



Highland Highlights

Highland Elementary School (503) 665-7158

Today's Learners - Tomorrow's Leaders

May 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

No Online School May 25th

There won't be any distance learning or teacher office hours on Monday, May 25th for the observance of Memorial Day.

Award Assembly May 27th

Join us on Facebook next Wednesday, May 27th at 2:15 p.m. to watch our award assembly video! Visit:

www.facebook.com/hiesgresham

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ParentVue

The district sent an email to all families with their key to register on ParentVue, but if you didn't get the email or need assistance with setting up ParentVue, please call the school at 503-665-7158. You can also email our secretaries at pomykala2@gresham.k12.or.us or thomas82@gresham.k12.or.us. Visit the ParentVue web page to login or sign up: <https://www.gresham.k12.or.us/domain/2443>

Kinder Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2020/2021 school year will begin on March 30th. Please register by June 1st. A child must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2020 to enter kindergarten. Parents must bring the following documents to the school for registration: the student's original birth certificate, proof of residence, immunization records, and names and numbers of emergency contacts, doctor, and dentist. Registrations are now done online at: <https://www.gresham.k12.or.us/domain/2427>. If you need support or have questions about registration, please call the school at 503-665-7158 or email Elizabeth Pomykala at pomykala2@gresham.k12.or.us. Also, if you know of a neighbor who may have a student entering kindergarten in the fall, please pass this information along.

Highland's English/Spanish Dual Language Program

Our school launched two Dual Language (DLI) classrooms in Spanish/English this fall. Dual language instruction (DLI) is an instructional model with the goal of graduating students who can speak, read and write in *both* Spanish and English. As [stated](#) by the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL), "The goals of dual language are for students to develop high levels of language proficiency and literacy in both program languages, to demonstrate high levels of academic achievement, and to develop an appreciation for and an understanding of diverse cultures."

- Our current DLI kindergarteners will move up to **DLI first grade** classrooms in the fall of 2020

- Parents of entering **kindergarten** students will be able to express interest to participate in DLI kindergarten for the coming year
- Native Spanish and native English speakers will learn together
- Instruction will initially primarily be in Spanish
- The Dual Language Program will move up one grade level per year

This K-12 program will continue to Clear Creek Middle School and then Gresham High School where participating students will graduate fully bilingual and biliterate in English and Spanish and achieve the district vision: Culturally responsive graduates who will thrive in an ever-changing global community.

For more information about participating, please contact the school office, or fill out the survey by clicking [here](#). More information at our website: <https://www.gresham.k12.or.us/domain/2459>.

Update Contact Info

If your phone number, address, or email has changed, please call or email the office with the new information, so we can update our system.

RESOURCES

Friday Free Food Market

Free food distribution every Friday from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Highland Elementary. We are asking families that are driving to stay in their vehicles and a volunteer will bring a bag to them. If walking, there will be a designated spot to wait 6 feet apart from others.

Daily Meal Sites

[Click here](#) to view the updated schedules for meal distribution and delivery.

Local Resources

If you are in need of food, utility or housing assistance, please consider contacting 2-1-1 by phone or at their website <https://www.211info.org/> to find out the latest information about where you can get help. Additional resources can be found here: <https://www.gresham.k12.or.us/domain/1129>. If you receive SNAP benefits, please contact your local self-sufficiency office to inquire about assistance. If you are experiencing a mental health crisis or need someone to talk to you, please consider contacting the following crisis lines. Support is available to you 24 hours a day.

Lines for Life: 1-800-273-8255

Youthline: 1-877-968-8491 or text "teen2teen" to 839863

Clackamas County Crisis Line: 503-655-8585

Multnomah County Crisis Line: 503-988-4888

The Trevor Project: 1-866-488-7386

STAY CONNECTED

Follow Us on Facebook

Follow and like Highland's Facebook page! Go to www.facebook.com/HIESGresham. Watch Morning Announcements Monday-Friday at 8:45 a.m. (9:45 a.m. on Wednesdays), and Teacher Story Time every night at 7:30 p.m.!

Contacting the Office

You can reach the office staff by calling our school at 503-665-7158, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please leave a voicemail, if necessary, and your call will be returned as soon as possible. You may also email our office team at any time. Nina Thomas at thomas82@gresham.k12.or.us, and Elizabeth Pomykala at pomykala2@gresham.k12.or.us.

Every Student Prepared for Success

Gresham-Barlow School District recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups. It is the policy of this district and the board of education that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups in any educational programs, activities or employment.

Gresham-Barlow provides equal access to individuals with disabilities.