

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.



Principal's Message:

Dear Hiteon Families!

It's hard to believe we are already three weeks into the school year! Hiteon students and staff are settling in nicely and our day-to-day is becoming routine. We would like to thank all of you who were able to attend our Curriculum Night last week. We know that family time is precious and we really appreciate you taking that time to come out and learn more about what is happening in your child's classroom and school.

In each Newsletter, we will strive to highlight one of the Beaverton School District's Four Pillars: Excellence, Equity, Innovation, and Collaboration. This month, students have been very focused on collaboration. Synonyms for collaborate are cooperate, combine, join forces, team up, band together, participate, and work together. An example I'd like to highlight involves a group of 5th grade student leaders, our Hiteon High Flyers. The Hiteon High Flyers joined together to provide structure, security, and safety for our Kindergarten and 1st grade students making their way to the buses the first weeks of school. The High Flyers spent time meeting with our counselor, Christine Purvis, to plan and prepare for their dismissal routine. They were a huge help in ensuring that our newest and youngest students got where they needed to go.

Furthermore in the classroom, teachers have been focused on getting to know their students. They have also been helping facilitate activities in which students get to know their peers, defining who they are as individuals, as a class, and ultimately as Hiteon Elementary School. It's powerful, collaborative, and it lays a solid foundation for a successful year ahead!

Lastly, this week our PTC Co-Presidents, Michelle Hill and Amy Johnson, were in collaboration with our district Safe Routes to School Coordinator, Lynne Mutrie, and Mrs. Arbow, Hiteon's Assistant Principal, to plan next month's "Walk and Roll" to School event, which will take place on October 5th. We worked to create four gathering locations in our surrounding neighborhood that we will walk to school from, forming a "walking school bus." Prizes will be awarded upon arrival at school for all of those who walk and/or roll to school.

Warmly,
Meghan Warren and Monica Arbow

Upcoming Events

September 2016

28th Passport Check
29th Passport Check

October 2016

5th Walk & Roll to School
5th Clothes Closet Volunteer
Hiteon Day 10am-4:10pm
5th PTC Board Meeting 6:00pm
PTC General Meeting 7:00pm
6th Picture Day
7th Coffee with the Principals
8am-8:45am
11th Vision Testing 8am-12pm
14th Work Day - **No Students**
20th-21st Conferences - **No Students**
24th-28th Book Fair
26th Passport Check
27th Passport Check
31st Halloween



SAFETY reminders we would like to mention:

- Parents please **DO NOT** walk between and/or around the school buses and daycare vans to get into your car. Please use designated crossing areas for the safety of you and your students.
- Please drive safely and cautiously in our parking lot. We have several students and parents walking to and from school, and we want to ensure everyone's safety. Please follow traffic patterns and respect all crosswalks.
- When coming to visit, walk your child to class, volunteer, etc., please **always** sign into the Main Office and wear a yellow visitor's badge
- If your child has a change in the way they usually go home, **please send a written note with your child to turn into the office.** The office will make a copy and keep for our record and then give the note back to the student to give to the teacher. **If there is a change after 10:00 a.m., call the Main Office directly and the Office will notify the teacher.** Teachers may not have a chance to check email after lunch.



If you see something, say something.

Just a friendly reminder to notify us at Hiteon if you have concerns related to school. If you see something, say something... that's the perfect mantra for us to follow! Thank you for reporting your concerns/issues to your child's teacher and/or to Hiteon's Main Office.

Dogs on Campus

We love four-legged friends. Even more, we love the family snapshot of students, parents, and four-legged family members coming and going from school. 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.

DISMISSAL NOTIFICATIONS TO AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We appreciate the advance notes and calls to teachers and Hiteon's Main Office with changes in your student's daily dismissal plan. This helps up make dismissal run smoothly.

We ask that you also please make sure to inform the after school care program that your student attends, when you have an absent student or if he/she was picked up early.

This will help to assure that the daycare vans are not delayed to their next stop waiting to confirm if the student was at school for picked up early that day.

Early Release/Teacher Collaboration

Starting in September 2017, the Beaverton School District will implement a 90-minute early release on Wednesday afternoons to allow teachers time to collaborate and participate in professional development opportunities. The schedule change is a result of the new contract between the District and the Beaverton Education Association. The agreement adds nine student days over the next three years.

We recognize the impact this change will have on families and childcare may be a challenge. We are exploring opportunities for additional after school activities with the Beaverton Education Foundation and other community partners.

The District recognizes some of the challenges this transition may create and has already begun the planning process. Some of those steps include weekly planning meetings, conducting parent focus groups and regular communications about the change. Much of the work is focused on determining how to support families and students in the transition.

This will be new for all of us at Hiteon and will take some proactive planning to ensure this transition is a smooth one. We will encourage dialogue with you, our parent community, through Principal coffee chats, PTO meetings, surveys, and conversation. We will talk about this transition frequently this year as we begin our planning.

The District has developed an [Early Release/Teacher Collaboration webpage](#). There is a link to this page on our school webpage in the “School Resources” box. The webpage includes an [FAQ](#) that may contain answers to many of your questions.

Planning for Early Release/Teacher Collaboration will continue to take place throughout the 2016-2017 school year. Please check the District’s BSD Briefs newsletter, our school newsletter and the Early Release/Teacher Collaboration webpage for updates.



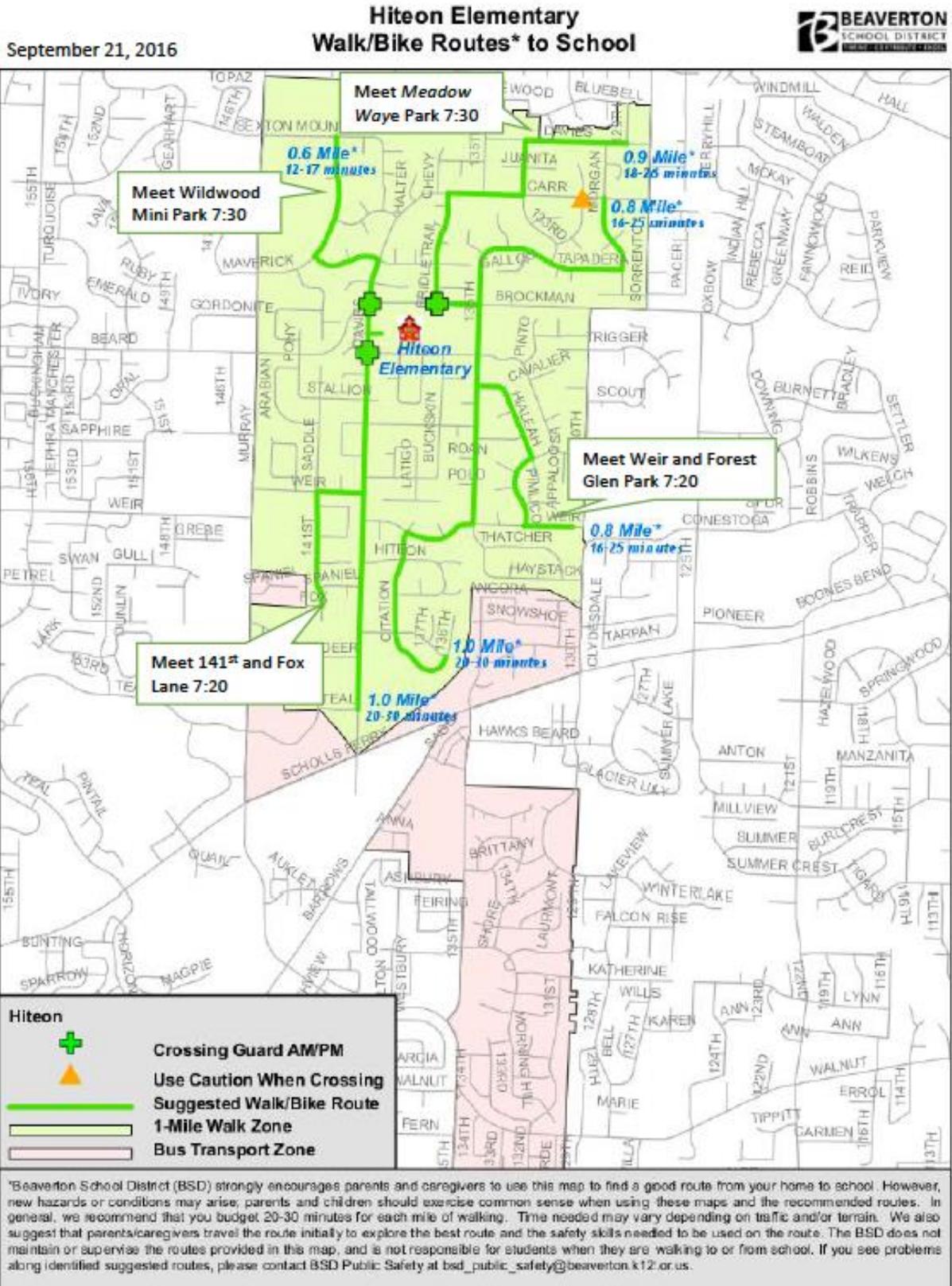
Learning Options Information for 2017-2018

The Beaverton School District is nationally recognized for high student achievement and innovative programs. Beaverton students in grades 6-12 have the opportunity to investigate learning options that best fit their academic needs. Students can choose their neighborhood school or one of a number of small learning options. Transportation is provided.

Applications will be available starting **Monday, October 24, 2016**. All applicants must reside within the Beaverton School District boundaries. Current Beaverton School District students are able to apply online using their student ID. Resident students not currently attending a Beaverton school will need to complete a paper application available online, or at any school office beginning October 24, 2016.

HITEON'S "WALK & ROLL" TO SCHOOL EVENT

As mentioned in the Principal's Message, **Wednesday, October 5th** is Hiteon's Walk and Bike to School Day. We created four designated start locations for our walkers and rollers. We hope to pick up more kids along the way. Please refer to the map to find a start location near you. **Looking forward to seeing everyone as we WALK & ROLL to school on October 5th.**



FALL NEWSLETTER INFORMATION REGARDING TAG NOMINATION PROCESS

Every year students are considered for Talented and Gifted services in Beaverton School District. These services are provided by your child's classroom teacher(s). If you think your child might qualify, you may wish to complete the Parent Information Form that is available in our school's office. Completing this form gives our school TAG committee more information about your child, but it is not required. All qualified students will be considered regardless of its completion.

Oregon law and District policy define gifted students as those who score at or above the 97th percentile on a standardized, nationally normed test of mental ability and/or academic achievement. Behavioral, learning, and/or performance information is also considered before a student is identified for TAG services.

The Parent Information Form must be completed and returned to our school's TAG facilitator, Codie Christenson, or the school's office.

Estimados Padres:

Cada año se ofrecen servicios para alumnos identificados como talentosos y dotados por medio del programa TAG (*Talented and Gifted* por sus siglas en inglés) en el Distrito Escolar de Beaverton. Estos servicios son proporcionados por los maestros de la clase. Si Ud. piensa que su hijo(a) sobresale en el ámbito de la capacidad académica e intelectual, favor de llenar el formulario de información de padres disponible en la oficina de la escuela o en la página web del distrito. Por medio del formulario Ud. tendrá la oportunidad de proporcionar información importante acerca de su hijo(a), misma que será analizada por el comité de TAG. Todos los alumnos que califiquen serán considerados, independientemente del llenado del formulario.

La ley de Oregon y la política del Distrito definen como estudiantes talentosos y \dotados a todos aquellos alumnos cuyo puntaje esté arriba del 97 percentil en el examen de habilidad mental y logros académicos, mismo que es estandarizado y nacionalmente normado. El comportamiento académico, el aprendizaje y/o el desempeño son también considerados antes de identificar a un alumno para los servicios de TAG. La escuela Codie Christenson evaluará a los alumnos nominados por padres o maestros en el mes de Noviembre.

Visit <https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/depts/tchlrm/gifted> for more information.

#BSD BRAINBOOSTS



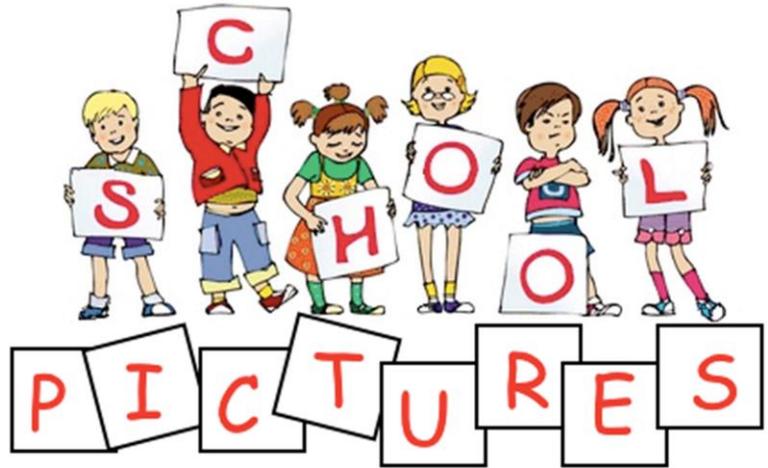
Brain Boosts are refreshing to students and teachers alike. Research shows Brain Boosts increase the efficiency of students when included periodically throughout the school day.

<https://stampsy.com/bsd-brainboost>

HITEON'S PICTURE DAY IS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

SMILE



PASSPORT CHECK IS

SEPTEMBER 28TH & 29TH

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPALS

Join us on
Friday, October 7th
8:00 am-8:45 am

for some coffee and an opportunity to chat
with Meghan and Monica on the happenings
around school and the district.



Coffee & Chat

COMMUNITY FLYERS

For fun Fall 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.