

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 Community!

Our Dudes and Doughnuts Event was a huge success. Thank you for joining us at Hiteon Wednesday morning. Students were beaming as the halls filled with the important adults in our lives. Thank you PTC for organizing the event.

Marti Spinks started work as part of our Main Office Team! Many of you have been able to say hello to her. She is planning to be on deck at our upcoming Hiteon McDonald's Night (Thursday, February 12th). If you see her there be sure to say hello and introduce yourself! She is eager to meet our families. We've had an increasing number of adults and young children come to the Hiteon playground before the end of the school day. The Hiteon playground remains for Hiteon students only during school hours. This is for the safety and security of our students. You're welcome to utilize the playground after 2:35 pm.

Please assure your students are on time to school. School begins promptly at 8:00 am. All students need to report to class at that time. This allows them to hit the ground running with classroom routines and academic content. Our Parking lot gets busy so please plan ahead if dropping off your child. Our school doors open at 7:45 and school begins at 8:00 am. Parents, if you are coming in to the school building in the morning with your student, please sign in and obtain a visitors badge (your volunteer badge works as well but it's important everyone signs in!).

On March 3rd Hiteon will celebrate our school spirit and love of books with "Dress Like a Book Character Day" in honor of Dr. Suess' Birthday and Read Across America Week. Your child is welcome to come to school dressed like their favorite book character. Please help students assure their dress is school appropriate.

Recently there have been questions about some of the new state tests. Attached you will find a flyer about the new state tests from the Oregon Department of Education. Every year students in every school throughout the state of Oregon are required to take state tests in Grades 3, 4, and 5. Last year students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 were tested in Math and Reading. 5th Grade students were also tested in Science. All three tests were called OAKS (Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skill). This year students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 will be tested in Math and English Language Arts. 5th Grade will also be tested in Science. The Math and English Language Arts tests are new and are called Smarter Balanced. The Science test is the same.

The new Smarter Balanced Math and English Language Arts tests both have writing components (to be typed on the computer) that the OAKS Math and Reading tests did not have so they will take a little more time to complete than previous tests. The new Smarter Balanced tests are better than our previous state tests as they are aligned to Oregon's new academic standards. The new academic standards are more rigorous than the old standards. The more rigorous standards will better prepare students on their path to college and career readiness.

The new Smarter Balanced tests will be given one time only toward the end of the school year. Schedules are currently under development. When a testing window has been finalized 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade students and parents will be informed. Upcoming Conferences are a great time to talk with your child's teacher further about these assessments.

Our District Website is an excellent resource for further information about Smarter Balanced. Please visit <https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/PS/Pages/common-core.aspx> for additional links. You and your child can take Smarter Balanced Practice Tests at the following website: <http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/>.

I look forward to having parents in for Conferences later this month. Please be sure to coordinate a time to meet and discuss your child's academic progress with their teacher if you haven't done so already.

With warm regards,
Meghan Warren
Hiteon School Principal

Upcoming Events

February 2015

- 6th Newsletter
- 13th 12:00-2:25 Hearing Screening BLC
PM Kindergarten & Full
- 16th **Presidents Day**
School Closed
- 18th 6:30pm PTC General Meeting
Immunization Exclusion
- 19-20 **Conferences No Students**
- 20th Newsletter
- 24th 8:00-10:30 Hearing Screening AM
Kindergarten
- 26th Passport Check Day
- 27th Popcorn Sales
6:00pm Bingo Night

March 2015

- 5th 9:00am Kindergarten Orientation
- 6th Newsletter
- 8th Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 12th 6:30pm Science Fair
- 13th **Grading Day-No Students**
- 18th 9:00am PTC General Meeting
- 19th Passport Check Day
- 20th Report Cards Go Home
- 23-27 **Spring Break School Closed**

Language

Gōng xǐ gōng xǐ! Translated as CONGRATULATIONS, is a common phrase used during Chinese New Year. Chinese New Year is also known as the spring festival and marks the end of winter and the welcoming of spring. Keeping warm and nourished during winter was challenging, so friends would congratulate each other for making it through another year.

The students had fun hearing the legend behind the Chinese zodiac and also learned why the Chinese believe cats and rats do not get along. If you are curious...ask your child to share the story of, "The Great Race" with you.

2015 is the Year of the yáng 羊. Yáng defines a family of animals...so in English it can be translated as goat, sheep or ram.

Hóng bao are also a big part of the Chinese New Year celebrations. A hóng bao is a red envelope that is given to children. The envelopes contain "Lucky Money" and are decorated with gold writing or pictures. For one of our lessons, the students had the opportunity to make their own hóng bao.

In February we will continue learning about Chinese New Year!

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What's Happening in Music for February

This month in music, Mrs. McCulley is teaching some interesting lessons on sound. She is using glasses and water to show vibration and the students are having a great time.

The second grades will be performing "Seussical the Musical" in the afternoons during their regular specials times. They are inviting their families to attend on the following days at 12:15 p.m.:

Mrs. Brooks' class on Monday, February 23
Mrs. Schmidts' class on Tuesday, February 24
Mrs. Maddux's class on Wednesday, February 25
Ms. Walker's class on Thursday, February 26

The fifth grades will be performing the culmination of their puppet unit in February during their specials time. They are inviting younger classes to watch their dress rehearsal earlier in the week. They are inviting families to attend on the following days at 9:50 a.m.:

Mr. Chamberlin's class on Wednesday, February 25
Mr. Steiwer's class on Thursday, February 25
Mrs. Humphreys' class on Friday, February 26
Mrs. Klingner's class on Monday, March 2

Library News

3rd – 5th

Oregon Battle of the Books teams are in full swing with their battles. They should be wrapping those up in the next few weeks. Our winning team will attend the Regional battles on March 7, 2015 at Westview High School.

Kindergarten – 2nd

We are starting a reading incentive this week. We just talked about Caldecott award books this past rotation.

This rotation, which starts 2/4 each student will be sent home with a reading log and some Caldecott books to read with an adult. When they have read 10 (or more) Caldecott books and turn in their reading log initialed by an adult they will become a member of the Hiteon Caldecott Club! They will receive a button to put on their Go for the Gold lanyard. I would like to see every K – 2nd student achieve this goal!

LET'S GET EXCITED ABOUT READING!

News from the Gym

Classes have swapped activities and are continuing to work on basketball skills and Chinese jump rope. During basketball we have been focusing on dribbling, shooting and passing. Chinese jump rope has become very popular after being introduced in P.E. class. We have ordered extra ropes that have been put in recess bins along with some laminated routines for students to challenge themselves with. Some classes are even creating their own routines! We are also continuing to learn about the different components of fitness and a variety of activities to help us get stronger in those areas. In our classes we have been talking a lot about levels of personal responsibility and what those levels look like in P.E. class. A part of coming to P.E. ready to learn is having safe shoes on. If your child is not already doing this, maybe you could brainstorm some ideas with them on making this part of their school routine.



Thursday, February 12th
5-8pm
Scholls Ferry McDonald's
12388 SW Scholls Ferry

**Come and help raise money for Hiteon teachers and staff
to use for their classrooms & students! Don't forget to
bring cash for cookies.**

5:00-6:00 pm
Mrs. Brooks
Mrs. Christenson
Mrs. Hastings
Mrs. Klingner

6:00-7:00 pm
Mrs. Ashley
Mrs. Carlton
Mrs. Griffith
Mrs. Oordt

7:00-8:00 pm
Mrs. Hamilton
Mrs. Rogers
Mrs. Spinks
Ms. Walker