



Howard Happenings

April 2016

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Congratulations!



Kindergarten Orientation – Tell Your Neighbors and Friends

Howard Elementary will be hosting our Kindergarten Orientation for all 2015-16 kindergarten age children on Thursday, April 7 at 10:00 am in the library. If you or someone you know has a kindergarten age child (5 by September 1, 2015) please join us for more information about our kindergarten program. Exciting things are happening at Howard and it all starts in kindergarten.

Registration is also underway, so if your kindergarten age child will be attending Howard please pick up a packet in the office. If you have any questions regarding the enrollment process, please call our secretary, Lori at 541-790-4900.

Young Rembrandts Drawing Lessons in Classes

Thanks to everyone who helped support McTeacher Night last month, the Howard PTO is using a portion of the proceeds to fund an artist from the Young Rembrandts after school art program to lead a drawing lesson to all Howard classrooms! A big thank you goes to the PTO for organizing this event, all of the staff who volunteered to work at McTeacher Night, all of the families who came to the event and also a thank you to Young Rembrandts for giving us a discount on the classes they are providing.



Future Chefs Cooking Competition Finalists

4J Nutrition Services is thrilled to announce that Nathaniel Fitch and Danyel Rodriguez are the finalists from Howard for this year's Future Chefs Competition.

These two young chefs contributed recipes in February and the selection of their contributions was based on originality, kid friendliness, ease of preparation, healthy attributes, plate presentation, and taste.

Nathaniel and Danyel will now move up to the "Cook Off" competition being held on April 16, 2016 at Sheldon High School. All finalists will receive a framed certificate, a recipe book of all of the finalists' recipes, apron, and a chef's hat.

Book Fair!

A big thanks to all the families who supported our Book Fair, we had a great turn out this year. We were able to provide new books to teachers, specialists and the library. And a big "thanks to all the **volunteers**" that made the whole thing possible.



Wednesday Early Release

It is important to remember that every Wednesday is early release. Students are dismissed at **1:05**. 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.

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.

Save Those Box Tops and Campbell's Labels!



This year Howard Elementary has been collecting Box Top coupons and Campbell's Labels for Education to raise money for our school. Did you know that some local schools raise thousands of dollars for their schools each year, just from clipping and submitting Box Tops and Labels for Education?

Box Top coupons and Labels for Education are on the packaging of hundreds of participating products that you probably use every day. All you need to do is cut them off of the box they are on, stick them in a baggie or envelope and send them to school with your child. (It is very helpful if you can cut them along the lines and not tear them out since we need to send them in clean and organized.)

We will continue to collect Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels through the end of this school year, so start saving and sending them in today!

You can always track our progress at www.boxtops4education.com and www.labelsforeducation.com. Thanks for choosing to support our school by collecting Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels.

Oregon Battle of the Books

Howard's Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) team "The Human Bookworms" Nathan Cox, Melia Yoshioka-Niau, Gabe Gardner, Ryan Wright, Angel Contreas attended the regional OBOB competition Saturday March 12th. They did an amazing job representing Howard Elementary and won both of their preliminary rounds, but sadly were not able to move into the top sweet sixteen teams. There were 58 teams at our competition. I am extremely proud of them and all of their hard work.

A partial list of OBOB books for 2017, if you would like a head start!

3-5 Division

Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea
Escaping the Giant Wave by Peg Kehret
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling
Hook's Revenge by Heidi Schulz
Knucklehead by Jon Scieszka
Joshua Dread by Lee Bacon
Rescue on the Oregon Trail by Kate Messner
A Snicker of Magic by Natalie Lloyd
Miss Spiffire by Sarah Miller
Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio by Peg Kehret
Upside Down Magic by Sarah Mlynowski (inexpensive hardcover)
Woof by Spencer Quinn (paperback available 4/2016)

6-8 Division

Dark Life by Kat Falls
Death by Toilet Paper by Donna Gephart
Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick
The Honest Truth by Dan Gemeinhart
The Menagerie by Tui T. and Kari Sutherland
A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen (available in paperback from Scholastic)
The Unwanteds by Lisa McMann
Zombie Baseball Beatdown by Paolo Bacigalupi
Courage for Beginners by Karen Harrington
The Journal of Curious Letters by James Dashner
Masterminds by Gordon Korman
Unfriended by Rachel Vail

Julie Hopkins
Library Assistant



Asthma Medicine at School

The office staff is available to assist children with rescue asthma medicine. We will need a pharmacy labeled inhaler and parent permission form (available in the office) to do so. Some doctors also prescribe an aero chamber. Older students that are independent and reliable may carry a rescue inhaler in their backpacks, but we need you to sign a permission form, this helps us be aware of who might possibly need assistance from staff.

With pollen season here, it's a good time to consider if your child with asthma should have an inhaler available at school. Robin, our school nurse, is available for consultation, call her at 541-221-9850 if she can be of help.

PTO News

Family Movie Night – 4/8/16

The Peanuts Movie won the Facebook voting poll! Thank you for voting! We will be starting the movie at 6 pm and selling pizza, drinks, and snacks again. Each child gets a FREE bag of popcorn to enjoy during the movie.

Tech Trot - 4/20/16

The Annual Tech Trot is April 20th. We are offering some VERY COOL incentives this year. If a student brings in \$150 in donations they will get to go on a limo ride and go to an ice cream party. If families have multiple children the siblings can qualify by reaching \$100. In addition, each classroom will draw a participation winner. Anyone that brings in \$10 in donations or more, but is not able to qualify for the limo ride, will be entered in chance to win a limo ride and ice cream party. We can always use parents help the day of the Tech Trot, please contact us if you are able to volunteer!

Penny War – 4/18-22/16

The Penny War starts April 18 and goes all week. Each classroom has their own container for kids to put funds into. Pennies count as positive points, everything else (nickels, dimes, quarters, dollars) are negative points. Students will put their pennies in their containers to get positive points and all other change in other classroom buckets to lower their points. This can be pretty intense. NEW this year, students that participate every day (even a penny) will receive a punch card to get a free bag of popcorn! Two prizes will be awarded, one for the most points and one for the most pennies. Last year Mrs. Kreider's class won both prizes. Rumor has it her class has already started collecting for this year.

April PTO meeting is 4/19 in the Library – Free childcare is available in the gym.

Future Happenings

- 4/6 – Wacky Wednesday - Crazy Hair or Hat Day
- 4/7 – Kindergarten Orientation, 10:00 a.m.
- 4/8 – Family Movie Night
- 4/16 – North Region Kindergarten Kick Off
- 4/18 – 4/22 – Penny War Fundraiser
- 4/19 – PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 4/20 – Tech Trot
- 4/27 – Site Council, 2:30 p.m.
- 5/2 – 5/6 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/6 – Professional Development Day, No School
- 5/4 – Wacky Wednesday – Mixed Up Clothes Day
- 5/12 – 5/16 BOGO Book Fair
- 5/17- PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 5/27 – Howard Planning Day, No School
- 5/30 – Memorial Day – No School
- 6/6 - Site Council, 2:30 p.m.
- 6/10 – Grading Day – No School
- 6/10 – School Carnival, 5:30 p.m.
- 6/16 – Last Day of School