

September 16, 2021

Dear Hogan Cedars Families,

I'd like to take the opportunity to welcome you to a GREAT school, where teachers, staff, parents, students, and the community come together to create a fantastic learning environment for our students. Hogan Cedars is all about valuing and appreciating each student and their families. We know that each of our students bring unique personalities and individual experiences and abilities with them. Our hope is always to instill a love of learning in each student and allow them ample opportunities to explore their interests and passions.

Learning is something that never stops, not only when we leave the classroom, but all throughout our lives. We have an outstanding staff, and all our GREAT teachers are focused on providing a learning environment where our students feel challenged and can thrive. We strive to provide a supportive and safe environment where our students can take risks, make mistakes, build resilience and develop a strong foundation of academic and life skills. Communication with families is one of our top priorities in creating that cohesive world dedicated to the best interests of every student. We are committed to excellence and will keep improving and innovating to make this a GREAT school that prepares our young students for the 21st Century.

Students have been working hard at learning classroom and school routines. To build a positive school environment, students are learning about the behavior expectations for many of our common areas. In the classrooms, students are working at building caring communities where they can support one another in their learning. In the hallways, students move quickly and quietly between locations. They are becoming more aware everyday of how their voices carry in our building and how important it is for them to be respectful of others who are learning. In the cafeteria, students are learning that it is important to be a good citizen by maintaining an appropriate voice level, being respectful of others' space and cleaning up after themselves when it is time to leave. On the playground, students are provided opportunities for games and activities. With each new activity there are new rules that must be learned. In everything they do, students are guided to be respectful, responsible, and safe. As we move forward through the school year, students will continue to build their understanding of what it means to

be respectful, responsible and safe. We are so proud of our students and the positive growth they are making!

A few important items:

- We want you to know that we have assigned seats in the classroom, in the cafeteria and on the bus. Please remind your child/ren to sit where assigned by the teacher, staff members and the bus driver.
- Please remember that morning drop-off time is 8:15 am. We do not have staff outside to supervise children prior to 8:15 am (9:15 am on Wednesdays).
- All children, staff and parents are required to wear masks indoors and outdoors by the executive order of Governor Brown. Thank you for your attention to this requirement.
- Please keep your child/ren home if they are sick. The five main symptoms of COVID are:
  - Fever of 100.4 or greater
  - Cough
  - Chills
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - New loss of taste or smell
- Please call the office if your child is sick. (503-261-4500)
- The City of Gresham asks that you do not park along Fleming Ave. They will be ticketing and towing.
- Students begin testing on September 15th. The fall testing window will close on October 6th. Students will be assessed in reading and math. The information we get from the testing results ensures we know where your child's strengths are and where there are opportunities for growth.

Yours in education,

Heidi Blakley, Principal  
Hogan Cedars Elementary



Dates to Remember

September 24--NO SCHOOL, Curriculum and Instruction Day

October 5--Fun Run