



# Howard Happenings

April 2014

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## Howard New School Design Open House

Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 5:30-7 p.m.

The new building design is well underway and we are excited to share the plans with you!

Please join us to view the design progress and share your comments.

Visit with the architects and other design team members.

5:30 p.m. Open house begins

6:00 p.m. Presentation

7:00 p.m. Ending time

Join the mailing list for school design news by emailing [howarddesign@4j.lane.edu](mailto:howarddesign@4j.lane.edu)

Watch for updates at [www.4j.lane.edu/bond](http://www.4j.lane.edu/bond)

Call 4J Communications at 541-790-7737



## Wednesday Early Release

It is important to remember that every Wednesday is early release. Students in 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are dismissed at **1:05** and kindergarten students are released at **11:35**. We ask that you be prompt in picking up your child/children. The office staff is not available to supervise students left waiting due to meetings that they are required to attend or other duties that they must attend to away from the office. Students that are left longer than 10 minutes after dismissal will be seated in the front entrance with little or no supervision.

## Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child that will be 5 by September 1st or know of someone who does – kindergarten registration for next school year is underway! Please call our secretary, Lori at 541-790-4900 or stop by the school office for an enrolment packet.

## Contact Information Updates

Please make sure that your address, phone numbers, and other pertinent contact information is up to date. This is especially important for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students as we work toward transitioning them into middle school. You can send in a note to the office, or contact our secretary, Lori at [henry\\_lo@4j.lane.edu](mailto:henry_lo@4j.lane.edu), or 541-790-4900.

## April PTO News:

### Past Events:

Scholastic Book Fair This year's book fair was our most successful fair yet. We made \$1,700 more at this year compared to last year's fair. Our total sales were \$5,700, which means we will receive \$3,420 back in scholastic dollars. This money will fund mostly the Library but also the Teacher's classrooms and Title 1 students. Thank you so much for supporting our school and for putting more books in the hands of your children.

### Current Events:

Mixed Bag Fundraiser Thank you for those who participated in the Mixed Bag Fundraiser. Howard received 50% profit from every order and those funds go directly to our teachers and students by supporting special events. If you placed an order, the pick up date will be in April and you will receive an email and a flier sent home with the specific date and time of pickup.

Future Events: Jog - A - Thon: On Friday, May 9th we will be having a school wide Jog - A - Thon. A portion of the proceeds will go towards the Technology Fee that all students are required to pay in September. Our goal would be to be able to cut the fee that is charged in half, so instead of paying \$30 per student, parents would be charged \$15.

This event will be during the school day and could use parents to help plan and run the event. It will be a fun day to spend outside with the kids. Please email us if you are interested in helping.

Carnival: The PTO Carnival will be held on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and we want to have as much parent participation as possible. So if you are good at coming up with silly game ideas, building games, watching kids, or being super silly please contact Quinton Williams with the PTO and get involved in the planning. We desire to make this end of the year event accomplish two things: 1. Make some money for our school heading into the next year, and 2. Create an event that allows our kids to celebrate the amazing school year with their friends. You can email Quinton at [qwilliams@discoverlifepoint.com](mailto:qwilliams@discoverlifepoint.com) and let him know your availability. Planning is starting this month, but it is never too late to jump on board.

Popcorn Wednesdays - volunteers are needed from 8am to 10:30am to help make popcorn. This has been a fun tradition for the students, and without our current volunteers, we wouldn't be able to continue popcorn Wednesdays. More volunteers are needed in order to continue this through the school year and for next year. It takes 2 to 3 parents a couple of hours once a week. If you have any extra time available after you drop your kids off at school, it would be greatly appreciated. There is a signup sheet on the PTO Bulletin Board, or email us directly.

PTO Meetings: Held in the Howard Library (child care is available)

Tuesday, April 15th at 6pm

Tuesday, May 20th at 6pm

## **BEST After School Program Fees**

If your student has or is currently attending BEST please remember to pay the \$20 fee. This fee covers supplies, as well as end of the year field trips and parties. Checks should be made out to 4J BEST Program. If you have questions please contact Kelly Henson at 541-790-4902. These fees are separate from Howard Elementary and are not processed through the office.

## **Asthma Medicine at School**

The office staff is available to assist children with rescue asthma medicine. We will need a pharmacy labeled inhaler and parent permission form (available in office) to do so. Some doctors also prescribe an aero chamber. Older students that are independent and reliable may carry a rescue inhaler in their backpacks, but we need you to sign a permission form, this helps us be aware of who might possibly need assistance from staff.

With pollen season here, it's a good time to consider if your child with asthma should have an inhaler available at school. Robin, our school nurse, is available for consultation, call her at 541-221-9850 if she can be of help.



## **Save Those Box Tops and Campbell's Labels!**

This year Howard Elementary has been collecting Box Top coupons and Campbell's Labels for Education to raise money for our school. Did you know that some local schools raise thousands of dollars for their schools each year, just from clipping and submitting Box Tops and Labels for Education?

Box Top coupons and Labels for Education are on the packaging of hundreds of participating products that you probably use every day. All you need to do is cut them off of the box they are on, stick them in a baggie or envelope and send them to school with your child. (It is very helpful if you can cut them along the lines and not tear them out since we need to send them in clean and organized.)

We will continue to collect Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels through the end of this school year, so start saving and sending them in today!

You can always track our progress at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com). Thanks for choosing to support our school by collecting Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels.

## **PTO Funds Update**

Thank you, families, for your support of the PTO sponsored fundraisers! A majority of the funds raised have gone directly to classrooms, allowing teachers to pay for field trips, apps for iPads, class libraries, supporting items for their curriculum, and many other enriching opportunities for Howard kiddos!

Please continue your support and stay tuned for information on our final events of the year, the Howard Jog-a-Thon on May 9, and the annual Carnival on June 5<sup>th</sup>.



## **You Can Help Howard Earn Donations Just By Shopping with Your Fred Meyer Rewards Card!**

Fred Meyer is donating \$2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here's how the program works:

- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Howard at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards).
- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Howard earn a donation!
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today
- If you do not have a reward Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store
- For more information, please visit [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards).

## **Future Happenings**

- 4/8 – New School Design Community Open House
- 4/15 – PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 4/22 – Site Council, 2:30 p.m.
- 5/9 – Jog A Thon
- 5/20- PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 5/26 – Memorial Day – No School
- 5/27- Site Council, 2:30 p.m.
- 5/30 – Last Day of BEST
- 6/5 – School Carnival, 5:30 p.m.
- 6/6 – Grading Day – No School
- 6/17 – Last Day of School