Howard Happenings
June 2018
www.howarddelementary.org

2018-2019 Staffing Updates
www.surveymonkey.com/r/4Jbondsurvey2

Howard is continuing to grow and we’ve hired some excellent new staff for next school year! We also have a few current Howard teachers changing positions. Becky Robinson (currently 3rd grade) will be moving to 4th grade, taking the place of Erin Gaston, who is moving into a fourth 2nd grade classroom we are adding to help reduce class sizes at that grade level. Filling Becky’s 3rd grade position will be a job-share by Stephanie Peterson (currently part-time 3rd grade) and Rhonda Lawson (currently part-time 1st grade). At 5th grade, Jill Torres is taking a leave to get her counseling degree and we have hired Imelda Cortez to fill the position. Imelda has taught the past thirteen years at Adams and River Road, and before that taught at Howard for one year. Imelda is also a former Howard student! One more exciting announcement is that school district administration has approved adding a fourth 5th grade classroom for next school year to help reduce class size at that grade level. We’re currently in the hiring process for this position and hope to make an announcement soon.

For your reference, here is a list of classroom teachers for 2018-2019:

1st: Justine Chunn, Jussy Corliss, Nicole Kerins
2nd: Erin Gaston, Angela Larsen, Ashley Pond, Melissa Swift
3rd: Allison Kreider, Rhonda Lawson/Stephanie Peterson, Natalie Niccum
4th: Jenny Groshong, Becky Robinson, Carla Zimmerman
5th: Imelda Cortez, Lupe callihan, Suzy Rock, TO-BE-HIRED

2018/2019 Class Lists

Class lists for 1st through 5th grade students for the 2018-19 school year will be posted in the fall on Friday, August 31st at 12:00 pm. New kindergarten students will attend through Friday, September 7 and then families will be notified of classroom placements. The office will close at 12:00 on August 31st. Students that are not enrolled by 12:00 on the 31st will not start on the first day of school.

Building 4J’s Future: Share your input on potential school bond measure

The Eugene School District 4J school board is considering a potential bond measure in November 2018 to improve school buildings and learning materials.

The bond measure would build new school buildings and make other improvements in security, equity, technology, curriculum and more. Most of 4J’s school buildings were constructed in the 1940s to 1960s, and some are even older. Other capital improvements are needed due to changing enrollment, educational program needs and aging buildings and materials.

The school board wants to hear from community members about their views before making decisions in June. Please take a few minutes between now and May 30 to share your feedback in a community input form at www.surveymonkey.com/r/4Jbondsurvey2. Your input is important.

Memos from Mr. Matt

It was December 31st, 2017 at 11:59pm. Balloons, music, dancing, confetti, hats, and excitement as the final 10 seconds of the year came to a close. It’s amazing how in those 10 seconds I was able to reflect on an entire year and still have time to think about how perfect 2018 could be! Life is funny that way, but it’s that hope that keeps us going. Now that half of 2018 is over, I can say without a doubt that 2018 was not how I envisioned it going as the ball was dropping in Times Square. My lack of a six-pack set of abs is proof of that! But that’s okay! I teach our kids that our lives have peaks and valleys, ups and downs, and it’s our grit, courage, and perseverance that get us through. Often times it takes a valley or two to truly appreciate a peak. Some of us have more of one over the other but it’s important to remember that if you find yourself in a valley, no matter how rough of a road it is, a peak is on the horizon. Hang in there. Sometimes we have to make our own peaks and one of those ways is to help build a peak in someone else’s life. If you see someone fall on hard times too, be a builder. You would be surprised at how effective building someone else up can get you out of your own rut! Try it! Recently, my father passed away and I found myself in not only the biggest valley of 2018, but of my life. He was my best friend and my hero. It was in that valley, that I had the most amazing support of family, friends, and coworkers, some of who are in there own valleys. It took being in a tough place to truly see the mountain of love right in front of me. So if you find yourself in an unexpected place, or life turns south, you will pull through it and find yourself on a peak again. Just when you do find yourself standing on a peak, open your eyes and take it all in while you can. Life is beautiful.

Field Day Help Needed!

Howard will hold our annual Field Day on Wednesday, June 13th. In order to make this fun day a success we need parent volunteers and two small plastic kiddie pools! If you are able to help in either of these areas please contact Ms. Lampe at lampe_m@4j.lane.edu.

Also, if you are able to donate gently used kids tennis shoes for PE next year it would be greatly appreciated. Students often forget to wear appropriate shoes on PE days and having loaner shoes would be a tremendous asset in making sure that all kids can participate fully in class. If you can help with this please send the shoes to school to the attention of Ms. Lampe.

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Field Day Help Needed!
PTO Corner

- Upcoming PTO Dates
  June 8th - Carnival/Raffle

Please join us on June 8th from 5pm to 8pm for our annual carnival!
Beep Beep! Best Day Ever! We will have live shows, food, games, Artie the Art Bus, inflatables, photo booth, and over 30 raffle Baskets!
If you wish to volunteer please go to https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C45A9AB22A2FE3-beep.
If you want to buy tickets at a discount price please pre-purchase at https://www.mkt.com/howard-elementary-pto.
Follow our Facebook event at https://www.facebook.com/events/2012270138989124/ for all the latest information!

Congratulations to the new PTO Board Members for 2018 – 2020!

President - Bethany Freimuth
Vice President - Amelia Starr
Secretary - Paige Walker
Treasurer - Tichelle Carlson
Julea McKinney – Communications Mgr Manager
Beth Moir / Holli Breshears - Volunteer Coordinator
Brandi Trumbull/ Abbie Stillie - Fundraiser Coordinator
Christy Garland - Parliamentarian
Christina Wagner - Staff Liaison

We were able to raise $5,200 during our Tech Trot which makes us $4,800 short of our goal of $10,000. If you would still like to donate please send your donation in by June 1st or you can donate online at https://www.mkt.com/howard-elementary-pto!

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 be able to answer those questions and it’s much more efficient PTO knows directly. Thank You!

Lost and Found

Please be sure to check our Lost and Found in the cafeteria before the end of the school year. Any items not claimed will be donated to charity on June 18th.

Safe Routes to School Bike Rodeo

Safe Routes to School will be hosting a BIKE RODEO on Monday, June 11 from 3:00 – 6:00 pm. If you would like to join in the fun you can bring your own bike or borrow one at the rodeo to:

- Build riding skills in the “traffic garden”
- Get a free bike safety check
- Register your bike with the Eugene Police Department
- Try a smoothie made with the human powered bike blender!

If you would like to volunteer to help please sign up at http://signup.com/go/atzecQp

Library News

June 1st - Last day of BOGO fair 8am - 6pm
June 4th - All remaining library books due
Thanks for a great year in the library! See you in September!
Summer reading for OBOBer’s

Oregon Battle of the Books 2019

3rd to 5th Grade Division

- Book Scavenger by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman
- George by Alex Gino
- Hana’s Suitcase by Karen Levine
- The Hero’s Guide to Saving Your Kingdom by Christopher Healy
- In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse by Joseph Marshall III
- The Infinity Year of Avalon James by Dana Middleton
- Nightbird by Alice Hoffman
- Pip Bartlett’s Guide to Magical Creatures by Jackson Pearce & Maggie Stiefvate
- Real Friends by Shannon Hale
- Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson
- Ugly by Robert Hoge
- Waylon! One Awesome Thing by Sara Pennypacker
- When the Sea Turned to Silver by Grace Lin
- A Whole New Ballgame by Phil Bildner
- The Wild Robot by Peter Brown
- Wish by Barbara O’Conner

Free Lunches for Kids Ages 2-18

Food for Lane County operates one of the largest summer food programs in the state. They provide free meals to youth ages 2 to 18. Most sites open June 26. To see a list of lunch sites, please visit the FOOD For Lane County website, at http://www.foodforlanecounty.org or call (541) 343-2822. The closest location is right next-door to us at River Road Park (AKA Emerald Park), which will serve lunch 12:00-1:00 pm June 25th-August 24th.

Future Happenings

6/7 – Last Day of BEST
6/8 – Grading Day – No School
6/8 – School Carnival – 5:00 pm
6/11- Bike Rodeo – 3:00 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
Artie has been made possible through community partnerships and support.

**Artie’s 2018 SUMMER SCHEDULE**

Meet Artie
The Imagination Bus, brought to you by River Road Park and Recreation District and Imagination International, Inc. Artie is a mobile art classroom, created in the summer of 2015 to bring art into the community.

Free 1 hour organized art class at each site!

Vengan para conocer a Artie
El autobús de la imaginación, traído a ustedes por River Road Park and Recreation District y Imagination International, Inc. Artie es una sala móvil en que se ofrecen clases del arte. Fue creado en el verano de 2015 para proporcionar más acceso al arte en nuestra comunidad.

Free lunch program sites sponsored by FOOD for Lane County from June 25 to August 24 12:00 to 1:00pm. We will be closed July 4th.

*Los sitios del programa del almuerzo gratis son patrocinados por FOOD for Lane County durante Junio 25 hasta Agosto 24 De 12:00pm hasta la 1:00pm. Estaremos cerrado el 4 de Julio.*

Artie the Art Bus Summer Schedule June 18th - August 24th

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1400 Lake Drive • Eugene, OR 97404
541-688-4052 • cathyc@rrpark.org

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Summer Camps

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Summer Daze Day Camp

Ages 4 & 5. (no age exceptions). Your little ones will have fun in a safe and nurturing environment at River Road Park. We will play games, make crafts, sing songs and make friends all summer long. Please dress your child appropriately for the weather and bring a sack lunch, drink, swim suit and towel every day. We will play in the wading pool if weather permits (70 & sunny). Fill out a permission slip at the time of registration. Instructors: Sally Pravel / Charlotte Goshie. Full week only, no daily fee offered.

M-F 9a-1p By the week $80 ID/$100 OD

Week 1 6/18-6/22 | Fairies and Wizards
Week 2 6/25-6/29 | Pirates & Princesses
Week 3 7/9-7/13 | Going Green
Week 4 7/16-7/20 | Construction Chaos
Week 5 7/23-7/27 | Creepy Crawly Bugs
Week 6 7/30-8/3 | Mad Scientists
Week 7 8/6-8/10 | Fun Food & Fitness
Week 8 8/13-8/17 | Kings, Queens & Castles
Week 9 8/20-8/24 | Tell me a Story

LEGO Camps

Explore the endless creative possibilities of the LEGO® building system with the guidance of an experienced Play-Well instructor.

Intro to STEM with LEGO® Materials

Ages 5-7. Summer Give your imagination a boost with tens of thousands of LEGO® parts! Build engineer-designed projects such as: Cities, Garbage Trucks, Catamarans, and Dinosaurs. Design and build as never before, and explore your craziest ideas in a supportive environment. There are no prerequisites for this course.

7/9-7/13 M-F 2-5p $90 ID/$110 OD

Ninjaneering with LEGO® Materials

Ages 7-11. Enter the world of Ninjago and become an apprentice Ninjaneer! Learn the way of Spinjitzu, build the Fire Temple, race Skull Trucks, and encounter the mighty Dragon! Imagine and build unique and fun LEGO projects with the guidance of an experienced Play-Well instructor while exploring the fantasy world of Ninjago. This is an ideal way to prepare young Ninjaneers for the challenge of Ninjaneering Masters with LEGO camp.

7/23-7/27 M-F 2-5p $90 ID/$110 OD

Ninjaneering Masters with LEGO® Materials

Ages 7-11. Master the world of Ninjago by becoming a Ninjaneer! Tame the Ice Dragon, motorize your Blade Cycle, design the Dark Fortress, and hone your Spinjitzu battle skills! In this advanced LEGO camp, Ninjaneering masters will learn real world concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture while exploring the fantasy world of Ninjago.

8/6-8/10 M-F 2-5p $90 ID/$110 OD

Summer Adventure Camp

Entering grades 1-5 (fall 2018) Adventure camps promise you a summer of fun to remember. Each camper will receive a camp T-shirt during their first session of summer. All camps held at River Road Park. Permission slip and medical release are required at time of registration. Bring a swim suit and towel each day. Dress appropriately for the weather and activities. Camp groups will be formed by grade levels. Full week only, no daily fee offered. Field trips are on Thursdays. Drop off for camp begins at 7:30a in the modular building. Camp begins at 9a Please be on time for camp, strict time lines are set for field trip days.

M-F 9a-4p Weekly: $120 ID $140 OD
FIELD TRIP WEEKS: Weekly: $130 ID $150 OD

Week 1 6/18-6/22 | Sports & More
Week 2 6/25-6/29 | Fab Lab
Week 3 7/2-7/6 | Stars & Stripes
Week 4 7/9-7/13 | Animal Planet
Week 5 7/16-7/20 | Master Chef Junior
Week 6 7/23-7/27 | Myths & Legends
Week 7 7/30-8/3 | Twist and Shout
Week 8 8/6-8/10 | Just Keep Swimming
Week 9 8/13-8/17 | In a Galaxy Far Far Away
Week 10 8/20-8/24 | It’s the Final Countdown...

Extended Care

Children signed up for Adventure Camps are eligible for extended day care. Children may stay as late as 6p. Fee must be paid in advance.

M-F 4-6p Daily $12 ID/OD Weekly $45 ID/OD

Teens in Action

Entering grades 6 through age 15. Group size limited to 18. Fill out permission slips at the time of registration. Instructors: Ginger Thrramer & David Carrasco. Drop off for camp begins at 8:30a. Camp begins at 9a. Please be on time for drop off and pick up for Teen Camp. Strict time lines are set for Field trip days.

M-Th 9a-4p Weekly $140 ID $160 OD

Week 1 6/25-6/28 | Sports of All Sorts
Week 2 7/9-7/12 | Cool in the Pool
Week 3 7/23-7/26 | Take a Hike
Week 4 8/6-8/9 | H2O
Week 5 8/20-8/23 | The Grand Finale

Sign up now! Space is limited.
For specific camp information, look in the summer program guide or call us at 541-688-4052.
SCHOOL’S OUT FOR SUMMER
CHILDREN’S CARNIVAL

Held at Emerald Park: 1400 Lake Drive
Friday, June 15
2 - 5 pm
For ages 2 to 11 years
Games are .25 cents

Free hotdogs, chips & lemonade sponsored by
Pacific Cascade Federal Credit Union & Oroweat.

Free field day activities by Healthy Moves!
www hm4kids org

Music by DJ Lazer Dave

MORE INFO? CALL 541-688-4052