



Howard Happenings

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ACE Award Nominee

Howard Elementary is happy to announce that Allison Kreider, one of our 3rd grade teachers has been nominated for an ACE (A Champion in Education) Award. Winners are chosen from each of the 4J, Bethel, and Springfield school districts in the categories of certified, classified, administrative, and volunteers. Nominations will be voted on by a selection committee and then the winner will announced at a ceremony on April 23rd. The winner will receive an award of \$1000 to be used for a project or program of their choice. We are all very proud of Allison. Please join us in congratulating her on her well deserved nomination!

4th Annual Future Chefs Competition

4J recently held a competition in which students submitted healthy recipes to be judged by our Food Services Department for originality, ease of preparation, kid appeal, healthy attributes, and presentation. Howard is excited to announce that five of our students were selected as finalists and will continue on to the final level of competition to be held at South Eugene High School on April 27th. Our fantastic chefs are Lexi, Nikki, and Jocelyn from Mrs. Groshong's 4th grade class and Colby and Antonio from Mrs. Rock's 5th grade class. Congratulations and good luck!

Title I Parent Survey

During the month of April we will be asking parents to complete our annual Title I parent survey. This is a requirement for Title I buildings. Please be watching for an e-mail or paper copy of the survey and be sure to complete it before the deadline. Questions can be directed to Melissa Locke-Warnicke, our Title I Coordinator.



Wednesday Early Release

It is important to remember that every Wednesday is early release. Students in 1st through 5th 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.



The Carnival is Coming and We Need Your Help!

Howard's carnival is scheduled for June 6th and there is a lot of work that needs to be done to make this fun evening a success. This annual event is always a lot of fun for our students and staff, but it can't happen without you! If you are willing to help with advertising, gathering donations for our auction, booth set up or clean up please contact PTO at 541-933-5336 or howardelementarypto.com.

Teachers will be deciding which booth they will be hosting and contacting parents directly for assistance. If working in a booth is where you feel you can be the most help please contact your child's teacher.

Helping with the carnival is always a good way to meet fellow parents and become involved with your child's school. Please consider where your talents are and volunteer!

PTO Updates

Our book fair this year was the most successful in recent history. The total sales were \$4069 with a net profit of \$2035. Along with that we received \$587 in bonuses! These earnings will be taken out in books through Scholastic to help boost our library's book selection.

Nominations are being taken for the offices of treasurer, volunteer coordinator, and vice president. If you are interested in serving in this capacity please contact Ginger Ries, Terri Brazell, or Beth Counts at 541-933-5336 or howardelementarypto@gmail.com. Elections will be held at the May 21st meeting.

The next meeting will be held April 16th at 6:00 in the library. Childcare is provided.

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 5th 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, or 541-790-4900.