

# 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.



## *Principal's Message:*

Greetings Hiteon Community!

We are embarking on our final days of the 2014-2015 school year. Watching students grow as learners and becoming an official member of the Hiteon Family have been highlights for me this school year. As we roll forward to summer, please note the Hiteon Main Office will be open from 8:00 – 12:00 pm every Wednesday. Call or come by with questions and please encourage new neighbors to register their children during this time!

A huge thank you to Cathy Manor & Stacie Ayers for their community leadership this school year. They've inspired volunteerism and are a large reason why Hiteon is such a strong family. We're officially saying goodbye and thank you to Cathy and Stacie and welcoming in new PTC leadership. Courtney Covington and Amy Johnson have been elected Co-PTC Presidents for the 2015-2016 school year. Congratulations Courtney & Amy!

Hiteon's WE Brochure is now available online:

<https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/schools/hiteon/news/Pages/WE-Book-Hiteon%20English%20and%20Spanish.aspx>.

Happy Home Reading!

## Upcoming Events

### June 2015

8th Newsletter  
11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> End of Year Parties  
12<sup>th</sup> **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**  
12<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Report Cards  
21<sup>st</sup> Father's Day  
24<sup>th</sup> Office Summer Hours Start  
8am-12pm

### July 2015

1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Office  
Summer Hours 8am-12pm  
4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day

### August 2015

5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Office Summer Hours  
8am-12pm  
17<sup>th</sup> Office Open for Fall

### September 2015

3<sup>rd</sup> Bring your supplies to school &  
meet your teacher  
7<sup>th</sup> Labor Day  
8<sup>th</sup> First Day of School

## Hiteon's Summer Hours

We will have limited office hours every **Wednesday** this summer. If you have any school related needs, please visit us between 8:00am to 12:00pm June 24<sup>th</sup> through August 12<sup>th</sup>.



## *Principal's Message continued:*

The hiring season in Beaverton has been busy! Below are some of our staff hellos and goodbyes. Beaverton is hiring throughout our district and providing staff an opportunity to shift and expand their professional influence. Many Hiteon staff are pursuing these career opportunities. I continue to work diligently to hire a strong Hiteon Team and intend to keep everyone notified of additions to our staff throughout summer! Please help me welcome and say goodbye to the following individuals:

### **Please help me welcome...**

*Shannon Staley*

Shannon joins us as a half time English Language Development Teacher at Hiteon (also a half time English Language Development Teacher at Greenway). Shannon is currently teaching 4<sup>th</sup> Grade at Banks Elementary School. Her passion for working with diverse learners and assuring all students are successful make her a great addition to our ELD Team.

*Peggy Delay*

Peggy joins us back at Hiteon this coming school year as both our building and Behavior Learning Center Psychologist. Peggy has a knack for working with staff and setting students up for success. We look forward to officially welcoming Peggy back to our Hiteon Team this fall.

*Emily Jeremiah*

I am thrilled to welcome Emily Jeremiah back to the staff of Hiteon. Emily joins us as the newest member of our 4th Grade Teaching Team. Emily is currently a teacher at Clark Elementary School in Issaquah, Washington. Emily's roots in education began as a student teacher at Hiteon. Her experience working with students from diverse backgrounds and "whatever it takes approach" to students make her an outstanding candidate. We look forward to welcoming her spirit, instructional knowledge, and love of students here at Hiteon.

*Caitlin Castonguay*

Caitlin has taught 3rd Grade for 2 years at NOVA Charter School. Her roots began as a student teacher at Kinnaman Elementary School. Her intensive academic work with students, roll up your sleeves attitude, and warmth will prove to be a great match for Hiteon. Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Team Caitlin!

*Kayla McCarley*

Kayla joins us as a Lower Behavior Learning Center Teacher this fall. Kayla has worked previously as an Instructional Assistant in a Behavior Learning Center Classroom at Raleigh Hills Elementary School. Her belief in students and desire to move all students along their emotional and academic continuum make her the right fit for Hiteon. We welcome your spirit to our Lower BLC Classroom Kayla!

*Laura Tomlinson*

Please help me in officially welcoming Laura Tomlinson to our Hiteon Team! Laura will be joining us from Chehalem Elementary School. Laura will be working as a half time Resource Room Teacher with Heidi supporting students in the Resource Room. We look forward to having her on Staff.

### **Please help me send bittersweet "wish you wells" to...**

*Tricia Thompson*

Tricia is our current Behavior Learning School Psychologist; she has been reassigned to another elementary school building for the 2015-2016 school year. Trish, your tireless effort to ensure all of our students at Hiteon experience warmth and success is commendable. Thank you for your role on our Special Education Team this school year.

## *Principal's Message continued:*

*Aarti Kamalahasan*

Aarti joined our Special Education staff this winter in the Resource Room. As an Instructional Assistant she worked side-by-side with Heidi Beaty (Hiteon's Learning Specialist). Aarti, we appreciated your flexibility and positivity toward teaching and learning. Aarti's position will become a half time Certified Teaching position next school year. We look forward to welcoming you back as a substitute teacher at Hiteon next school year!

*Carol Marino*

Carol Marino, our current School Psychologist, is welcoming retirement next school year. We thank you for your support of our students and your role putting the "puzzle pieces of learning" together. Enjoy what's to come!

*Megan Nace*

Megan, a current 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, has selected to pursue various other career opportunities. While her heart remains with the students and staff at Hiteon, she hopes to find a position that will allow her more time with her young daughter and family. Megan, your commitment to Hiteon staff and students is commendable and your spirit will be missed in the halls of our school. We wish you all the best with what's to come!

*Georgia Hastings*

Georgia, a current 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, will join the staff of Elmonica Elementary School next year as an English Language Development Teacher and large school support teacher. She'll impact a variety of learners at Elmonica, assisting them along their path to English Language proficiency! Our Hiteon Family will miss her graceful style and passion for students. We wish you the best Georgia!

*Jennifer Black*

Jennifer, our current Lower Behavior Learning Center Teacher, is departing Hiteon for career opportunities closer to home. Jennifer has infused her passion for working with the "whole child" into Hiteon. Thank you Jennifer for promoting inclusive and equitable practice in our school. We wish you well in your career aspirations closer to home!

*Jennifer Oordt*

Jennifer, one of Hiteon's great energizers, will share her spirit with the staff of Bonny Slope Elementary School next school year as their Intervention Teacher. She looks forward to expanding her professional horizons and assisting Bonny Slope in building their student intervention programs. Jennifer's charisma and drive for the Primary Years Programme will be missed. We are in the process of interviewing for her replacement.

*Sarah Grimes*

Sarah has been a temporary, half time English Language Development Teacher at Hiteon this year. She is departing Hiteon for full-time work in our school district. Sarah's enthusiasm and passion for students and learning will serve her well in any future position.

*Shana Goodwin-Youssef*

Shana has been a temporary, Specialized Program Assistant in our Lower Behavior Learning Center Classroom this year. Shana's calm and steady demeanor and loving spirit have added to the warmth of Hiteon this year. We wish Shana well and hope our paths cross again in the future!

As summer rolls in please take time to enjoy each other and your time together. Monica Arbow and I look forward to welcoming our Hiteon family back to school this coming fall.

With warm regards,  
Meghan Warren

## COUNSELOR CORNER

Two Home Plate staff met with our High Flyers on Thursday to thank them for the hygiene supply drive. Hiteon students brought in 1,235 items in six days to help homeless people, aged 12-24, in Washington County! Home Plate representatives said that these supplies will help 200-400 people. They encouraged the High Flyers to continue with community service in middle school. As The High Flyer advisor, I am so impressed with the creativity, leadership, planning and enthusiasm with which they executed this project. They truly made it happen! We will miss all 27 of you next year, and will be eager to hear about middle school.



Christine Purvis

### News from the Gym



We can't believe it's Field Day time! We are so excited about this exciting day.

Hiteon PE has joined twitter! Look for a few pictures from field day @HiteonPE\_BSD

We hope that you have an active and fun summer ☺

Mrs. Hamilton & Ms. Strong

### CAFETERIA NEWS:

Parents, please note that any balance remaining on your child's meal account will roll-over for the 2015-2016 school year.

If you have a child moving on to middle school, their meal account balance will transfer with them.



If your child will not be returning to Hiteon next year, you may request to have a refund

Please contact Valerie Lawrence if you have any questions before the last day of school.

### The end of the school year is almost here!

This is your last opportunity to claim any missing items that belong to your student(s). The Lost and Found cart will be at the front entrance of the school all week for you to go through. Please take a moment to look through it one last time. The Lost and Found will be *completely* emptied on the last day of school, **Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**. All unclaimed items will be donated to the Beaverton School District Clothes Closet.



### Medication Pickup

All medications must be picked up by a parent or authorized adult by June 12th.



All medications left after that date will be discarded.

New paperwork is required to be completed at the beginning of each school year when the medication is brought in.

If you have any questions, please contact the office staff.

# LIBRARY CORNER

## **Hiteon Library News:**

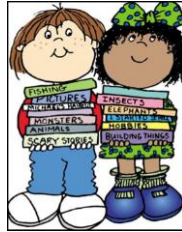
We are working hard to collect all the Library books that are still out!

Please ask your student if they have any books or DVD's that they need to turn in. We want to get them on the shelves ready to check out in the Fall.

The Summer Reading Program at the Beaverton City Library has just started. It runs now through July 20<sup>th</sup>. Check out the web page at [www.beavertonlibrary.org/SRP](http://www.beavertonlibrary.org/SRP). **Last year we were honored with an award for the highest number of finishers in the Beaverton School District.** They also have fun and free events happening all summer long. The City Park near the Main Beaverton City Library is a free lunch site Monday-Friday, 11 AM-1 PM. What a great way to spend a summer day with a Library visit, free lunch and play time in the fountain!

Have a fun and wonderful summer,

Sue Paldino  
Hiteon Library



## Whats Happenings In Music June 2015

Music at Hiteon has been very busy and exciting this year. We welcomed Mrs. Chris McCulley to our staff as a .5 music teacher whom we have shared with William Walker Elementary. We are delighted that Mrs. McCulley will be with us full time next year and look forward to an exciting and musical year. She has been a fine addition to our staff and we have been so fortunate to have her wonderful teaching and experience.

We've had music programs for 2nd, 3rd, 4th and puppet unit shows for 5th grades. We plan on some very interesting and exciting programs for next year as well. Our year has had students playing instruments, i.e. 4th and 5th grades playing clarinet and violin, and we were able to use some authentic Chinese musical instruments as well. Students enjoyed dancing and movement, singing, games, drumming, multicultural musical experiences and music basics.

A big thank you to our parents for the wonderful support and participation this year and we look forward to another great year at Hiteon and wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

Your Music Teachers,  
Vicki Henry and Chris McCulley

# Language

xiè xie – Thank you for a wonderful year! The students celebrated the year by revisiting some of our favorite activities and previewing a few ideas that are in the works for next fall. A few of our rotations: chopstick skills, origami, vocabulary games and a “balancing station”.

While teaching Language and Culture this year, I often found myself asking my own parents questions. These questions brought back many fond memories from their childhoods. Both my parents were born in China, but moved to Taiwan at an early age. They came to America after receiving scholarships to study at the University of Washington.

While my parents were reflecting and sharing stories with my children and me, they decided to surprise all of their children and families with an extensive trip to Asia to visit Taiwan, Hong Kong and China!

After all the logistics of getting our schedules to work, we are thrilled to have the opportunity for all 13 of us to travel together for a 3-week adventure! I can't wait to bring back our experiences and some new ideas to share with the students next year!

Tina Strub

# Hiteon Students are Empowered!

By Jennifer Oordt

Primary Years Programme Coordinator

"The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, **recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.**"

This quote gives the big picture of what it means to be internationally minded.

The PYP students strive to be "Internationally Minded". The simple definition of an internationally minded individual is described in the learner profile, a person who is: A thinker, caring, balanced, a risk-taker, principled, reflective, open-minded, knowledgeable, a communicator, and an inquirer.

The fifth graders are culminating an inquiry unit where they explored how individuals can make an impact. In class they read a novel, Seed Folks, where the diverse characters came together and created a community garden. The students studied art, plant life and water systems at the same time, identifying needs of our global community.

Many of the fifth grade students took an interest in plant and gardening projects. Some students took an interest in finding a way for apartment dwellers to be able to grow their own food. This group created a vertical hydroponic window farm. Showing that not only is soil unnecessary, but so is the requirement of needing a lot of space.

Another group decided to spread happiness and good feelings by doing random acts of kindness for people. They have been putting post it notes in books so that the next readers finds their kind words, reading to younger students so teachers can have time to work on report cards, and helping younger grade students with their classwork.

What a bunch of great kids!

Small interest groups collaborated to research and express areas of concern and solutions. Some built hydroponic growing systems, others experimented with various lighting and watering, and others created web sites, organized clean up days and recycle projects while even more delved into the global water crisis by learning about drought, global water distribution, conservation and solutions of the future.

Each student participated in their own unique way. They followed their interest and passions. The student ownership was apparent! Becoming an expert on a relevant topic and having an audience that needs to be educated truly empowered our students. One of the essential elements of the PYP is to "Take Action". Students are expected to DO SOMETHING with their new learning. The fifth grade students have been hearing that message now for two years and it has become apparent that passively learning isn't as much fun or interesting. Hiteon staff has always known their students will grow into incredible people and do amazing things. The interesting thing this year, after the "Individuals can make an impact" unit, they are doing amazing things RIGHT NOW!!

For fun summer activities, sports, camps and community events, please visit the [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.