

Hiteon Highlights

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Hiteon Mission Statement

Hiteon is a community dedicated to providing an educational experience in which everyone can reach their full potential and make positive societal contributions. We strive to enhance personal, community, and global identities while developing life-long learners.

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Principal's Message:

Dear Hiteon Families,

Welcome back from our unexpected second winter break. What a crazy week of snow and ice! Needless to say, it was great to be back in school this week and re-establishing our routines once more.

We are pleased to announce that Meghan Warren, our Hiteon Principal, had her baby girl, Quincy Marie Warren, last week and is officially on leave. She will return to work mid-April. I will step into the role as Principal in her absence, and Peter Clark, a retired BSD administrator, will serve as our Assistant Principal. Welcome, Peter!



We know the hot topic is how the district will decide to restore the missed days due to the inclement weather. We were told earlier this week in a message from the Superintendent, that the district is working with multiple stakeholders to do the right thing for kids. They are trying to balance the moral obligation of restoring as much instructional time with the fact that our school year is already scheduled to end very late into June. They will use their creativity and explore all possibilities to find a viable solution. Thank you for your patience as they work through this. I know their goal is to make a decision as quickly as possible.

Warmly,

Monica Arbow

Upcoming Events

January 2017

25th Passport Check
26th Passport Check

February 2017

1st Donuts with Dudes 7:30-8:30am
1st PTC General Meeting
3rd Staff Development - No Students
7th Art Lit Training (Cafeteria)
10th Coffee with Principals 8am
17th Popcorn Friday
20th President's Day - School Closed
22nd Passport Check
23rd Passport Check
24th Bingo Night 6:00pm

March 2017

1st PTC General Meeting
2nd Conferences - No Students
3rd Conferences - No Students
9th Science Fair 6:30pm
10th Grading Day - No Students
16th Hearing Screenings K & 1st Grade
17th Popcorn Friday
17th Report Cards go home
22nd Passport Check
23rd Passport Check
22nd McTeacher Night 5:00-8:00pm
23rd Kindergarten Orientation 6:00pm
27th & 31st Spring Break - School Closed



Christine's Counselor Corner

What Do You Think is One of the Biggest Predictors of School Success?

*Or to put it differently, what is one of the major factors that puts students at-risk academically?
You might be surprised to learn it's something as simple as attendance!*

Several years ago, The Oregonian did a major study on absenteeism and published an excellent series called "Empty Desks." <http://www.oregonlive.com/absent/index.html> It showed that Oregon had the highest chronic absenteeism in the country, and defined chronic absenteeism as students who miss at least 10% of the school year.

Two of the many facts that stood out to me were:

- 1) One Oregon study found that students who miss 10 percent of kindergarten lag, on average, almost a year behind in reading by third grade and are unlikely to ever catch up.*
- 2) First graders who miss three or four weeks of school are likely to trail behind their classmates years later, even if they start coming to school regularly, teachers say and studies confirm.*

Beaverton School District takes attendance very seriously as we want all of our students to succeed academically. We know you have the same goal for your children. Here at Hiteon, we've identified attendance as a major area of focus. As a result, you may receive a phone call (or a brief in-person chat) from your child's teacher if attendance concerns arise. I'm involved in contacting parents if attendance or tardies do not improve to see if there are other factors of which we're unaware, or if there is anything we might do to help. Some students have a tough time coming back to school after a long break (we've sure had those this winter!). Please know that I'm always available to help with that. Obviously if a student is running a fever or ill with the flu, we want you to keep them home!

Some parents say that it's difficult for children to "get with the routine" in the morning. I well remember those days! Sometimes getting to school on time starts the night before by setting backpack (with homework inside!) at the door, and putting out clothes. Night-time routines (perhaps bath and a story to quiet down) may help children get to bed earlier and get a bit more sleep. Perhaps an alarm clock for the kiddo will help. And trusty incentive plans with fun, non-monetary rewards can make a difference for some children.

Many thanks for working with us on this, and please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Holiday Assistance Thank You

Several different groups helped make a difference for some of our Hiteon families during the holidays. Special thanks to Salvation Army, and especially to Jesuit High School as they made their deliveries on Saturday, December 17, during icy conditions!

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Testing Information:

English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) for English Language Learners will begin mid to late February. Stay tuned for more information about specific dates and what to expect in the next couple of weeks. **Smarter Balanced (SBAC)** testing for all students Grades 3-5 will begin April 24th. Be looking for more information about testing, as well as information about opting out, in the upcoming Newsletters.

THE FUTURE BUS

You may have noticed a colorful bus parked at Hiteon this week and last. This is the BSD Future Bus! The Future Bus is an old school bus that has been transformed into a mobile learning space where kids experiment with science, engineering, and creative design. The goal with deploying the Future Bus is to scale out the excitement of hands-on learning and allow students to collaboratively create, invent, and learn with some of the district's latest technology gadgets. This week, they worked with 4th and 5th graders. We are working to schedule a time in the spring for the Future Bus to return and work with the lower grades.



PYP - Students Taking Action

As part of the Primary Years Programme, students are encouraged to take positive actions in relationship to their learning. This past month, students on bus #103 took action in a meaningful way! Bus driver Naobi, encouraged students to write notes, letters or draw pictures to show appreciation to our US Veterans. Over 30 letters and drawings were collected and sent to the Veterans to thank them for their service. Students demonstrated the Learner Profile attribute of being "Caring" and the attitudes of "appreciation" and "respect" by their actions. Thank you Naobi and students on bus 103!



IMMUNIZATION EXCLUSION DAY IS FEBRUARY 15th

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

NO Dogs On Campus

We love four-legged friends. Unfortunately, for a multitude of reasons, we **can't** have dogs on campus at Hiteon. Unpredictable animals, even on leashes, coupled with 700 + students (sometimes unpredictable themselves!), can create unsafe conditions even with the most socialized dogs.

Thank you for leaving your pets at home during arrival and dismissal.

DISTRICT REQUIRED BACKGROUND CHECK

Remember to process the District required background check so you can volunteer for class-room parties and field trips.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 3RD



**If you, your neighbors, family or friends have kinder ready children, please tell them to come by Hiteon's Main Office to pick up an enrollment packet starting
Friday, February 3rd.**

COMMUNITY FLIERS

For fun Fall activities, sports, camps and community events, please copy this link in your browser [Beaverton School District's Approved Fliers Page](#).

You will find a complete list of all the fliers that have been approved by the District for distribution. Due to administrative and cost limitations we are unable to provide hard copies of fliers.

If you are interested in having a flier reviewed for approval you will find the review process on this same link. Once fliers are approved, you are welcome to bring copies for the Community Shelf located in Hiteon's Main Office.