



# Howard Happenings

## March 2018

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

Thursday, March 1, 2018 from 5:30 – 7:30  
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 The One and Only Ivan. 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!



### Future Chefs Cooking Competition Finalists

Elijah Klemmer and Parker Niccum will be representing Howard at The Future Chef Competition "Cook Off" on March 10. Their breakfast recipes were chosen out of many submitted throughout the district.

The idea behind this event is to help educate the kids in HEALTHY EATING HABITS. Too often we hear about obesity in kids and kids not making the right choices in terms of their eating habits. That's why we want kids to submit recipes for their favorite healthy breakfast!

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

- Originality
- Kid Friendly
- Ease of Preparation
- Healthy Attributes
- Plate Presentation
- Taste

Congratulations and good luck!

### Fundraiser for River Road/El Camino del Rio Elementary PTO

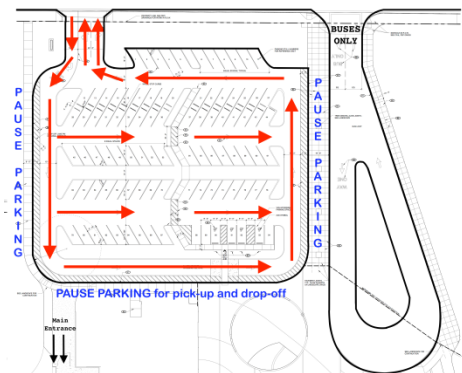
River Road Elementary PTO will be presenting a concert of traditional western music on Saturday, March 10 at 7:30 pm. The local artists will be Sourdough Slim and Robert Armstrong. Advanced tickets are available at Reality Kitchen, 645 River Rd. Tickets are \$10 - \$15. If you would like more information, please contact Pete at 541-514-5402 or River Road/El Camino del Rio Elementary at 541-790-7200.

### 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 the crosswalk
- When getting in or out of a car, students must use the door on the sidewalk side. Getting in or out of a car on the driver's side is unsafe for students and it stops traffic.
- Student should **NOT** get in and out of cars in the driving lane. It's unsafe and it's inconsiderate for stopping 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.

## Library News!

### **Oregon Battle of the Books**

Our teams did an amazing job this year. We read so many books!

Cash and the Bees will be representing Howard at our Regional Games on March 10th at Thurston High School. Wish them luck!

We have a partial list for next year if your child would like to start reading for next year.

- 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
- Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson
- Ugly by Robert Hoge
- When the Sea Turned to Silver by Grace Lin
- A Whole New Ballgame by Phil Bildner
- The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

### **Book Fair is here!**

Thursday, March 1  
2:00pm-7:30

Guessing game, Spin-to-Win, Raffle Tickets for Book

## PTO News

Upcoming PTO Dates

- Popcorn Friday - 25 cents a bag Friday
- March 12th - 16th Annual Penny War
- March 20th PTO Meeting 6pm - 7pm
- April 19th - Mcteacher Night

Howard Elementary Valentines Craft night was amazing! THANK YOU!

Start saving up pennies for the PENNY WAR!!! Starting March 12th and through the 16th, every morning before school and every day after school the war will be on. Pennies count as one point each, but silver coins and paper money count AGAINST that classroom's point value. Teams can then place silver coin and paper money into other classroom jars making the points reduced for the other classroom.

Example: Classroom A has 100 pennies and a student from Class Room B places a Quarter in Class Room A's Jar they now only have 75 points, but they have 100 pennies. There will be 2 winning classrooms, the

classroom with the most points and the classroom with the most pennies. These winning classrooms will be rewarded with a classroom party! Students requested this year to be Super Mario Bros themed.

The PTO annual Spring Bazaar is right around the corner, on April 7th from 10am to 2pm. The bazaar vendor tables will be located in the gym and the cafeteria. We are advertising at all the local event sites and plan on hanging posters around town. If you know anyone who would like to purchase a table to sell goods at this event please have them email us and we will get them information to get signed up.

We are also still selling "Buttons for Books" and Smencils for the Second Grade zoo trip every Wednesday after school. Only a \$1 a piece!

The current PTO board will be stepping down at the end of this school year. We are encouraging any interested parents to run for office this April. We would like to keep our PTO on track and be able to continue supporting our students and staff. If you are interested in helping please consider applying for one of these positions.

Openings of officers in our PTO

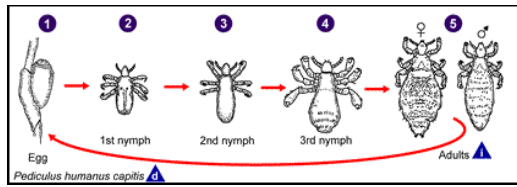
- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Parliamentarian
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Fundraiser Coordinator
- Staff/PTO Liaison
- Communications Manager

The PTO would like to ask all families to try and contact the PTO through email, phone, or Facebook messenger with any questions that are PTO related. The office staff at Howard will not usually have answers to those questions and it's much easier and faster for us if you we hear directly from you. 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 - Book Fair Continues
- 3/1 - Literacy Night 5:30 pm
- 3/2 – No School, Howard Professional Development
- 3/12 – 3/16 – Penny War
- 3/14 – Wacky Wednesday – Crazy Sock Day
- 3/20 – PTO Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 3/26 – 3/30 - Spring Break
- 4/2 – No School, Professional Development Day
- 4/3 – Classes Resume
- 4/7 – PTO Spring Bazaar
- 4/11 – Wacky Wednesday – Favorite Animal Day
- 4/17– PTO Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 4/19 – PTO McTeacher Night 5:00 – 7:00
- 4/23 – Site Council, 2:30 pm