



# Howard Happenings

March 2017

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## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Literacy Night

Thursday, March 2, 2017 from 5:30 – 8:00  
Dinner will be provided!

Join us (in your PJs) for a night focused around literacy to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and our recent schoolwide reading of the book Ranger in Time: Rescue on the Oregon Trail! There will be literacy activities and projects students have been working on. Each Howard student that attends and visits the classroom will receive a FREE book!

## OBOB News!

Our final battle was one to remember. Our top two teams "**Cash and the Bees**" and "**The Bookworms**" battled and moved into tie breaker rounds. It was exciting to watch. "**Cash and the Bees**" will be representing Howard at the regional games March 18th at North Eugene. All of our teams did very well this year. They were prepared for their games and received many complements from our volunteers for behavior, knowledge of the books and rules of the game. We want to say thank you to all of our teams who worked so hard and read so many books! You are amazing! Thank you to all the parents who supported and continue to support their children in this reading program.

## Kindergarten Orientation – Tell Your Neighbors and Friends

Howard Elementary will be hosting our Kindergarten Orientation for all 2017-18 kindergarten age children on Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00 pm in the library. If you or someone you know has a kindergarten age child (5 by September 1, 2017) please join us for more information about our kindergarten program. Exciting things are happening at Howard and it all starts in kindergarten!

## Preschool Promise 2017-18

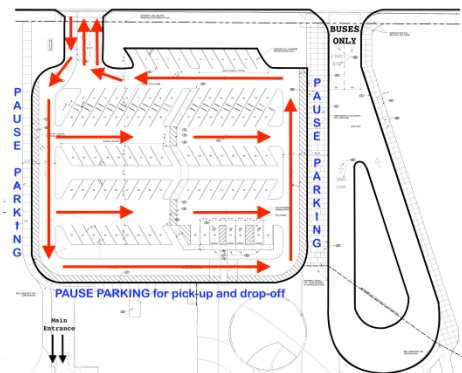
Howard's Preschool Promise is gathering information from anyone interested in a placement for the 2017-2018 school year. We expect to begin mailing out enrollment forms sometime near the end of April. You may drop off the bottom portion of the form (attached to this email) to Howard's front office and we will submit them to the United Way.

## Parking Lot Reminders

Thank you to families who are helping keep our busy end-of day dismissal safe for students. In the mornings, students may be dropped off along the sidewalk that encircles our parking lot. At the end of the day, drivers can pause-park along the curb to pick up their student(s) when they come out at dismissal. Please note the following rules for pause parking:

- Drivers must remain in their cars at all times.
- Drivers should pull forward as space becomes available.
- Drivers should **NOT** stop in marked crosswalk areas.
- When getting in or out of a car, students must use the door on the sidewalk side. Students should never get in or out of a car on the driver's side. It's unsafe for the student and it slows traffic.

Drivers must remember to **ALWAYS** yield at the painted crosswalks and sidewalks.



The parking lot is for families who want to walk their students into the building during arrival or who wish to meet their students at the main entrance at the end of the day at dismissal. Please note the following rules for the parking lot are:

- **ONLY** cross the driveway area using the crosswalk. Students and families should never cut across the driveway.
- Before using the crosswalk, students must stop and look for cars.

The bus turnaround is for buses only. Drivers should at no time enter the bus turnaround area.

## PTO News

### Upcoming PTO Dates

- \*Every Wednesday is Popcorn Wednesday – 25 cents per bag
- \*March 13 – 17 Penny War
- \*March 21 – PTO Meeting
- \*April 8 – LuLaRoe Event

The Family Movie Night in January was a blast! We would like to give a BIG shout out to the North Eugene Key Club for volunteering and helping to make this event so successful. February's McTeacher Night was another huge success. Thank you for all of you that participated. We can't wait to buy books for the library with the money that we raised.

Please start saving your pennies! The annual Penny War is just around the corner and is always a fun week for the students. We will be helping to support an artist in residence program for the entire school with these proceeds.

We are starting to plan our end of the year carnival and everyone's participation and ideas is encouraged. Please plan on attending our upcoming meetings.

We are looking for businesses and individuals willing to sponsor our Tech Trot. We are hoping to provide Howard T-Shirts for the students again this year. If you know a business who may be interested please have them contact the PTO by email (howardelementarypto@gmail.com) or phone (541-933-5336) for details.

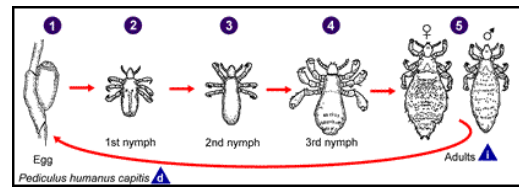
The PTO will also be hosting a LuLaRoe Pop Up Event on Saturday, April 8 in the gym. LuLaRoe is a women's and girls' clothing line that sells leggings, shirts, dresses, and wide variety of fun, comfortable clothing.

The PTO would like to ask all families to contact the PTO through email, phone, or Facebook messenger with any questions that are PTO related. The office staff at Howard will usually not have complete information and it will be much more efficient to deal with PTO directly. Thank you!

## Lice Information

You may wish to monitor your child for head lice a little more frequently in the coming weeks, as there have been some recent cases among children at school.

Screen all household members close to scalp line for nits (lice eggs) and for live lice. Use really good lighting and pay close attention to area behind ears and at nape of neck. Pictures are available at the web site <http://identify.us.com>. If in doubt, or you see nits, please consult with your health care provider, school health clinic, or school nurse. Look for tear shaped, yellowish eggs firmly glued to the hair shaft. See diagram below from the CDC website [www.dpd.cdc.gov](http://www.dpd.cdc.gov). Nits are tiny, smaller than the head of a straight pin.



## Future Happenings

- 3/1 – Open Enrollment Begins
- 3/1 – 3/2 - Book Fair Continues
- 3-2 Literacy Night 5:30 pm
- 3/3 – No School, Howard Professional Development
- 3/8 – Wacky Wednesday – Crazy Hair or Hat Day
- 3/13 – 3/17 – Penny War
- 3/21 – PTO Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 3/22 – Howard Kindergarten Round Up
- 3/27 – 3/31 - Spring Break
- 4/3 – No School, Professional Development Day
- 4/4 – Classes Resume
- 4/8 – PTO LuLa Roe Vendor Fair
- 4/12 – Wacky Wednesday – Mismatch Day
- 4/18 – PTO Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 4/26 – PTO Tech Trot
- 4/24 – Site Council, 2:30 pm