



Howard Happenings

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School Choice for the 2013-14 School Year

There is still time to 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 week of February 25 - March 1, with a availability of a Spanish speaking translator on Thursdays.

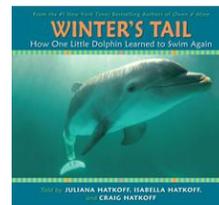
Families in 4J have a choice of schools. 4J's school choice policy means that families may send their children to any school in the district provided there is a place available. School choice request forms are available on line at 4j.lane.edu and will be accepted until Friday, March 22 at 5:00 p.m.

School Visitation Week: February 25 - March 1

District School Choice Information Meetings at the District Office: 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.



All School Reading Activity

To continue our effort to increase student interest in reading for pleasure, we have embarked on a school wide read aloud of the books *Winter's Tail* and *Dolphin Tale*. The entire school will be reading the version of each teachers' choice about the true story of this rescued and rehabilitated dolphin. As we advance through the books, we will ask thought provoking questions during our morning announcements in order to encourage class discussions about the story. We hope to include some enrichment opportunities related to local sea life at the Newport Aquarium. Classrooms may be displaying some of their projects, art, or writings at Family literacy Night on February 28th. If you would like to participate with your student, there is a website you can go to in order to learn more about Winter, and to see her on the live video camera. Visit seewinter.com, for these opportunities. We hope everyone enjoys this touching story of a rescued and rehabilitated dolphin.

Literacy Night is Coming!

Please join us for Family Literacy Night on Thursday, February 28th! More details will be provided as the date gets closer, but mark your calendars and expect a fun event to celebrate reading. Hope to see you there!

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.