



Hawk Happenings

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Engaging Hearts and Minds 

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We are off to a great start to the 2019-20 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, Fun Run, Printmaking Artist in Residence work, 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 our Twitter, Instagram, and Face Book page to celebrate our students' accomplishments and successes. Highlights on social media have recently included Fun Run, Teddy Bear Parade, class art projects, technology work, and more! ***I invite you to follow us on Twitter, Instagram, and Face Book 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 Face Book, Instagram, or Twitter pages, please write a note stating that and we will make sure your child's face is not on social media. Thank you!*

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, 1/2, 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!*
- Learn and review our system of lunch cards as K-2 students go through the lunch food line (3rd-5th grade students just say their ID numbers). We are working on this becoming smoother and faster each day! We are fortunate to continue to provide free breakfast and lunch for every student at Hogan Cedars this year. ***In order to continue free meals for next year we must have families complete Free and Reduced Meal forms to prove there is a need for this at our school. Thanks for your support!***
- Learn our school and district's ***Safety Response Protocols (SRP)***. 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) and **i-Ready Reading** (1st-5th grade).
- **Read and listen to the children's story *After the Fall*** by Dan Santat. This book emphasizes the life skills of courage and perseverance All classes did art and/or writing projects based on the story, displayed their work, and then went on an "After the Fall" Gallery Walk throughout the building. Amazing work by your children!
- 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 Responsibility Awards**, sang the chorus to our "**After the Fall**" 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 last week!).

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!** Children from each grade will work with Kanani for five one-hour sessions during their week-long residency experience, and then display their work soon after that. Grades 3rd – 5th are working with Kanani during October and November and 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?"**

SUN Community Schools Update!

We are thrilled to have SUN Community School (CS) here for the second year! SUN CS is a part of our school in which we provide extended day activities for children and family engagement opportunities for parents and their children!

We are launching our fall extended day classes on October 14 with classes ranging from soccer to a variety of art activities to recreational games. Classes are Monday through Thursday and run through December 19. These fall activities were open to all 1st – 5th grade students. Registration forms went home in September with over 150 students turning in applications! We are only able to serve 90 students each term. With our fall term full, other students will be put on the waiting list. We can't wait to get started!

Is it time to renew your volunteer background check? For the safety of our students and schools, the Gresham-Barlow School District now requires volunteers to have a background check done every two years. If the last time you had a volunteer background check was 2017 or earlier it's time for you to get a new background check! Check with our school secretaries to find out if you need a new background check. The volunteer background check form/application is on school and district websites in English and Spanish. Thank you for helping us keep our school safe!

As you have noticed, **the new neighborhood across the street has rapidly grown over the past year with new homes.** With the new development, the City of Gresham has created bike lanes on both sides of the street on Fleming. People are not to park in bike lanes or they could be ticketed. We continue to problem solve on what we can do, we have many family events at our school and space is limited! We will keep you posted!

“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 2019-20 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

School Supply Fee—If you have not paid your student’s school supply fee, it is not too late. Please send in your child’s \$25.00 so that he/she has everything needed for the school year.

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 school’s 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.*

Community Resources--The Community Warehouse supports families and neighbors by providing them with donated furniture for their homes. Items include, dining tables, couches, beds, and much more. Participants visit the Community Warehouse at one of their locations (Tualatin or Portland) and have one hour to select all items. Participants are encouraged to provide their own vehicle to load their items on, however, the Community Warehouse can provide transportation at an additional cost. Please contact Lety Lopez, Family Resource Coordinator, at 971-706-3728, if you’d like to schedule your appointment.

Dates to Remember

October 9	PTSO Meeting in the Media Center, 6:00 pm
October 10	NO SCHOOL-Curriculum and Instruction Day
October 11	NO SCHOOL-Statewide Inservice
October 15	Title I Night, 6:30 pm
October 22	Moms and Muffins, 7:30 am
October 24	Picture Day