

Hiteon Highlights December 18, 2015

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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.



Principals' Message:

Greetings Hiteon Community!

As you may have heard, this year Hiteon Staff has been focused on building relationships, collaboration, and creating partnerships. Another great focus of ours is to build school spirit among our student body. School spirit is the emotional support of one's school and is one of the most defining aspects of school culture. It can improve students' commitment to education and helps create a positive learning environment for students, teachers, and parents. Most importantly, school spirit helps build and foster relationships among people.

This year, we implemented a number of things to build up our school spirit: daily announcements that include student and staff birthdays, birthday stickers to be worn by birthday students if they wish (including weekend birthdays), school assemblies that focus on positive behavior and PYP attributes, 4/5th Grade Student Advisory Committee, weekly "High Five" drawings, filling up our "High Five" case in the front office for an all-school spirit day, and most recently we implemented "The Friday Song."

The Friday Song

Friday, Friday
Friday is my favorite day.

Monday is a bummer,
Tuesday's only fair.

Wednesday's getting better,
Thursday's almost there

But Friday, Friday,
Friday is my favorite
Friday is my favorite
Friday is my favorite daaaaay!

School Spirit is alive and well and we hope to build upon it as the year progresses.

As our calendar year winds down and the holidays are upon us, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe, fun, and restful Winter Break. We are incredibly grateful for what your children bring to us every day. They are our joy. We also thank YOU for what you give and do for our community.

With warm regards,
Meghan Warren & Monica Arbow

Upcoming Events

December 2015

21st-31st **Winter Break - School Closed**

January 2016

1st **Winter Break - School Closed**
4th-15th Hiteon Student Art Display
at District Offices
5th Art Lit Training 9:00am-10:00am
6th&7th "Dec" Passport Check
13th PTC General Meeting 6:30pm
18th **Martin Luther King Jr Day -
School Closed**
21st Dudes with Donuts 7:30-8:00am
22nd Coffee with the Principal 8:00am
22nd Popcorn Friday
29th **Staff Development Day -
No Students**

February 2016

3rd&4th "Jan" Passport Check
9th Art Lit Training 9:00am-10:00am
9th McTeacher Night 5:00-8:00pm
15th **President's Day - School Closed**
17th PTC General Meeting 6:30pm
19th Popcorn Sales
26th Bingo Night 6:30-8:30pm



Christine's Counselor Corner

[Fifth Grade Parents - Option Application Deadline Approaching](#)

Option School applications are now being accepted for the 2016-17 school year. Current students are encouraged to apply online. Applicants may only select one option school.

Applications must be received in the Learning Option Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. The lottery will be run January 6 and letters will be mailed to families on Friday, January 8. Visit our website for more information at:

<https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/depts/tchlrn/opts/Pages/default.aspx>

Winter Break Wishes

Wishing you all a wonderful winter break full of relaxing times with your children and a chance to regroup and refresh.

Wanted to let you know I will be on medical leave beginning December 16th through approximately January 19th. There will be a substitute during that time. I am already eager to return and resume the best job around, that of Hiteon's school counselor!

Enjoy winter break!

*Christine Purvis
School Counselor*

Smarter Balanced State Tests Update

Last spring, students in grades 3 – 8 and 11 in the Beaverton School District and throughout Oregon took new state tests (Smarter Balanced) in English Language Arts and Mathematics. In addition to content standards, the new assessments are designed to measure critical thinking, problem solving and communication skills. The test results provide you, our schools, our district and the state with information about how well we are preparing our students for their next steps including college and career readiness. Nearly 97% of Beaverton students participated.

Our students will take these tests once between February and June, 2016. New legislation passed in the 2015 Legislative Session (House Bill 2655) permits parents and adult students to annually opt-out of Oregon's statewide summative tests in English Language Arts and Math by submitting a form to the school the student attends. The school shall provide any student who is exempted from a state test with supervised study time while other students are testing.

Here is a link to additional information: [Smarter Balanced State Assessments](#)

ELPA & OAKS Exemptions

The procedure for parents to request their student be exempted from ELPA or OAKS Science has not changed: parents **MUST** submit a letter to the school stating an objection based on

1. A sincerely-held religious belief; or
2. A student's disability.

2014-2015 School & District Report Cards

School and district report cards for the 2014-2015 school year are available at: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/data/reportcard/reports.aspx>
We welcome the opportunity to share this information with you on the progress we are making to improve academic achievement for each student in the District. We are making progress.

State report cards began fifteen years ago when the 1999 Oregon legislature passed a law requiring every public school and district to receive a report from the Oregon Department of Education about how they are performing overall. You will notice that the report cards issued this year are significantly different from prior years. The U.S. Department of Education has given the State of Oregon approval to temporarily suspend the assignment of school ratings during the transition from the Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS) to the new college and career readiness assessments. Schools will not receive an overall school rating on their report card, but will receive a new overall school rating on the 2015-2016 school report cards.



NEW AND IMPROVED BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION SYSTEM

Last year, the Beaverton School District invested in a new volunteer management system. This comprehensive system includes a streamlined application and integrated background check with biannual renewals. Below is information with instructions on how to complete the on-line profile both in English and Spanish. Carefully read the following information to assure that you have a clear understanding of your responsibility in filling out a profile and authorizing the background check. We hope to be in 100% compliance by end of January.

You are required to complete the application and personal profile for the new system by end of January in order to continue volunteering at Hiteon or any BSD school. Even if you are not a regular volunteer, we encourage you to fill out a profile and background check in case you are able or interested in volunteering for field trips or various day/evening activities.

You will also be able to link multiple schools if you have children at various schools them all under one volunteer account. You will also have the option to automatically have your background check renewed every two years.

We do appreciate all the time that our volunteers spend with our students and staff. Thank you.

REMINDER: Sign into the Pink office sign-in sheets then into the Volunteer Computer to log ALL VOLUNTEER HOURS into HelpCounter for ALL school activities events, field trips, classrooms, etc... It's important that the school has a record of these hours for district reports.

Register for the New Districtwide Volunteer Management System

The District is moving to a new system wide volunteer management system called Better Impact and the access portal myvolunteerpage.com. This comprehensive system includes a streamlined application and integrated Background Check with biannual renewal.

This month, Hiteon will begin the process of transitioning to Better Impact and myvolunteerpage.com

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<http://bit.ly/1O8hUfc>

You can also find the Volunteer Application on the front page of your school's website under Resources.

All volunteers, including **new and returning**, will need to complete a profile on the new system to volunteer with the Beaverton School District.



In completing the volunteer interest section, please include all schools where you would like to volunteer. If you have already created a profile on myvolunteerpage.com for another BSD school, you do not need to reapply.

By completing either the Parent/Guardian or Community Volunteer application, you will create a profile that will help you update and manage your volunteer activities and information. You will be able to use this profile from your first volunteer activity through your last!



Inscríbese al Nuevo Sistema de Administración de Voluntariado del Distrito

El Distrito está cambiando a un nuevo sistema de administración de voluntariado llamado Better Impact, así como su acceso al portal myvolunteerpage.com. Este es un sistema integral que incluye una solicitud de internet y una Verificación de Antecedentes Criminales con una renovación bial.

Este mes, Hiteon se iniciará el proceso de transición a Better Impact.

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Usted también podrá encontrar la solicitud de voluntariado en la primera página del sitio web en Resources.

Todos los voluntarios, tanto los recientes como aquellos que nuevamente desean serlo, tendrán que completar su perfil informativo en el nuevo sistema de voluntariado del Distrito Escolar de Beaverton.



Cuando esté llenando la solicitud de voluntariado, hay una sección donde podrá indicar todas las escuelas en donde a usted le gustaría ser voluntario. Si usted ya ha creado un perfil en myvolunteerpage.com para otra escuela del Distrito Escolar de Beaverton, no es necesario llenar otra solicitud.

Al completar la solicitud, ya sea del Padre/Tutor o de un Voluntario de la Comunidad, se va a crear un perfil que permitirá actualizar y administrar la información y actividades de voluntariado. ¡Usted podrá utilizar este perfil desde la primera hasta la última actividad de voluntariado!



School Safety Message from the Beaverton School District

Everyone plays a role in keeping our schools and communities safe. We can do something. We can take action to ensure our schools and communities remain strong and ready to respond. In the Beaverton School District, we work hard every day to make sure our students are learning in a safe environment and not losing valuable instruction time.

If you see something, say something. Students can help by going to an adult at school or home or by calling 9-1-1 for help. It is essential that students not spread a rumor and use social media in a responsible manner. It takes all of us being aware and ready to respond.

We take all threats and all rumors seriously. We will investigate the issue promptly with our law enforcement partners. Our interdisciplinary team of professionals (mental health, law enforcement, schools) will assess the situation using research-based practices and take prompt action to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

We will provide accurate and timely communications as the investigation unfolds. Ongoing investigations are confidential; we will share information as fast as we can. We will work with our public safety partners to send consistent messages using multiple communication channels.

We will **take appropriate disciplinary and potentially**, legal action as needed.

We continue to **enhance security measures** in our schools, to ensure the safety of students, staff, and community.

Thank you for your help.

FAREWELL JEREMY

Hiteon's own Jeremy Coker (Head Custodian), just received a job promotion. Jeremy has been promoted to Custodial Foreman 2 at Springville K-8! Please help me congratulate Jeremy. His first day at Springville will be Monday, December 28th. This is a bittersweet celebration for us at Hiteon but certainly wish Jeremy all the best as his career in Beaverton grows!

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PROMOTION JEREMY!

Stay tuned, we'll be sure to introduce our newest family member at Hiteon once Jeremy's position is filled.

IMMUNIZATION EXCLUSION DAY IS FEBRUARY 17th

Please notify the office of all recent immunizations your child has received. We have several students who are incomplete at this time. Also, Religious Exemptions are no longer an option for not having immunizations.

To be exempt you must complete an on-line vaccination education module (see link below) or get a certificate from your doctor's office. **Please turn in the certificate from the doctor's office or from the completed modules to the school office.**

Please call or stop by the office if you have any questions.

How to claim a new nonmedical exemption to school/children's facility immunization requirements in Oregon, starting March 1, 2014

1. Complete the required education from a health care practitioner or online vaccine education module at www.healthoregon.org/vaccineexemption.
2. Get a Vaccine Education Certificate from the health care practitioner or print a certificate from the online vaccine education module. Turn the completed Vaccine Education Certificate into your child's school or childcare with a completed Certificate of Immunization Status form.
3. Get a Certificate of Immunization Status from your child's school or childcare, or at www.1.usa.gov/OregonSchool. Fill out the nonmedical exemption portion of the Certificate of Immunization Status, marking the vaccines for which you would like a nonmedical exemption for your child. Turn the completed Certificate of Immunization Status into your child's school or childcare with the completed Vaccine Education Certificate.

Helpful hints for claiming a nonmedical exemption:

- Some health care practitioners may not provide the Vaccine Education Certificate. Check with your health care practitioner first.
- If you have multiple children for whom you'd like a nonmedical exemption, you need to make a copy of the Vaccine Education Certificate for each child.
- Keep a copy of the Vaccine Education Certificate for your own records.
- The date on the Vaccine Education Certificate and Certificate of Immunization Status must be within 12 months of the date you enroll your child in school or childcare.
- Listing a vaccination history for your child does not affect your right to a nonmedical exemption. We encourage you to document any vaccinations your child has received so that their medical history is as complete as possible.

All of us have a stake in making sure that children stay healthy and avoid illness. In Oregon, all children attending school or childcare are required to have certain immunizations or an appropriate medical or nonmedical exemption.

Some people cannot be vaccinated because of medical conditions—and exposure to a vaccine-preventable disease could be fatal to them. If your child has been exposed to a disease, intentionally or not, keep them home at the first sign of illness.

Responsibilities: Actively choosing not to immunize your child is a parent's right; however, it carries with it a significant responsibility: not exposing others to communicable disease.

Rights: No one can deny a parent the right to claim a nonmedical exemption. If you were told that you cannot claim a nonmedical exemption, please report it to the Oregon Immunization Program at 971-673-0300.

For fun Winter activities, sports, camps and community events, please cut and copy this link in your browser [Beaverton School District's Approved Flyers Page](#). You will find a complete list of all the flyers that have been approved by the District for distribution. Due to administrative and cost limitations we are unable to provide hard copies of flyers. If you are interested in having a flyer reviewed for approval you will find the review process on this same link. Once flyers are approved, you are welcome to bring copies for the Community Shelf located in Hiteon's Main Office.