



5th Grade Graduation

5th grade families – Make sure you add Thursday, June 6th to your calendars. It will be on this day that the 5th grade graduation ceremony will take place in Howard's gym at 1:00 pm. At the end of the ceremony, families will be invited back to the classroom to take photos and have a brief visit. Then at 2:00 pm, all families (as well as the entire school) will be asked to line Howard's hallway to give the 5th graders a proper send off ... a school wide clap out. We hope to see you there!

Last Day(s) for Students

Kindergarten and 5th grade students' last day will be Thursday, June 6th with dismissal at normal times. Report cards will be mailed home for these two grade levels. 1st through 4th grade students' last day will be Monday, June 10th with an early release time of 11:10, with lunch being served.

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.

Notes from the Library

It has been an exciting year in the library! We have had many fun things happen since September. We participated in Oregon Battle of the Books, Matthew Wicks (a local author from Junction City) came and read his new book *The Vikings are Back*, and we are also looking forward to storytelling with Paulette. Our students have written some wonderful poems for poetry month that are currently displayed in the library.

We owe a huge "thank you" to our PTO! They were able to bring new books to the library by giving us a fabulous book fair. We also want Grandma Kathy to know how much we appreciate all of her volunteer hours in our library. We could not do it without her! Last but not least, we also would like to wish a warm good bye to Mr. Grush who retired in December. **Keep reading this summer!**

Important Dates:

May 13th: Story Telling by Paulette Ansari. Paulette is a retired librarian and renowned story teller from our local area. We are very excited to have her!

May 23rd: Last check out date

May 30th: Final return date

June 6th: Library closes for the summer

If you have any questions please email Mrs. Hopkins at hopkins.j@4j.lane.edu or call 541-790-4933.

A Message from the Kitchen

As we finish up another school year we would like to remind you that your student's lunch account balance will carry over to the new school year even if they are going on to a middle school. Please call Carolyn in the kitchen at 790-4945 if you have any questions regarding this.



Volunteer Appreciation

We love our volunteers and in order to show our appreciation we are inviting all of our volunteers to a "Volunteer Recognition" on Wednesday, June 5th at 1:15. We hope that you plan on attending so that you take a little break and get to meet other volunteers that help keep our school running!



The Carnival is Coming!

The carnival will be on Thursday, June 6th from 5:30 - 8pm. We are excited to have some new attractions this year, such as a cake walk, bingo and a photo booth. The face painting has been a very popular booth in the past and we are looking for some talented volunteers who could help. We are also in need of volunteers to help setup the carnival, help run different booths and help with cleanup. Even if you only have 30 minutes to volunteer, we would be happy to have you. We rely on our volunteers in order to make this event a success.

If any of our parents are business owners or managers or know of someone who would be willing to donate to the carnival, please contact Julie or Kaylynn (see below). We are also looking for pop-up tents to borrow just for the day of the carnival to setup as separate game or food booths.

For more information please contact:

Julie Whittlesey at [541-321-3525](tel:541-321-3525) or whittlesey.j@4j.lane.edu
Kaylynn Olney at [541-729-9769](tel:541-729-9769) or kolney@4j.lane.edu

Parent Site Council Representative Needed

Howard's Site Council works with staff to develop, implement, and provide oversight of our School Improvement Plan. In addition, input regarding school programming/initiatives, curriculum, and family involvement efforts is often solicited. This governing body meets one Tuesday a month, from 2:30 – 3:30. The Council membership includes two parent representatives with the term lasting two years. We will have one vacancy for the 2013 – 2015 term. If you are interested, please contact Lori in the office for a nomination form by May 17th. If necessary this deadline may be extended into the fall if nominations are limited.

Lost and Found

During the last week of school lost and found items will be displayed in the main hallway for your convenience. Please stop by to claim those lost articles of clothing. Any items not claimed by the time the office closes for the summer will be donated to local charities.

Future Happenings

- 5/21- PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 5/27 – Memorial Day – No School
- 5/28- Site Council, 2:30 p.m.
- 6/6 – Last Day of School for Kindergarten and 5th Grade
- 6/6 – 5th Grade Graduation, 1:00 pm
- 6/6 – School Carnival, 5:30 p.m.
- 6/7 – Grading Day – No School
- 6/10 – Last Day of School, 1st – 4th Grade