



Howard Happenings

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School Choice for the 2013-14 School Year

Spread the word to all of your friends that Howard rocks! With Howard's focus on technology we are an excellent school and a positive choice in your child's education. With School Choice nearly upon us, please invite friends and acquaintances to visit Howard and seriously consider joining the Howard family. And if you have any friends or neighbors living in the Bethel School District, be sure to let them know that they too can now apply to attend Howard, even if they live outside our school district. See the deadline for this process below. Tours will be available any time during the weeks of January 28 - February 1 and February 25 - March 1, with a availability of a Spanish speaking translator on Thursdays.

Families in 4J have a choice of schools. 4J's school choice policy means that families may send their children to any school in the district provided there is a place available. School choice request forms will be accepted from Tuesday, January 8 - Friday, March 22 at 5:00 p.m.

School Showcase: Saturday, January 26 - All schools will be represented at Chavez Elementary located at 1510 West 14th Ave.

School Visitation Weeks: January 28 - February 1 and February 25 - March 1

District School Choice Information Meetings at the District Office: Thursday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, February 23 at 9:00 a.m.

Deadline for School Choice Applications (In District Transfers): Friday, March 22 at 5:00 p.m.

Deadline for Open Enrollment (Cross District Exchanges): Monday April 1 at 5:00 p.m.



Remember Your Coat and Warm Shoes!

We have many students coming to school without their coat and wearing flip flops. Please remember that our students go outside every day for recess unless it is extremely rainy. Unfortunately, we do not have coats, hats and/or gloves for students to borrow. So, please double check with your child as they head out the door to make sure they are grabbing all of their cold weather gear!



Winter Weather and School Closures

Winter weather is on its way! If there is a change in the school schedule or bus routes due to inclement weather, Eugene School District 4J will announce the change. If school is in session and on regular schedule, the district will NOT make an announcement.

Weather-related school closure decisions normally are made early in the morning and announced via all methods by **6:30 a.m.** This is to ensure the most current weather conditions are assessed. Decisions are made district-wide and are the same for every 4J school.

Parents and students have several ways to learn about weather-related school closures in Eugene: the 4J website, Twitter / text message alerts, KRVM-FM, and other local TV and radio stations.

How To Find Out if there is a change in the school schedule or bus routes:

- A notice will be posted on the 4J website's homepage, www.4j.lane.edu.
- District-run radio station KRVM-FM 91.9 will air school closure information regularly.
- Other local radio and TV stations also will air closure information, although the district cannot guarantee the accuracy of the messages reported on those stations.
- Text-message alerts will be sent to subscribers via Twitter. (If you are interested in receiving these alerts please sign up through the district website.)

Safety Concerns: On any day when inclement weather is a concern and school is in session, families are encouraged to consider road conditions in their areas and make their own decisions based on safety; parents' individual decisions about school attendance will be honored.