



# Howard Happenings

March 2013

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## Perfect Attendance Recognition

The following students were recognized for achieving perfect attendance for the first semester of school on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Chinn and the entire staff are very proud of the efforts these students made to be at school every day.

Viridiana – Room 3, Zoe – Room 3, Cooper – Room 6,  
Ryan – Room 6, Alex – Room 7, Riley – Room 13,  
Byron – Room 13, Laura – Room 13, Wayde – Room 13,  
Nateal – Room 13, Stephanie = Room 16,  
Alissandra – Room 16, Charlee – Room 16, Kodie – Room 16,  
Skyler – Room 18, Nic – Room 18, Katherin – Room 20,  
Judge – Room 20, Gabriel – Room 21

## Success and Student Attendance Go Hand in Hand

As you know, there is a direct correlation between student attendance and success in school. Late arrival, early dismissal, and absences interrupt the flow of instruction for both the student and the class as a whole. We realize there are often situations for which you have no control. Unfortunately, there are many absences from school that could have been avoided. Please understand that Oregon law requires children 5 – 16, to be in school except for illness and extenuating circumstances. Attendance letters are sent home if a student is absent the equivalent of 4 days during a 4 ½ week period. Please note that this threshold applies to excused/unexcused absences and tardies. Should a student's attendance record meet the criteria above, or if there has been a history of attendance problems, we are obligated to report our concerns to the Lane County Truancy office. Their involvement is designed to ensure every child attends school on a regular basis. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the county attendance procedures, feel free to contact the school.

## School Choice – It Is Not Too Late!

Remember to spread the word to all of your friends that are interested in sending their children to Howard that the deadline for school choice applications is March 22, at 5:00 p.m. The lottery will be conducted during the week of April 1<sup>st</sup> and parents will be notified of their acceptance into the school of their choice starting April 8<sup>th</sup>. Anyone that attends in a district other than 4J has until April 1<sup>st</sup> to apply for a district exchange. If a district exchange is granted, then at that point placement into a school that is of interest to them will begin once all 4J students are placed.



## Free Family Movie Night

Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Longoria will be hosting another Howard Family Movie Night on March 15 at 6:30. We will be showing "A Dolphin's Tale" to wind down the all school reading activity. This movie is sure to warm your heart and offer a great time to spend with your kids!

The doors will open at 6:30 and we will have some fun raffles with the opportunity to win a couple of "Movie Night Baskets". We will be selling popcorn, candy, bottle water, and juice.

Wear your jammies, bring a pillow, and plan on attending! We look forward to seeing you!

## Free Track Activities

School District 4J is among the 25 local partners making up the Youth Track Network. We will be providing information about free opportunities for 4J kids, including clinics and activities like these coming soon:

Run, Jump, Throw Clinic  
March 16 – Hayward Field - Ages 5 – 12  
Check in/Registration 9:45 – 10:15  
Events 10:30 – 11:45

For more information visit [GoTrackTownUSA.com](http://GoTrackTownUSA.com)

**USA Eugene OREGON**

At Historic Hayward Field | Saturday, March 16, 10:30–11:45 a.m. | Ages 5–12  
Check-in/Registration 9:45–10:15 a.m.

**FREE YOUTH CLINIC** **THROW**  
Coached by U of O and OTC Elite Athletes

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