



# Howard Happenings

October, 2015

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## REMINDER ABOUT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP TIMES

It is important for students to be at school for the full school day every day, and to arrive and depart during times when school supervision is provided. Dropping children off before school or failing to pick up children in a timely manner after school is not an acceptable option because it leaves them in a situation **where no adult supervision is present.**

Students may be dropped off at school between 7:50 and 7:55 a.m. each day, or between 7:25 and 7:50 a.m. if they eat breakfast at school. Before-school supervision is provided only during these times. Please be sure that your student arrives at school no earlier and no later than these times. Arriving even a few minutes late is disruptive to your student's learning and to the classroom. Students may not come to school earlier than these times because school staff members are not available to supervise them.

**Students must be picked up between 2:05 and 2:15 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and between 1:05 and 1:15 p.m. on Wednesdays. After-school supervision is provided only during these times.** Please make sure that your child is picked up from school by that time each day unless your child rides the bus or goes to an after-school program at Howard. Students still at school after the times listed above will be brought to the office to call home for pick up, and you or another person you have authorized will need to come into the school office to sign them out. **Our secretary IS NOT available to supervise children after 2:15 or 1:15 on Wednesdays.**

Thank you for your attention to this schedule to help ensure your child is safe and supervised at all times. If you have any questions, please contact principal, Allan Chinn at (541) 790-4900. Working together, we can provide your child with a successful and safe school experience.

## STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PARKING LOT REMINDERS

During student drop-off and pick-up, for student safety, we ask that visitors to the school use the parking lots and DO NOT PARK in the bus lanes located in the east lot. These areas are reserved for student loading/unloading by both school buses and families. Similarly, we ask that vehicles are not left unattended unless you are parked in a designated parking space. Please also remember that handicap parking is reserved for vehicles with authorized handicapped permits, only.

Additionally, we'd like to remind families to be good neighbors to the folks living around our school, making sure to not block intersections, use driveways as high speed u-turn lanes, and to also make sure any trash is not left in neighboring yards.

Thank you all for your cooperation making student drop-off and pick-up safe for students and families!

## CURRICULUM NIGHT ~ TONIGHT!

Curriculum night has been scheduled for TONIGHT, October 1st. The format is designed for parents to attend teacher presentations to learn about curriculum, classroom routines and expectations, and become acquainted with staff members. So that your full attention can be focused on the information provided, this evening is for adults only. **Childcare will be provided beginning at 5:45 in the cafeteria.** Session 1 will run 6:00 – 6:30 and Session 2 will run 6:35 – 7:05.

## SCHOOL PICTURES ARE COMING

School pictures will be on October 23rd. – SMILE!

## THANK YOU PTO, FOR LOWERING TECHNOLOGY FEES!

A big thank you goes out to our PTO for putting on last year's Tech Trot and thank you to all the the Howard families who helped fundraise! Proceeds from this fundraiser went towards reducing Howard's Technology Fee by from \$30 all the way down to \$20 per student. Thank you, all, and know that when you support Howard fundraising activities it makes a big difference for everyone!

## FREE LUNCHES

This is a reminder that you need to fill out a new Free Lunch Form for your child/children every school year. **Even if you do not intend to use this service and you qualify, please take the time to fill out a form and turn it in.** As a Title 1 school much of our funding is based on the number of students that qualify for free lunch, so it is very important to have every eligible family in the system. If you have not yet applied for this year's meals, please pick up an application in the reception area at the school or complete one online at [4j.lane.edu](http://4j.lane.edu). The deadline to have these forms turned in is October 13.

## HALLOWEEN PARTIES

Individual teachers will determine if Halloween parties will take place in their classrooms. If teachers permit costumes during this holiday celebration, the following dress code will be enforced, as it pertains to costumes:

- NO weapons
- NO weapon-like props
- NO excessive bareness
- NO masks
- NO especially scary or gory costumes

Our Halloween Parade will take place on October 30 at 1:15. Parents and guardians are invited to enjoy the parade. Guests should gather on the playground at this time in the final leg of our parade route.

## MY SCHOOL'S HEALTH CENTER:

North Eugene Health Center  
North Eugene High School  
200 Silver Lane  
Eugene, OR 97404  
541-790-4445

Open  
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri  
8 AM to 4 PM and Wednesdays 1PM to 4 PM  
Closed Daily 12 - 1 PM

Churchill Health Center  
Churchill High School  
1850 Bailey Hill Road  
Eugene, OR 97405  
541-790-5227

Open Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri  
8 AM to 4 PM  
Closed Wed & Daily 12 - 1 PM

Services include:

- School/Sports/Camp Physicals •Vaccinations
- Sick visits •Mental health assessment and visits
- Follow up for other health care needs

Please call to schedule an appointment.  
Same day appointments may be available! We see children and teens who live in the 4J district (up to age 18 or upon graduation).  
We may bill your health insurance, but no one is turned away for an inability to pay!

## PTO CORNER

Hello from the PTO! We have our biggest fundraiser under way. We are selling cookie dough, bulbs, and popcorn. Credit card (online) orders need to be turned in by October 7<sup>th</sup> and the forms and cash turned in by October 8<sup>th</sup>. Our pick up day is wrong in the instructions. The actual pick up date is Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and possibly Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> if we get enough volunteers. The top seller will get a Twinkie Maker. Happy Selling!

Thanks to our volunteer Pennie Cottrell, we will start popcorn on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The price will remain at 25 cents a bag.

If you are a parent, guardian, or otherwise involved in a Howard student's life you are automatically a member of PTO. It's that easy! Whether you come to one PTO meeting or all of them, help on one fundraiser or many, you are always welcome!

100% of the funds raised benefit Howard Elementary. Each year we give teachers a set amount from the funds raised the previous year. Teachers usually use this money to fund fieldtrips or other activities that would otherwise be unavailable. Over the last two years we've also held dedicated fundraisers that specifically lower the Technology Fee. Last year we raised \$4,000 and lowered the Technology Fee by \$10 per student for the entire school. This year we're giving teachers \$7,000 to spend on their classes.

We're more than just fundraising. Howard PTO is also about creating a community for our families. Towards this end we host events like Family Movie Nights; and are hoping to plan some dedicated Bingo Nights and Tutorial Nights as well. We look forward to seeing you at these events!

## SAFETY WEEK

As we did last year, Howard conducted a Safety Week to practice all of the most common safety drills. This is a good way to bring awareness to staff, students and families about the various safety procedures that are in place to keep students safe if there were ever an emergency. Below are the drills that we practiced. Please take a few minutes and discuss these drills with your child. Your interest will allow them to share with you any of their concerns. Monday, September 28- Directed Evacuation: Directed Evacuation is used to get students and staff out of the building by a route designed to protect their safety. This is the procedure we use for earthquake drills and monthly fire drills. Tuesday, September 29- Room Clear: A Room Clear, issued by the teacher, is used to send students away from a potential threat in the classroom. The teacher directs students to leave the classroom and go immediately to a prearranged area, typically the next classroom over. This procedure would be used if a classroom incident threatened the emotional or physical safety of students, e.g. someone becomes very ill or unconscious; an intruder enters the room; a serious conflict erupts between students. Wednesday, September 30 - Lock Down: Lock Down protects staff and student from a threat inside the building when it may be more dangerous to leave the building than to stay in a secured room. Teachers are notified to lock their classroom doors close window blinds. All students are accounted for and everyone stays secure until notified otherwise. Thursday, October 1- Earthquake/Fire Drill: The Earthquake Drill is designed to keep students safe in the building until the earthquake stops. At that time the alarm will sound and students proceed with a Directed Evacuation. This procedure is used to get students and staff out of the building by a route designed to protect their safety.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Oregon Battle of the Books will be starting in October, look for book talks to start Oct 12<sup>th</sup> during 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade lunch. This is a state wide reading program for upper elementary grades. We read 16 books on this year's list and starting in February 2016 the games will begin to challenge their teams knowledge of the books and their characters. Look for a flyer coming home with your student, soon! A fun program and really gets the kids reading.

The library is looking for volunteers to help shelve and organize books. There are also some projects for the new school library I could use help with, also. If you love books and would like to help in the library please let me know by an email or a phone call would be great!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

10/1 – Curriculum Night  
10/2 – Professional Development, No School  
10/9 – State Inservice – No School  
10/15- Cookie Dough Pick Up  
10/20 – PTO Meeting, 6:00 pm  
10/23- School Pictures  
10/26 –Site Council, 2:30  
10/30 – Halloween Parade, 1:15  
11/01– Daylight Savings Time Starts  
11/11 – Veteran's Day  
11/17 – PTO Meeting, 6:00 pm  
11/23 – Site Council, 2:30 pm  
11/23 – Conferences 4:00 – 8:00  
11/24 – Conferences 8:00 – 8:00  
11/25 – No School, Conference Comp Day  
11/26 -27 Thanksgiving Break