

October 6, 2021

Hello Hogan Cedars Families,

It is hard to believe that October is already here! It seems like we just started school and welcomed everyone back to a new school year. I hope that this newsletter finds you and your child doing well and that the beginning of the year has been a positive experience. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or me if you have any questions or concerns. It is best to start with your child's teacher. Email addresses can be found on the Hogan Cedars Webpage. You may also call the school at 503.261.4500.

Beginning October 14th, teachers will be sending homework every Thursday. Being a parent and a grandmother, I know how busy life can get. I know evenings can be hectic and finding time to do homework or even read gets challenging. Please do your best to set a routine to read together or just discuss the classroom activities from the day. One of the most important things you can do each day is make sure your child reads. Research says that creating a literacy-friendly atmosphere at home by regularly reading with your child makes all the difference in their success. For younger children, you can have them read the pictures, retell the story, or read the words. For older children, you can have them read aloud to you and ask questions. This supports comprehension. Thank you for your support and happy reading!

We had a busy short week and a very successful Fun Run. Thank you to our PTSO and to Ms. Alonso, our P.E. teacher, for all of their support to make this happen. The kiddos ran their hearts out!

The next **PTSO meeting** will be held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, October 12th at 6:00 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82954008589?pwd=SWN5ckFiZiRkY3JPNWg1UUU6ZVZPQT09>

Meeting ID: 829 5400 8589 Passcode: 714835

Picture day is Thursday, October 28th. Watch for picture order packets to come home in backpacks soon. Schedule those haircuts now!

Safety Concerns

We station crossing guards at the crosswalk beginning at 8:15 in the morning and at 2:55 in the afternoon. We are noticing increasing numbers of students crossing the street by themselves earlier than that. Please help your student(s) to understand the dangers of crossing without help from our crossing guards.

Also, we understand that the line is long at times but we are asking that you do not let your children jump out of the car while you are in the road or the parking lot. Our drive through is the safest way to deliver your children to Hogan Cedars everyday. Thank you for your attention to this.

Please note these upcoming events:

October 7 NO SCHOOL-Curriculum and Instruction Day

October 8 NO SCHOOL-Statewide Inservice

October 12 PTSO Meeting, 6:00 pm via Zoom

October 28 Picture Day

November 11 NO SCHOOL-Veterans' Day