your child home for the following:

- ✓ Fever greater than 100.5 (in the last 24 hours)
- ✓ Undiagnosed rash, with or without fever
- ✓ Colored eye drainage
- ✓ Vomiting (in the last 24 hours)
- ✓ Diarrhea (in the last 24 hours)

Thank you for your attention to this.

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 anytime.

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 November 12 at 6:00 pm in the media center. 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 child brings in to his/her classroom teacher. The proceeds go directly back to the classroom teacher. You can maximize the earnings with the **Box Tops Bonus App!** You simply **Buy**, **Scan** your receipt and **Earn** the rewards for our school.

Cell phones stay in backpacks! Some families may have a cell phone for their child/ren. We understand this and want to ask that students know that his/her cell phone must be turned off and stay in the backpack at all times during school hours.