



Howard Happenings

May 2018

www.howardelementary.org

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.

School Schedules to Change Next Year: Share Your Views *District seeking feedback on second draft schedule*

To provide enough instruction time for students, fair and equal learning time at all schools, and consistent schedules for families, Eugene School District 4J is changing to a consistent calendar and standard schedules for all schools in 2018–19. The schedule details will be decided this spring.

A first draft schedule was published in March for staff, parent, student and community input. The district has now taken the input received and developed a second draft schedule for further review and feedback.

The second schedule draft responds to staff and families' input with a shorter early release on Wednesdays, earlier start and end times for high school, slightly earlier times for middle school, and as many elementary school start times as possible closer to their current times.

The draft schedules provide for elementary schools to schedule 60 minutes of recess and lunch within the regular school day—a little more time than currently provided at most schools and grades. Middle and high schools also would schedule about 60 minutes of lunch, breaks and passing periods during the school day.

Parents and students are invited to take a few minutes to review the second schedule draft and share your feedback in an online input form. Your input is important.

To learn more, review the draft schedule, and provide feedback, see www.4j.lane.edu/2018/04/standard-school-schedule-second-draft

PTO Corner

- Upcoming PTO Dates
 - Popcorn Friday 25 cents a bag Friday
 - May 7th - 11th Staff Appreciation Week
 - May 16th Tech Trot 8am - 12pm
 - June 8th - Carnival/Raffle

May 7th - 11th is Staff Appreciation Week! **MONDAY-** Bring a staff member a flower! It can be picked, bought, made, drawn, or colored. **TUESDAY-** Wear your staff member's favorite color! **WEDNESDAY-** Bring a special gift for our staff, it can be bought or made! **THURSDAY-** Bring staff members their favorite snack!(PTO will greet you in the morning before school to take your treat into the break room for the staff to share and enjoy.) **FRIDAY-** Make or buy a staff member a thank you card! PTO Also has daily treats planned for the week!

The current PTO board will be stepping down at the end of this school year. We are accepting nominations until May 10th and will vote at our meeting on May 17th. Please help save the PTO!

What happens if no one runs for PTO president, vice president, secretary, and the treasurer positions? The PTO will disband and will no longer be a nonprofit. Any money raised will go to the school's general fund and the PTO won't have a say over how the funds are spent. Without the PTO board, all the fun extracurricular events such as the spring carnival, craft bazaars, family nights, McTeacher nights, and the Tech Trot won't be guaranteed to happen, and our school will not be enhanced by the money these events raise.

Officers needed for PTO:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Parliamentarian
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Staff/PTO Liaison
- Communications Manager

The PTO would like to ask all families to try and contact the PTO through email, phone, or Facebook messenger with any questions about anything PTO related. The office staff at Howard will not usually have an answer to those questions and it's much easier and faster for us if you we know directly. Thank You!

Walk, Bike & Roll to School!

Our Walk, Bike & Roll Challenge starts on Monday, May 7th through Friday, May 18th. Keep track of each school day on the scorecard which is coming home soon! Complete your scorecard by writing in your transportation (walk, bike/scooter, carpool or bus) for each day for two weeks. Turn that completed scorecard in on Monday May 21st. Scorecards will not be accepted before that date! Each student who turns in a COMPLETED scorecard will get a prize! That student will also be entered in the drawing for a RAZOR scooter (I have two), and some other nice prizes. Please let me know if you have any questions by emailing me at Lampe_m@4j.lane.edu. Thank you for your support & participation!

Walking School Buses for Walk & Roll to School Day!

In order to better include our bus-riding students on Walk & Roll to School Day, 4J's Safe Routes to School and Transportation Department, in partnership with our school, are planning a "walking school bus!" We invite all students to participate and are looking for volunteers! Please [sign up here](#) if you can volunteer to be a chaperone for the walk or stationed along the route. <http://signup.com/go/wivCCUS>

What*: Buses will stop at **Trinity United Methodist Church** (in the parking lot on Dalton Drive) where students who choose to participate will be met by volunteers and school staff to walk on the sidewalk on Maxwell to Grove to Howard. *Any other students and families that would like to can join the walking group at that point as well.* From the drop-off spot, the group will have a blast walking safely in a huge, chaperoned "walking school bus" to school. At school, the walkers should arrive before breakfast and bell time, but some may need to eat in the classroom if there are delays. *Bused students who are not participating will be driven the rest of the way to school on the bus.*

When & Where: Wednesday morning (time coming soon), May 9th, Trinity United Methodist Church parking lot on Dalton to walk to school.

Why: Walking is great for your child's health and the environment, and riding the bus is the best carpool ever! We would like to encourage more students to ride the bus and to walk and bike to school, and hope this event will let more of our students experience how fun it is, while showing the community that our children deserve a safe place to walk!

Please [sign up here](#) if you can volunteer to be a chaperone for the walk or stationed along the route! <http://signup.com/go/wivCCUS>

***If your child rides the bus and you do not want them to participate, they can remain on the bus to be transported to school.**

Join your Student(s) at the Howard BBQ Lunch

Friday, May 18th

Adult Lunch \$4.00

Lunch Times

Kindergarten	11:00 am.
3 rd Grade	11:15 am.
1 st Grade	11:40 am.
4 th Grade	11:55 am.
2 nd Grade	12:20 pm.
5 th Grade	12:35 pm.

U of O Summer Volleyball Camps Available

University of Oregon Volleyball is pleased to offer a variety of volleyball camp options this summer. This includes our Youth Camp which is designed for elementary and junior high students (beginning and intermediate level). All Youth Camp participants receive a volleyball and a Duck t-shirt. Youth Camp will be held on three nights in July (7/9-7/11) from 6:30-8:30pm at Matt Knight Arena.

Registration is available at duckvolleyballcamps.com.

Fee reductions are available for students on free/reduced lunch. Questions – email: rbeck@uoregon.edu

Oregon Volleyball Camps are open to any and all entrants (limited only by number, age, grade level, and/or gender).

OCC Summer Camps

Are you interested music?

Register for camps at www.oregonchildrenschoir.com

MS & HS Vocal Technique Camp with Brittany Rudoi & Amanda Smith - July 16-19, 4-7pm @ 1376 Olive St

MS & HS Studio Recording Camp, Level 1 with Chris Dobson - July 30-Aug 3 8am-3:30pm @ SEHS Choir Room

K-5th Gr OCC/RCT Collaboration Camp with Wayne Strong - Aug 13-17 9am-1pm @ 1376 Olive St

BOGO Book Fair is coming!

BOGO Book Fair is on it's way! This is a great opportunity to put books into your kids' hands for the summer! Buy one book and get another book for less or equal value for free. What a deal. I will also have a raffle basket to give away and a few other fun things for the kids.



May 30th – June 1st
Howard Library
W 1pm – 6:00 pm
Th & F 2:00 pm -6:00pm

See you there – Mrs. Hopkins

Library News!

This has sure been a wonderful and busy year in our school library. Thank you kids for making my job so much fun. We are winding down and I have a few dates to share.

May 14-18: Last week of check out

May 21-24: Book return week. Books are due back to the library and any lost/damaged books fees are due. (There will be no checkout this week)

BOGO book fair flyers will be sent home.

May 29: Student preview BOGO book fair

May 30—June 1: BOGO book fair (buy one book, get another book of equal or greater value for free!)

June 4th: All remaining library books are due.

Future Happenings

5/4 – No School – Staff Professional Development

5/9 – Wacky Wednesday – Extreme Hair Day

5/9 – Walk and Roll to School Day

5/15 – PTO Meeting – Library – 6:00 pm

5/16 – Tech Trot

5/25 – No School – Howard Professional Development

5/28 – No School – Memorial Day

5/29 – Site Council – 2:30 pm

5/30 – 6/1 – BOGO Book Fair

6/7 – Last Day of BEST

6/8 – Grading Day – No School

6/8 – School Carnival – 5:00 pm

6/13 – Field Day

6/14 – 5th Grade Graduation – 1:00 pm

6/15 – Last Day of School

9/5 – First Day of School for 2018-19