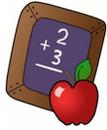




Howard Happenings

October, 2012

www.howardelementary.org



Fall Conferences

Parent - Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, October 30 from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm and Thursday, November 1 from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm. **There will be no school on Thursday, November 1 and Friday, November 2.** Scheduling forms have been sent home and need to be turned in no later than October 15.

Meeting with child's teacher should help build strong parent - teacher partnerships. Partnerships that are needed if you and your child's are to reach your common goal: helping your child get the best education possible.

Each teacher will come prepared with samples of your child's work and with ideas to help them do even better in school. You should get ready for each conference, too. Be sure and talk with your child before the conference. Find out what they think are their best subjects, and what subjects they like the least. Find out why. Also, ask your child if there is anything they would like you to talk about with their teacher. Make sure your child doesn't worry about the meeting. Help them understand that you and their teacher are meeting together in order to help them.

Before you go to the school, write notes to yourself about: personality, habits, problems, things about your child's home life, and hobbies that you feel it is important for the teacher to know.

- Questions about your child's progress
- How you and the school can work together to help your child

Some good questions to ask are these:

- Is my child in different groups for different subjects? Why?
- How well does my child get along with others?
- Is my child working up to his or her ability?
- Does my child participate in class discussions and activities?
- What strengths do you see in my child

WEDNESDAY EARLY DISMISSAL

Please remember that EVERY Wednesday students are dismissed at 1:05; 11:35 for Kindergartners. There is no one available to supervise children after this time. Unfortunately, children left waiting for a ride home spend a very long and uneventful hour sitting in the hall outside of the office. Please make note of this regular early dismissal to avoid a missed pick up of your child.



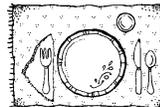
HALLOWEEN PARTIES

Individual teachers will determine if Halloween parties will take place in their classrooms. If teachers permit costumes during this holiday celebration, the following dress code will be enforced, as it pertains to costumes:

- NO weapons
- NO weapon-like props
- NO excessive bareness (no spaghetti straps, exposed bra straps, bare midriffs)
- NO "gang" attire
- NO masks
- NO especially scary or gory costumes

Our Halloween Parade will take place on October 31, starting at 1:30. Parents and guardians are invited to enjoy the parade. Guests should gather on the playground at this time in the final leg of our parade route.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCHES



This is a reminder that you need to fill out a new Free/Reduced Lunch Form for your child/children every school year. **Even if you do not intend to use this service and you qualify, please take the time to fill out a form and turn it in.** As a Title 1 school much of our funding is based on the number of students that qualify for free or reduced lunch, so it is very important to have every eligible family in the system. If you have not yet applied for this year's meals, please pick up an application in the reception area at the school or complete one online at 4j.lane.edu. The deadline to have these forms turned in is October 16.

School Pictures are Coming!

School pictures will be on October 19th. - SMILE!



FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE

Whooping Cough - Adult vaccination, childhood boosters

This illness has been on the increase. It is very contagious, causes severe coughing fits that persist and is devastating for infants. To protect our babies in the community, adults in contact with infants and pregnant women are encouraged to get a booster called TDAP. It is also important for children to have their booster shots in a timely fashion. The initial series should be finished at 5 yr. physical, and a TDAP booster should be given by middle school entry physical. Please remember to update your child's school immunization records after booster shots are given.

Flu Vaccine

Per the CDC, everyone 6 months of age and older is advised to get a yearly flu vaccine. Ample supplies of influenza vaccine are now available. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for your body to develop an immune response. Get vaccinated now so that you will be protected when flu season begins. In the United States, influenza season usually begins in October and can last until May. The nasal spray is indicated for healthy, non-pregnant persons aged 2-49 years.

In addition to getting immunized, it's also important to ward off the flu and other viruses and bacteria by these methods:

- Protect yourself and others by washing your hands often.
- Cover your mouth and nose with something other than your hand when you cough or sneeze, such as elbow or tissue.

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/keyfacts.htm> provides more information.

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IT'S ALL ABOUT ART AT MAUDE KERNS ART CENTER!

Fall Classes for Youth and Young Adults - Register Today

This fall Maude Kerns Art Center offers a variety of classes for Youth (ages 6 - 12) and Young Adults (ages 10 - 16). Youth Classes include our popular Clayin' and Playin' as well as Discover Drawing and Painting and Crazy for Comics class. For Young Adults, we are offering Basic Drawing, Basic Painting and Cartooning.

Private lessons are also available for youth and young adults. Susi Larsen Scholarships are available for students.

To register call the ART Center at 541-345-1571 or email Sabrina@mkartcenter.org. You are also invited to visit www.mkartcenter.org for a complete Fall schedule.

PTO CORNER

PTO will be sponsoring our annual cookie dough sale very soon! Please watch for more information coming home. PTO held their first meeting of the school year on Tuesday, September 25 and began planning for all of the exciting events they will organize this year. If you were unable to attend please plan on becoming involved by attending one of the future meetings or by volunteering to help with your child's classroom as a room representative. For more information you can reach PTO at 541-933-5336 or by coming to the next meeting on October 16 at 6:00 p.m.

DO YOU HAVE NEW CONTACT INFORMATION?

If you or any of your emergency contacts have recently changed numbers, addresses, or email accounts, please make sure that you have notified the school office. It is extremely important this information is kept up to day so that we can reach you in the event of an emergency or your child becomes ill at school.

REMEMBER TO DRESS WARMLY!

With cooler weather drawing near, it is time to put away those shorts and dig out the sweaters. As you are aware, Oregon weather changes frequently. Please dress your child for the weather. Dressing in layers is always a good idea so that children can adjust to the changing temperature accordingly.

LTD TICKET BOOKS

As of Monday, October 1, the new 10-Ride Ticket Books went on sale at LTD's Customer Service Center at Eugene Station and all LTD sales outlets. The 10-Ride Ticket Books will provide a convenient option for parents and students who occasionally ride LTD, but not often enough to save with a \$24 one-month pass or a \$65 three-month pass.

The cost of the ticket books is \$8 for youth and \$16 for adults. Each ticket is good for one fare; two tickets are good for one Day Pass. The tickets are color coded (orange for youth and blue for adult) and customers can slide the dollar-shaped tickets into the farebox just like money. You can use them on any day and you don't need to carry cash or have exact change. Parents may enjoy the option to purchase 10-Ride Ticket Books by phone using a credit card, if it is not convenient to visit an LTD sales outlet.

LTD developed the 10-Ride Ticket Book as a pilot project in response to public input. The project will be evaluated after one year to ensure that LTD is providing the best product for its customers. Contact LTD Customer Service at [541-687-5555](tel:541-687-5555) for more information or visit ltd.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/5 - Professional Development, No School
10/12 - State Inservice - No School
10/30 - Parent Conferences 4 - 8
11/1 - Parent Conferences 8 - 8, No School
11/2 - Teacher Release Day, No School
11/4 - Set Clocks Back 1 Hour, Standard Time Begins