Howard Happenings
June 2019
www.howarddelementary.org

2019/20 Class Lists
Class lists for 1st through 5th grade students for the 2019-20 school year will be posted in the fall on Friday, August 30th at 12:00 pm. New kindergarten students will attend through Friday, September 6 and then families will be notified of classroom placements. The office will close at 12:00 on August 30th. **Students that are not enrolled by 12:00 on the 30th will not start on the first day of school.**

Thank you for taking a few minutes to complete this survey. Your feedback will be used to inform our efforts to continually improve our district, our schools, and our partnership with parents to help students succeed.

If you have more than one student attending school in Eugene School District 4J and have had a different experience for different students, please fill out a separate survey for each student. That provides the schools with information specific to each student’s individual educational experience.

If you have questions or input regarding this survey, please call the Instruction Department at 541-790-7550. Once again, thank you for your time and input.

English Link https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PZN2Y27
Spanish Link https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H56SWJP

Field Day Help Needed!
Howard will hold our annual Field Day on Monday, June 17th. 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.

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 20th.

Preschool News!
Hello Howard Families! Enrollment for preschool at Howard Elementary is now open for the 2019-2020 school year. Our classroom currently has 15 spaces available for children 3-5 years old (children must be 3 by September 1, 2019 and not eligible for Kindergarten this year). We follow Howard’s calendar year with program hours M-TH from 9am to 2:25pm, and F from 9am to 1:10 pm.

Applications are in the front office. Please write both on the first page of the application, and on the last page (in the blank area next to question #3) that Howard is your requested school setting if you are interested in enrolling your child here.

Feel free to email Gretchen Baxter with any questions you may have at baxter_g@4j.lane.edu.

Memos from Mr. Matt
I have always been drawn to watching videos or news stories of the runner who was in first place the whole time, only to trip right before the finish line. Or the horse or car that blew it at the very end. We have all seen it some time or another. People working so hard only to tire at the end and fumble the victory. The amount of disappointment the driver, runner, or jockey has when they realize all their hard work fell apart in the end. It is exhausting running long distances or racing dozens and dozens of laps. Many of these failures happen because the exhaustion is just so great and mistakes are made. I think about how we are at the end of the school year. It’s like running a 10-month race and sometimes without stopping at all. Teachers, students, counselors, parents, and our bosses are nearing the end of another school year race. It’s exhausting and where there’s exhaustion, mistakes are made. Yes, we make mistakes, probably a bit more towards the end of a long year. I wanted to end my year talking about grace. Grace is something that is not earned. It’s freely given. It’s the recognition that we all make mistakes. I wanted to thank all those staff members, parents, and students that have given me grace for the days and moments that I made my mistakes. Maybe it’s missing a scheduled class lesson. Maybe it’s forgetting to write my newsletter article on time. Maybe it’s telling a student everything is going to be okay, and then it isn’t. Regardless, I am thankful for the grace you have given me. It’s been a long year and when I find myself stumbling to the finish line, I know I have an amazing school community who is cheering me on no matter what. Have a great, happy, and healthy summer and I will see you in the fall.
Library News!

Top books circulated were The Wild Robot by Peter Brown (OBOB) and Sisters and Smile Graphic Novels by Raina Telgemeier (non-OBOB).

Top patrons for check out were Lyra Snyder from Mrs. Chunn’s class. Runner ups were Raechel Calvin and Riley Whitwood from Mr. Stone’s class.

Top class with most circulations for the year was Mrs. Grashong’s class with 1,070 copies. WOW!!

Our school ranked 4th in the elementary school division for student check outs. We are striving to increase our book selection to provide a wide range of books for our students to select from to make an exciting place to come every week. Thank you so much for supporting our school library!

Just a quick note please encourage you children to read during their quiet times, 20 minutes in the morning when they wake up or 20 minutes before they go to sleep. Remember kids are never too old to be read to. For many years I would do a summer read aloud at night with my family. We read all the Harry Potter Books, Charlotte’s Web, The Trumpeter Swan, several Magic Tree House. Listening to audio book on long drives is also fun, and breaks up the drive and screen time.

Barnes & Noble, River Road Library, our public library provide story time for the younger kids. The public library has a summer reading program available, too.

OBOB list for next year, currently available at our public library.

3rd to 5th Grade Division

- The Ark Plan by Laura Martin
- Aru Shah and the End of Time by Roshani Chokshi
- Clayton Byrd Goes Underground by Rita Williams-Garcia
- Fablehaven by Brandon Mull
- Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key by Jack Gantos
- Just Dance by Patricia MacLachlan
- Malala: My Story of Standing Up for Girls’ Rights by Malala Yousafzai
- Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
- Out of Left Field by Ellen Klages
- Paper Wishes by Lois Sepahban
- Ramona the Pest by Beverly Cleary
- Riding Freedom by Pam Munoz Ryan
- Stef Soto, Taco Queen by Jennifer Torres
- Wishtree by Katherine Applegate
- The Wizards of Once by Cressida Cowell

Run, play and enjoy every minute of your summer break! I will see back in September for our first check out with new books to read! Mrs. Hopkins

PTO Corner

Carnival

We are excited to present the Howard PTO Carnival! Saturday, June 1st, 2019 join us at Howard Elementary School for a day of fun from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Check out the detail at: https://www.facebook.com/events/432184457527374/.

Want to skip the ticket line? Follow the link to buy your discounted, presale tickets for games, food and the raffle: https://www.mkt.com/howard-elementary-pto/.

Many hands make light work and we can use your help with the Carnival. Volunteers are needed for setup, cleanup and to help throughout the event. Please follow the link to volunteer: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c45o9ab22o2fe3-howard4.

Bottle Drop Fundraiser

The bottle drop is continuing through the end of the year. Have bottles and cans? Coming to a school event? Coming to a PTO event? Dropping your kids off at school? Bring your cans and bottles! We will accept them in any bag, anytime. This is an exciting new fundraiser that will go a long way towards more funds for Howard Elementary School.

Have a lot of bottles and cans? Don’t want to haul them in? We’ll come pick them up. It is easy to schedule a pickup with the PTO. Call, text or email us. We’ll be there.

Duer’s ATA Martial Arts Fundraiser

Looking for something to keep the kids busy this summer? We have partnered, year round, with Duer’s ATA Martial Arts on a fundraiser for Howard Elementary School. For $49 you receive 1 month of classes and a uniform. Not only does your child learn a fun sport but they also build confidence and learn what it means to respect themselves and others. Head on over to Duer’s ATA Martial Arts on West 11th and check it out. Don’t forget your flier so you can take advantage of this amazing fundraiser.

Want to get involved?

Howard PTO values the community we serve. Help us to be the true voice of the families at Howard Elementary School. Please join us every third Tuesday at 6:00 PM to share your ideas. Child care is provided. We have positions open on the PTO Board and there will be more positions next year. Please contact the PTO (see below) to get more information on joining the PTO board.

Questions? Contact the PTO:
Email: howardelementarypto@gmail.com
Message: Facebook at @Howard4PTO
Text or call: (541) 933 – 5336
**Rose Children’s Theatre**

Rose Children’s Theatre is offering a variety of exciting and unique summer camps from June 24th through August 23rd. Is your child interested in acting, singing, and dancing? Whether they are returning to the stage or looking for an introduction to the world of theatre, RCT has something for all aspiring actors. We have a number of camps geared specifically towards elementary-aged actors. Detailed camp and registration information is available online at rosechildrenstheatre.org/camps-workshops/summer-musical-theatre-camp/. Scholarships and sibling discounts are available for every camp. Please contact summer@rosechildrenstheatre.org with any questions.

**Summer Music Camps**

Mad about music? Oregon Children’s Choir has several fun, engaging summer camps for grades 3-12 from June 24 through August 16. In Elementary Folktales, campers will take traditional folk tales and transform them into mini musicals. Or explore the many “hats” a musical theater performer wears in “Hats Off! A Musical Review.” And for those entering 6th grade, learn beginning or advanced studio recording skills. Detailed camp and registration information is available online at www.oregonchildrenschoir.org. Please contact executivedirector@oregonchildrenschoir.org with any questions.

**NEHS Volleyball Camp**

Wednesday, June 19th and 20th
4th grade and under: 9:00 am – 11:30 am
5th – 8th grade: 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
$50 per child, $30 for additional siblings

Two fun-filled days of volleyball drills and games to help develop skills and a love for this great sport. T-shirts will be available for every child.

Please see attached registration forms if you are interested.

**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 email info@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 24th-August 16th.

**Lane County Pedestrian Safety Project**

Maxwell and North Park – High-Visibility Crosswalk and Sidewalk

Lane County is pleased to be able to improve pedestrian safety for school children and the community, thanks to funds provided by a federal grant. The funding provides for the installation of a new pedestrian-activated flashing beacon to improve the visibility of the crosswalk at the intersection of Maxwell Road and North Park Avenue and to fill in the missing sidewalk gap along the east side of North Park Avenue, from Maxwell Road to Howard Avenue. The design and public outreach process will occur in 2019 and construction in 2021. For more information:

Visit the project website: [www.lanecounty.org/NorthParkMaxwell](http://www.lanecounty.org/NorthParkMaxwell)

Contact Becky Taylor, Senior Transportation Planner, Lane County Public Works, by emailing to becky.taylor@co.lane.or.us or calling 541-682-6932.

**Family Bike Ride with 4J Safe Routes to School, GEARS and PeaceHealth Rides**

We are going on an easy bike ride around the river path for about 45 minutes to an hour on a car-free and low stress route. We’ll talk about and practice bike safety. A great time to meet new friends and families! No bike? No problem! PeaceHealth rides will be there with bikes to lend for adults and Safe Routes to School can lend bikes for kids. Call 541-516-0887 to reserve.

**String Class Opportunities Next Fall**

Eugene-Springfield Youth Orchestras (ESYO) is a local non-profit organization celebrating 85 years in our community as the leader in orchestral music education for youth. For over 20 years, ESYO has provided beginning strings classes in partnership with 4J elementary schools.

ESYO’s String Academy offers upper elementary students the opportunity to learn to play the violin, viola, or cello in a relaxed setting with a qualified teacher. Classes are held at the school for easy access. ESYO provides the teacher, the book and the instrument to take home! We also have unlimited scholarships for program fees and instrument rentals for any family that qualifies! For more information or go to our website: [http://esyorcheras.org/programs/string-academy](http://esyorcheras.org/programs/string-academy) or call us at 541-484-0474. **String Academy opens the door to an enriching musical experience, with benefits that can last a lifetime!**
Future Happenings

6/1 – School Carnival – 11:00 am
6/5 – Walk & Roll to School Day
6/6 – Last Day of BEST
6/14 – 5th Grade Celebration, 12:00 pm
6/17 – Field Day
6/18 – Last Day of School – 11:10 Dismissal
6/19 – Grading Day
6/14 – 5th Grade Graduation – 12:00 pm
9/4 – First Day of School for 2019-20
NEHS Volleyball Camp

When: Wednesday, June 19th & Thursday, June 20th

Where: North Eugene High School

Time: 4th grade and under –
      9:00 am til 11:30 am
5th thru 8th grade –
      12:30 pm til 3:00 pm

Price: $50 per camper
       $30 for each sibling of a camper

Two fun-filled days of volleyball drills and games to help develop skills and a love for this great sport.

*T-shirt for every camper*

Please take a registration flyer
Camp Information

Volleyball Camp 2019
North Eugene High School

NEHS Coaches & Players

Camp Instructors
First Stringer – Assistant Coach
David Melli – Head Coach

Camp Directors

Thursday, June 20th
Wednesday, June 19th &

What areas do you most want to improve?

Volleyball Strengths:

Volleyball Experience:

Position(s):

Grade:

School Attending 2018/2019:

Name:

Camp Information

Volleyball program:

Directly supporting equipment for our

All of the funds raised from our camps go

The camps will be run by the NEHS coaches

The high school level

skills and competitive drive to be able to play at

the 7th - 8th grade and is designed to enhance

camp will be for anyone who is looking to be in

camp and provide a foundation for a strong volleyball

summer camps designed to enhance volleyball

This year NEHS Volleyball will be offering two
Registration:
Camper’s Name: ___________________________________________ Phone: __________________________
Grade: _______ School: ______________________________________
Email Address: ____________________________________________
T-Shirt Size (Circle one): Kids - S M L Adult - S M L XL
Register My Child for the Following Camp:

☐ Kids Camp Morning Session (4th Grade and below) – June 19th & 20th - $50 each
   ($30 each additional sibling)

☐ Kids Camp Afternoon Session (5th-8th Grade) – June 19th & 20th - $50 each
   ($30 each additional sibling)

Medical Release Form:
Medical Insurance Carrier: __________________________________________
Policy Number: ______________________________________

I hereby authorize my child’s participation in the North Eugene Volleyball Camp selected. I know of no
dental or physical problems that may affect my child to safely participate, and the camp staff is authorized
to attend to any health problems or injury my child may incur while attending camp. I understand that my
child must have current and active medical insurance before attending camp.

Signature of Parent of Legal Guardian:
________________________________________________________________________Date: ____________________________

Mail Registration form to Kristi Slaughter, 1701 River Loop1, Eugene, OR 97404. Checks should be
payable to North Eugene Volleyball or call 541-915-2485