

# Hiteon Highlights

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**District Goal (2010-2015):** All students will show continuous progress toward their personal learning goals, developed in collaboration with teachers and parents, and will be prepared for post-secondary education and career success.

## Greetings Hiteon Families!

Sending a huge thank you to our PTC for sponsoring our Assembly this past Tuesday. Thanks to your generosity Hiteon came together to welcome and experience The Chinese Acrobats. This aligned perfectly with the language and culture study our students are deeply engaged in with Mrs. Strub. We welcomed our Assembly guests in Chinese. It was fun to come together as a community at the Assembly. Be sure to ask your student about their experience!

## Dogs on School Property

Please remember there cannot be any dogs on school property. As welcoming as it is for our students to be dropped off and welcomed home with their four-legged friend in tow, we must refrain from having them at arrival and dismissal. Please keep dogs off Hiteon school grounds.

## Additional Office Staff

We'll soon be welcoming an additional Secretary to our Main Office Team. We've been allocated ten additional hours of Hiteon Office support for the remainder of the school year. Interviews were this week, once we have an individual in the position we'll be sure to give them a proper introduction to our greater community.

## School Starts at 8:00 am

The school bell rings to signal the start of the day at 8:00 am. Please plan accordingly so your child(ren) is at school and ready to head to class promptly at 8:00 am. A large number of students are tardy every day as they are arriving at school after the bell.

## Attention Parents Dropping Students Off in the AM!

You are welcome to join us in the lobby of Hiteon. Please sign in first in the Main Office. Many of you already have Volunteer Badges, however, we ask that you sign in as we need record of who is in our school building. We ask parents to refrain from reporting to classrooms before school. 7:30 - 8:00 am is plan time for our teachers and we aim to keep it uninterrupted. Thank you for your support of these AM procedures.

## Upcoming Events

### November 2014

- 10th **Staff Development**  
**No Students**
- 11th **Veterans Day**  
**School Closed**
- 13th **Picture Retakes/Vision**  
**Screening**
- 14th **Popcorn Sales**  
**6-8pm Family Dance**
- 19th **6:30pm PTC General**  
**Meeting**
- 20th **Passport Check Day**
- 24th **6:30pm Parent Internet**  
**Night**
- 26th- **School Closed**
- 27th **Thanksgiving School Closed**
- 28th **School Closed**

### December 2014

- 1st **Grading Day No Students**
- 9th **Report Cards Go Home**
- 12th **Popcorn Sales**
- 18th **Passport Check Day**
- 19th **Winter Parties**
- 22nd-31st **Winter Break**  
**No Students**

### January 2015

- 1st-2nd **Winter Break**  
**No Student**
- 14th **9:00am PTC General**  
**Meeting**
- 19th **Holiday School Closed**
- 23rd **Popcorn Sales**
- 26th **Staff Development**  
**No School**

## Hiteon Experience

My current favorite piece of the "Hiteon experience" is the quiet celebration many students do when walking down the halls. Many of our primary students waive both of their hands in the air excitedly and smile in greeting when passing by staff and parents. It all takes place in silence but the exchange goes a long way to warming the halls of Hiteon and my heart.

## Updates from Specialists

Our Specialists are once again providing updates throughout the following components of this Newsletter. Please read on and stay in the Language, Technology, Media, Music, PE, and PYP curriculum loop!

Best Regards,

Meghan Warren

## Christine's Counselor Corner

### Holiday Assistance

These continue to be economically challenging times for a number of families, particularly if a parent is out of work or has health issues. In conjunction with PTC, we will again be able to offer gift cards to families who could use a bit of assistance; this will occur just prior to winter break. If your family would benefit from this, please contact me. Also, please know that this information is kept totally confidential.

If you're interested in donating to this, more information will be coming soon!

### Fifth Grade Parents: Middle School Options

Many thanks to all those who were able to attend our parent evening on the option school process on October 27<sup>th</sup>. We had an excellent turnout of over 50 adults. I encourage all fifth grade parents to attend Conestoga Middle School's open house on December 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. The evening is designed for parents, not for students as they will visit the school in March for a fifth graders' event.

Please do plan to visit any of the option school open houses you are interested in as that will provide you with more specialized information. Remember, the deadline to apply for option schools is January 6<sup>th</sup>.

For more information on middle school options, please check the Beaverton School District website: <https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/depts/tchlrn/opts/Pages/default.aspx>

Thanks so much,

Christine Purvis

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## Library News

A big SHOUT of thanks to our PTC and fabulous Volunteers for the hours of time they spent running our annual Book Fair! Another huge thanks to our Hiteon Community for making it an outstanding success!

We sold over 1,500 books that are now in the hands of our Hiteon students. We also collected \$125 for William Walker and sent them 20 books!

I picked out over 200 new books to add to our Library.

On behalf of our students, Staff and myself THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

Sue Paldino

Library Assistant

## Technology News



I'm so proud of all my students. They are working so hard on their typing skills and improving everyday. I wanted to share some of the websites we have been working on. All of these websites can be accessed from home.

[www.hiteon.typingclub.com](http://www.hiteon.typingclub.com)- 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

[www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com)- kinder to 2<sup>nd</sup> (Keyboarding Games

[www.typingweb.com/games](http://www.typingweb.com/games)- 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>

[www.keyseeker.com](http://www.keyseeker.com)- Kinder to 1<sup>st</sup>

Dawn Hosea

### What's Happening in Music

The month of November is busy for both Mrs. McCulley and Mrs. Henry. The third grade students' beautiful colored recorders arrived and they are learning how to play their first notes.

The fifth grade students are being introduced to the clarinet and are beginning to make sounds, though sometimes strange, giving them a hands on experience of how to play correctly.

The first, second and fourth grade students are busy learning about musical styles and the basics of music and instruments. All students are singing November seasonal music.

The afterschool choir is in full swing with over 50 fourth and fifth grade students singing joyful, holiday songs. They are preparing for December's performance at a retirement home and a school performance scheduled for the last day before the winter break.

Mrs. Henry  
Mrs. McCulley

### News from PE

As the seasons begin to change we are getting creative using our indoor spaces.

If you have a 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grader you may have heard about fall fitness testing going on in P.E. class. Students are assessing their levels of cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance and flexibility. We are looking at the "healthy fitness zone" for each fitness component and setting goals on how we can each get stronger and healthier. These same tests will be performed again in the spring to see how fitness levels have changed.

Some classes have just finished up floor hockey and scooter hockey units while other classes are being introduced to, and practicing their throwing and catching skills.

Kristina Strong and Sarah Hamilton

## LANGUAGE

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Chinese acrobats at Hiteon! You may have already heard the news about the amazing acrobat assembly. Prior to the show, students had the opportunity to try out a few tricks for themselves by rotating through a series of acrobat inspired activities.

At one station, students tested their balancing skills using Chinese umbrellas. They balanced umbrellas in various configurations. Then, examined the results...did certain elements alter the length of time they were able to keep the umbrella balanced (e.g., open, area of the hand they used, when standing, moving, rotating)?

Students also used chopsticks, toy "birds", beanbags and dominoes during our rotations. The fourth and fifth graders were also exposed to the Chinese Diabolo yo-yo!

It was great fun to see the students so eager, engaged and cheerful during these stations.

A big "xiè xie" to the Hiteon PTC for funding the acrobat visit! In addition to this assembly, I want to recognize the Hiteon community partnering with PTC in order to get our Language program started! The funds provided have been used to purchase teaching resources, manipulatives, books, technology, games, art supplies and MORE!

If you have a chance, here are a few YouTube videos that support the phonetic component of our learning. As the videos are through YouTube, I would encourage you to watch them together with your child or review your family internet guidelines.

## NUMBERS

Youtube Yoyo Chinese Numbers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2eLP3FuuEVs>

Youtube Twinkle trails episode 22 numbers <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4aDdut0bpSY>

## COLORS

Youtube Basho colours <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHmkDmZVZt8>

Youtube Petralingua Chinese colors <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JOamA9TQOI>

## CHINESE ACROBATS

Youtube Chinese Acrobat Show Tacha

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rE4S50Injps>

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