

Hiteon Highlights

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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.



Upcoming Events

March 2016

21st-25th Spring Break - No School
28th Staff Development-No Students
30th FUN RUN KICK OFF

April 2016

5th Art Lit Training (Cafeteria)
6th Passport Check Day
Marr's Performance 1:45
PTC Meeting 6:30
7th Passport Check Day
Hearing Screening 8:00
Maynard's Performance 1:45
Hodgkinson's Performance 1:45
8th Logan's Performance 8:30
Jeremiah's Performance 1:45
11th Hearing Re-Screening 8:00
20th Volunteer Appreciation Event 1:00
22nd Popcorn Sales
29th Staff Development-No Students

Principal's Message:

Last week, the Hiteon community did it again! They hosted another successful event—Hiteon's Science Expo! Thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate our students' hard work and creative minds and a big thanks to our parent volunteers who continue to share their time and creativity. You are such an integral part of who we are at Hiteon and we are so grateful for you!

We want to wish everyone a safe and restful Spring Break. Take time to catch your breath, enjoy your children, and rest up for the final stretch of the school year. We look forward to seeing your children back at school Tuesday, March 29th.

With warm regards,
Meghan Warren & Monica Arbow

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS ARE HAPPENING NOW



If you, your neighbors or friends have kinder ready children, please come by Hiteon's Main Office to pickup a registration packet.



Christine's Counselor Corner

Spring Break

It's stunning to realize that Spring Break is here! Whether your family is staying in town or travelling, I hope that each of you enjoy renewed time with your children.

During the break, consider mixing up the routine a little. Maybe have a backwards night in which jammies are donned, then dessert eaten before dinner. Break out old-fashioned board games and have a family evening. And though it's hard, encourage your children to take a break from video games! Go shoot hoops at the park, go biking, swimming, hiking or skateboarding together. Maybe start a new family read-aloud chapter book.

These extra times with our children are all too fleeting, and a time of family relaxation will help prepare them for the last third of the school year. It will be fun to see your children and hear their stories when we come back from break. Enjoy!

Thank You!

On a personal note, I would like to express my thanks for the many good wishes I received for my recent medical leave. I feel so blessed to be part of such a caring community here at Hiteon. It's simply great to be back!

As always, please feel free to contact me at christine_purvis@beaverton.k12.or.us or call me at 503.356.2146 if I may be of assistance in any way.

The Region 1 Oregon Battle of the Books championship recently took place at Westview High School, and our very own 4th grade Hiteon team took 1st place out of 108 teams!! We want to congratulate team "Hippos" from Mrs. Fouts' class, Audrey Liang, Helen Irish, Marina Case, and Reese McIntyre. The Hiteon community is cheering for you as you compete in the State Tournament April 9th. Go get 'em, Hawks!



The Hiteon team and coach Kristen Fouts (left) show off some of the books from their victory at Saturday's Oregon Battle of the Books competition at Westview High School.

SMARTER BALANCED STATE TESTING UPDATE

State testing is almost upon us! Hiteon's testing window will be from April 25th - June 2nd. Your child's teacher will notify you of specific testing days once we finalize the grade level schedule.

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.

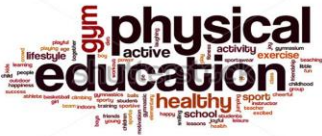
Our students will take these tests once between February and June, 2016. New legislation passed in the 2015 Legislative Session (House Bill 2655) permits parents and adult students to annually opt-out of Oregon's statewide summative tests in English Language Arts and Math by submitting a form to the 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.



News from the Gym

Classes have started working on their striking skills. We will practice striking a variety of objects with our hands, paddles, and racquets. By the end of the month many students will have tried striking balloons, beach balls, volleyballs, foam balls, and shuttlecocks. We have been doing a variety of fitness activities to help us continue to improve our balance, flexibility, muscular strength/endurance and cardiovascular endurance. Some classes have been introduced to the basics of speed stacking. Students are having fun while improving hand-eye coordination, fine motor skills, and bilateral proficiency. Over the last month students have had the opportunity to try out and monitor their activity levels with pedometers in P.E. class.



Students trying out our new Tchoukball sets received through a BEF (Beaverton Education Foundation) grant. This has been a great activity to work on throwing, catching and looking at angles involved in sports.

Mrs. Hamilton & Ms. Strong

COMMUNITY FLYERS

For fun 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.