

## Howard Receives Eugene Education Fund

### Grants

Howard has been fortunate to receive four grants through the Eugene Education Fund. Angela Larsen's proposal "Wide World of Zoological Adventure" for \$500 will make it possible for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to visit the Portland Zoo. Allan Chinn's proposal "Every Child a Reader" for \$500 will go toward purchasing books for "The Oregon Battle of the Books" competition for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Melissa Locke-Warnicke's request for "iLearn with iPads" for \$2000 was funded and will help to update our technology with iPads. Suzy Rock's and Amber Frank's "OMSI" proposal for \$2000 was also awarded and will fund the annual trip made to this wonderful science museum.

Congratulations to all of the grant writers and especially to our students who will benefit from these gifts.

### A Note From Our School Counselor

One of the ways at Howard Elementary we are already teaching students about college and career readiness is teaching our students about real examples of success. For 5 weeks during September and October we had a school-wide challenge focusing on student attendance and promptness to school. The two classrooms with the least amount of absences and tardies were winners of the famous Golden Boots to hang above their rooms for the remainder of the year. Even better than the boots was the chance for students to see that their attendance at school is also directly related to the success of discovering and preparing for their desired career. Every opportunity to learn gives them more opportunities and more tools to be successful in today's world. Mrs. Krieders' room and Mrs. Kirk's rooms won the boots, but hopefully all students were winners by taking a moment to visualize the opportunities that await them!

### Free Dental Care for Students

The Children's Dental Center, a philanthropic program of **Assistance League of Eugene**, offers free dental care for eligible children in grades K-12. Your children may qualify for services if they are:

- Uninsured
- Have proof of financial need (e.g., enrolled in the Federal school lunch program)
- Live in the greater Eugene-Springfield area
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Eligible students who attend school in the Eugene, Bethel, Springfield, Junction City, Fern Ridge or Pleasant Hill school districts may pick up applications at their schools.

The Center is located at Churchill High School, 1850 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, and operates Tuesday, Thursday and Friday during the school year. Questions? Call Linda Eichner at 541-790-5181.

## Yearbooks Are on Sale!

Howard will be selling yearbooks again this year for \$14.50 through Lifetouch. This is a wonderful way to remember and document this time in your child's life. Order sheets have already been sent home, but if you missed them more are available in the office. Orders will be accepted through March 22.

### Parent Laptop Training

Mrs. Larsen will be offering a Parent Laptop Training on December 18 at 5:30 in Room 6. If you have not attended this class as a new parent or if it has been more than two years since you were last trained please plan on coming. If you are unsure, check with your child's teacher. Students are not allowed to take laptops home until their parents have received this short, but important informational class.

### Updates from PTO

Our recent Monster Cookie dough & flower bulbs sales netted a profit of \$5436.10. Great job Howard students and families. The top five sellers were Cooper, Ali, Tegan, Erica, and Fiona. For their efforts they received a \$40 gift card for Valley River Center. Thank you for your hard work and support. We also wish to thank a few of our great parents that helped make this possible; Stacy, Amy, Suzanna, and Anna. We couldn't have done it without you!

The Papa's Pizza Fundraiser held on November 19 brought in \$186.20. Thank you to everyone that attended that event!

We have partnered with Trinity United Methodist Church, they are willing to volunteer at school and for PTO. A big "Thank You" to them!

Our next PTO meeting will be January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the school library. We will be discussing current fundraising ideas, the Scholastic Book Fair, which will be February 25<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup> and about our annual Carnival. We are in high demand right now for parent volunteers for these events and in general for our PTO, so if you can help in anyway, it would be greatly appreciated. And we would love to you at the next meeting.

### Upcoming Events

12/18 - Parent Laptop Training 5:30, Room 6

12/21 - Birthday Lunch with Mr. Chinn

12/24 - First Day of Winter Break

1/7 - District Professional Development Day - No School

1/8 - Students Return

School Choice Begins

1/15 - PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.

1/18 - Family Movie Night

1/21 - No School, Martin Luther King Day

1/25 - Grading Day - No School

1/27 - 2/1 - School Choice Visitation Week

1/31 - Birthday Lunch with Mr. Chinn

2/1 - Howard Professional Development Day - No School