

November 10, 2021

Dear Hogan Cedars Families,

Welcome to November! We are starting our tenth week of school and feeling proud about the school community we are building together. During classroom visits, I see our students actively engaged in rigorous learning and practicing skills of perseverance and determination. Teachers and students are focusing daily on using critical thinking skills, using a growth mindset, and celebrating learning.

“Gratitude is an Attitude”

November is often associated with thankfulness because of the Thanksgiving holiday. November’s character trait is “Gratitude.” Studies have shown that gratitude does more than just make kids feel good; it also improves their mood, mental health, and life satisfaction, and it can jumpstart more purposeful engagement in life. This is at a critical moment in our students’ development, when their identity is taking shape. Having an attitude of gratitude is one of the few things that we can control, and can improve the quality of our lives. As we enter this month of thankfulness, I encourage you to think about the things you are grateful for, and allow your child to share with you as well.

As we approach Thanksgiving, we would like to take the time to thank all of our Hogan Cedar families for your continued support and participation in the many aspects of your children’s education. At Hogan Cedars School, we are also thankful for the extremely talented and dedicated faculty and staff who have the privilege of helping your children learn and grow each day. Together we create a partnership that is essential to the success of our Hogan Cedars students and for that we continue to be thankful. We are stronger at Hogan Cedars because of our parent and community support.

Thank you to all the families for joining parent/teacher conferences this month. Parent/teacher conferences provide great opportunities for you and your child’s teacher to connect, learn how best to serve your child, and build goals for the year. Conferences will be held virtually on November 22 and 23. Please use the link that your student’s teacher sent and choose a time slot that works best for you. We look forward to visiting with you and sharing about your child. If you have questions or need help, feel free to call the office at 503-261-4500.

**Also we would like to share this with you:**

Families with students attending schools in Multnomah County are invited to a panel webinar with local health professionals to discuss COVID-19 vaccinations. Tune in

to this important webinar, co-hosted by the Multnomah County Health Department, Multnomah Education Service District, and Multnomah County school districts, on Wednesday, November 17th at 6 pm.

**More information can be found here:**

<https://www.multnomahesd.org/vaccine-forum-5-11.html>

**Registration for the event can be found here:**

[https://multnomahesd-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_x9jZIWw500OZXAAASpCzw0w](https://multnomahesd-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_x9jZIWw500OZXAAASpCzw0w)

There are many questions around the COVID vaccine. You can [click here](#) for answers to Frequently Asked Questions.

### **Tell us what you think!**

The Gresham-Barlow School Board needs your input to help with the process of selecting the next superintendent of schools.

The Gresham-Barlow School Board is conducting a superintendent search to replace Dr. Katrise Perera who resigned on June 30. While the board conducts the search, James Hiu is serving as Acting Superintendent.

### **Your participation is essential**

The school board needs your input to help with the process of selecting the next superintendent. To gather feedback, the school board is using a tool called ThoughtExchange so as many people as possible can participate. You can participate in a variety of languages including Spanish or Russian.

### **The School Board wants to know:**

What should the new superintendent know about our District, and what important skills and qualities would help them be most successful in the role?

To participate, visit: [bit.ly/GBSuptSearch](https://bit.ly/GBSuptSearch)

Thank you,

Heidi Blakley, Principal  
Hogan Cedars Elementary

### **Dates to Remember:**

November 11      No School-Veterans Day

November 22	Evening Conferences
November 23	Conferences All day
November 24-26	Thanksgiving Holiday
November 30	Picture Retakes