

Hiteon Highlights February 12, 2016



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District Goal: 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.



Principal's Message:

Parent Teacher Conferences are fast approaching and we are using an online scheduler called Sign Up Genius to schedule conferences. As a reminder, the official dates for conferences are below:

- Wednesday, March 2: After School Only (Regular School Day)
- Thursday, March 3: All Day (NO SCHOOL)
- Friday, March 4: No School and No Conferences

In addition, there may be a few teachers conferencing before or after school on Monday and Tuesday as well.

Next week, your child's teacher will provide you with a direct link that will let you view the sign up page. Once you receive the link, follow these steps:

- 1) **View the Sign Up Page:** the sign up creator will provide you with a direct link that will let you view the sign up page.
- 2) **Choose the Items you Want:** On the sign up page, click the "Sign Up" button next to the slot you want to sign up for. For equity purposes, PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ONE SLOT ONLY.
- 3) **Enter Your Contact Info:** You will now see a second page where you can enter your contact info. If you have an account previously, you can simply log in. If you are new to the site, you can type in your information. After you complete the form field, click "Sign Up Now" at the bottom of the page.
- 4) **Add Event to Your Calendar:** The "Thank You" page will display indicating you have successfully completed the steps to sign up. You can click on a calendar icon displayed to add the item to your calendar if you wish.

When scheduling a sibling conference, you will repeat the steps above using the sibling teacher's direct link.

If you are unable to access the online scheduler, teachers can provide you with a paper sign-up. We are hoping the online system is efficient and convenient for you to use, but please call the main office if you are having difficulty with signups or have any questions. Mrs. Arbow can be your conference contact person.

Note: Unfortunately, our schedule does not allow us to hold separate conferences for separated families. Please inform the main office if there is a court order that mandates an exception to this policy.

Thank you for participating in spring conferences!!

With warm regards,
Meghan Warren & Monica Arbow

Upcoming Events

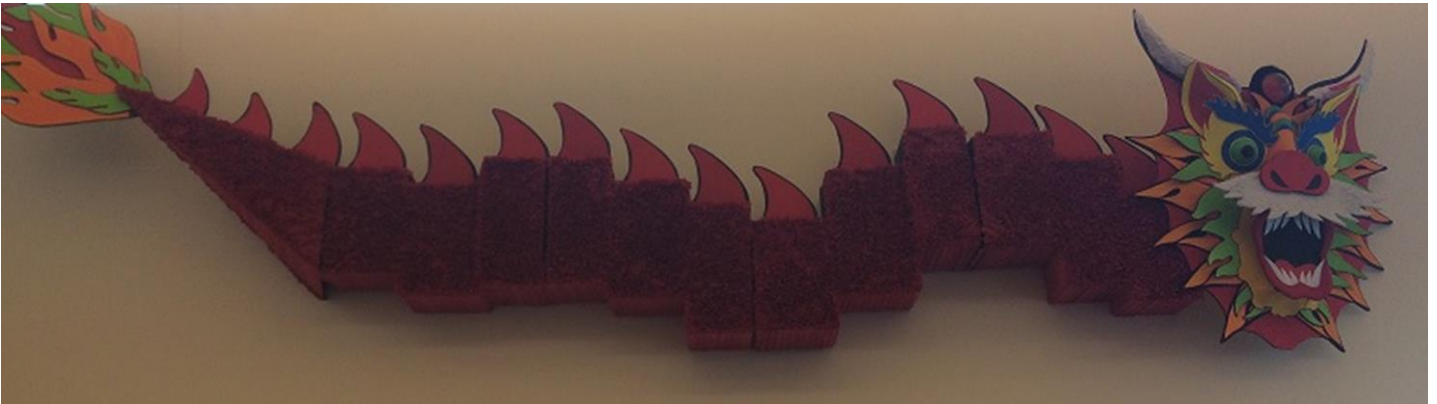
February 2016

- 15th **President's Day - School Closed**
- 17th PTC General Meeting 6:30pm
- 19th Popcorn Sales
- 26th Bingo Night 6:30-8:30pm

March 2016

- 1st & 2nd "Feb" Passport Check
- 3rd & 4th **Conferences-No Students**
- 8th Dining for \$\$-Pizzicato-All Day
- 10th Science Fair 6:30-8:30pm
- 11th **Staff Development Day - No Students**
- 16th PTC General Meeting
- 17th Kindergarten Orientation 9:00-10:25am
- 18th Report Cards Go Home
- 18th Popcorn Friday
- 21st-25th **Spring Break - No School**
- 28th **Staff Development-No Students**
- 30th FUN RUN KICK OFF





Have you visited the Hiteon Main Office recently? We have a permanent resident hanging around. Thanks to some of our students and two great parents Erica Ediger and Heidi Brown for creating this awesome art display.

Lóng 龍

Chinese Dragons are legendary creatures in Chinese mythology and Chinese folklore. The Dragon is a symbol of power, strength and good luck.

**REMINDER IMMUNIZATION
EXCLUSION DAY IS FEBRUARY 17th**

PLEASE update your child's immunization records in the Hiteon Office. Washington County sent letters to all students who are currently incomplete. Thank you for taking care of this in a timely manner.



THE HAWK HAS LANDED!

***The new
HITEON HAWK
mascot was seen flying around
Hiteon on Tuesday.***



TECHNOLOGY

We are hard at work in technology on typing, word documents and learning how to get to new websites. Below you will find a list of websites we are using. Ask your student which one they have used or are learning.

Typing Agent- <https://beaverton.typingagent.com>

Username – student’s lunch number

Password - hiteon

Nitro type - Students have made their own username and password. No email required. Remind students not to use their real name or lunch number for their username for 2nd to 5th grades.

ABCYA.com - Great educational site for 1st to 3rd grades.

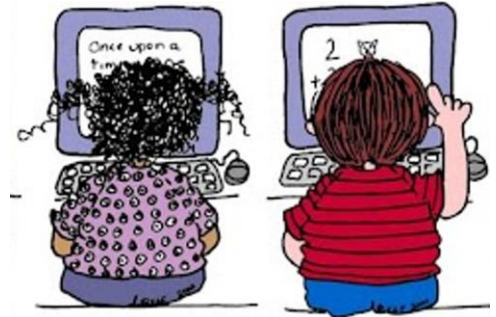
Student Source - Lots of great resources and games for K to 5th grade.

Microsoft Word Documents - We are working hard learning how to create, save, print and just enjoy typing our thoughts or stories.

I have had many children ask, if they can bring in their own earphones or earbuds. They are welcome to do that and house them in their own classroom. Our earphones and keyboards are disinfected after every class.

Looking forward to more great learning in technology!!!!

Mrs. Trout



Library News:

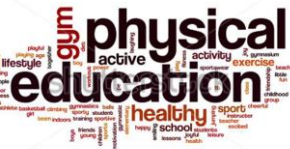
Oregon Battle of the Books is in full swing with battles going on in class grades 3rd – 5th. We should know our winning team who will represent Hiteon in the Regional’s on February 26th.

If your child is involved in OBOB the final battle will be held in the gym on February 26th at 1:15 – 2:00pm. Come and cheer on our Hiteon students!

In Library, we are reviewing Library etiquette, choosing chapter books to read a loud and learning how to pick out books that are a “right fit book” to read. Please encourage your child to check out books that they can read mostly by themselves.

I will be sending overdue and book fine email’s sometime in March. Please call me if you have any questions regarding any fines or overdue books.

Sue Paldino
Hiteon Library



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 and shooting. Chinese jump rope has become very popular after being introduced in P.E. class. We have ordered extra ropes that will be put on the recess cart along with some laminated routines for students to challenge themselves with. Some students 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. By the end of February, all classes will be introduced to pedometers as wells as learning more about heart rate and pulse. Students have also been working on improving their balance and flexibility.

Mrs. Hamilton & Ms. Strong

LANGUAGE

Xīn Nián Kuài Lè! We had such fun learning about Chinese New Year. I was impressed with how much students had retained from our learning last year.

Having the opportunity to extend our learning this year, allowed us to continue to broaden our empathy and cultural awareness. This year, we had fun celebrating the Year of the Monkey. Some of the activities we enjoyed include: reading the legend of how the Chinese zodiac came about (The Great Race), understanding why the date of Chinese New Year changes every year (moon cycle), making and practicing how to use our Chinese to exchange a Hóng Bāo (Red Envelopes), singing and great inquiry and discussion.

It was no surprise, however, that the lesson on Chinese New Year food, where students tasted the Sticky Rice and Chinese candy, was the stand out. A big xiè xie to the Parent Teacher Community (PTC) for funding this experience! It is a big undertaking to provide treats to over 700 students, but an experience that brought out huge smiles.

What a great way to start 2016!



What's Happening In Music

Our music students have been busy working on details for their class programs. The dates are quickly approaching for the 2nd grades BUGZ!, 3rd grade HEROES ALL!, 4th grade PIRATES 2 and our 5th grade Puppet shows. Please check with your classroom teachers for specific dates. Mrs. Henry and Mrs. McCulley can also be reached by email with any questions you might have about these programs.

Our Kinders and 1st grade classes have been continuing to learn about steady beat, dynamics and singing to some really great music.

The level of energy and enthusiasm, in our music rooms, is wonderful to see and hear. Your children keep us moving, keep us joyful and usually keep us on our toes... thanks for sharing them with us.

Vicki Henry and Chris McCulley, music teachers



**Please Join Us for a night of fun and prizes
at Hiteon's Family Bingo Night**

Feb. 26th 6 -8pm

First game is at 6:30.

5th grade will also have a Raffle and Concessions to help raise funds for their Fifth grade end of the year party.

If you would like to help on the night of the event please go to your MVP home page myvolunteerpage.com to look for volunteer opportunities. Or please contact the Volunteer coordinators at volcoord@hiteonptc.org.

PYP at Hiteon

Inquiry is happening at Hiteon! Students are involved in a variety of in-depth inquiry studies including celebrations around the world, conflict and resolution, how our world is organized, changes in the earth and energy! Please stop by the Programme of Inquiry board in the main hall to see pictures of inquiry in action or go to our website pyphiteon.weebly.com

The Learner Profile for the month of February is BALANCED!

Students who are BALANCED are healthy and are aware that eating properly, exercising, and getting adequate sleep is important! They understand that it is important to have a BALANCE between the physical, social, academic and mental parts of their bodies. They spend their time doing many different activities.

How can parents help to develop students who are well-balanced at home?

- Encourage your child to participate in a wide variety of activities
- Create a routine that your children can count on, including: homework, play and sleep times.
- Create a bedtime routine that prepares your child for a good night's sleep
- Discuss healthy eating habits with your child. Spend a few minutes during mealtime discussing food choices.
- Model being BALANCED in your own life. Spend time as a family working, reading and playing together!

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.

HITEON SCIENCE EXPO

Deadline for Registration **Extended**: Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Date of the Science Expo: Thursday, March 10, 2016 5:30pm to 8:00pm

(5:30-6:30 Science Project Drop-off and Setup; 6:30 Science Project reviewing starting with K/1st)

Questions: Contact erica_ediger@hotmail.com

That's right! Time to engage your scientific brain and design an experiment reflecting your curiosity and interests. The goal of the Science Expo is to promote scientific inquiry, creativity and innovation.

This year there are more ways that all students at Hiteon can participate in the Science Expo:

- Complete a science project either individually or with some friends!
- Come to Hiteon the night of March 10th even if you have not completed a project. There will be hands-on activities for all students to participate in!
- Complete a scientist biography sheet. Each student at Hiteon can complete a short scientist biography sheet which they can get from their teachers. If they complete it and bring it back to school by March 10th, their name will be entered in a science kit prize drawing!

For those who are interested in completing a project, here are some simple guidelines and tips:

- Pick a project idea (Inquiry/Experiment, Invention, or Reverse Engineering) and sign up either individually or with a friend. Up to four students may work together in a group (Hiteon students only please).
- Students may work with family to do the project, but remember, it should be student work and words explaining it!
- If you are having a hard time coming up with a project idea, there are lots of online resources. Check out <http://www.sciencebuddies.org/> for project inspiration!

Bring your completed projects the night of the Expo to show off all your hard work. This is not a competition, so relax and have lots of fun! All registered projects will receive a free project board, and be reviewed the night of the Expo. Each Hiteon student participating in a registered project will receive a participation ribbon and button as well.

If you need a new copy of the registration sheet or are looking for the project guideline document which outlines the different types of projects, go to <http://hiteonptc.org/our-enrichment-programs/science/>.

COMMUNITY FLYERS

For fun Winter/Spring activities, sports, camps and community events, please 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.