

# 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:

Welcome back to school! The halls are buzzing with excitement! Currently, our enrollment is at 678 students and growing. We have such a dedicated staff. Every day I am impressed with the quality of teaching that is evident all over our school.

New staff members to Hiteon this year are:

- \*Jennifer Black is our Primary BLC teacher.
- \*Ashley Langen is our new Upper BLC teacher.
- \*Heidi Beaty is our new Resource Room teacher.
- \*Doreen Butler is our new .5 Resource Room teacher.
- \*Kristy Fouts is our new 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher.
- \*Georgia Hastings is our new 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher.
- \*Sara Dykeman is our new BLC Instructional Assistant.

Please plan to attend our Back to School Night on Thursday, September 12, 2013. The schedule is as follows:

K-2 sessions: 6:30 to 6:55

Presentation in gym: 7:00 to 7:30

3-5 sessions: 7:35 to 8:00

This event is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and preview learning opportunities for this year. This event is not a time to have a one on one conference with a teacher or to discuss specific concerns with a teacher. This event is intended for parents only. We do not provide child care.

If you haven't had a chance, please stop by the office and introduce yourself. I look forward to the 2013-2014 school year and meeting all of the new families! I know our staff and community are committed to making Hiteon be the best school it can be!

## Morning Procedures

Please make sure your students are entering in the front doors in the morning. For safety reasons, we need to make sure all other doors are locked throughout the school day. Students have a choice of going into the gym, technology lab or the library in the mornings. We encourage you to either come at 8:00, wear a Hiteon visitor badge and walk your students to their class or if you come early before 8:00, please drop them off in the gym. We do not have enough space in the gym for students and parents.

**Please do not drop off your students before 7:45 am. If they are eating**

## Upcoming Events

### September 2013

- 6th Back to School Picnic  
@6:00 pm  
Verification of Enrollments Due
- 9th 1st Day of School for Kindergarten
- 12th Curriculum Night  
Parents only 6:30 pm
- 16th Volunteer Orientation  
9 am & 6 pm
- 19th Passport Check Day  
Bus Evacuation Drill  
9:30 am-10:30 am
- 20th Writing Celebration  
w/Principal  
Popcorn Sales
- 23rd School Board Meeting  
6:30 Admin. Ctr
- 25th PTC General Meeting  
6:30 pm

### October 2013

- 3rd Picture Day
- 8th Dining for \$ at Pizzicato
- 11th **Staff Development**  
**No Students**
- 17th Passport Check Day
- 18th Dude Event  
7:15-7:45 am  
Writing Celebration  
w/Principal  
Popcorn Sales
- 23rd PTC General Meeting  
6:30 pm
- 24th District Listening  
Session 6:30-8:00 pm  
@Beaverton High School
- 28th School Board Meeting  
6:30 pm Admin Ctr.

**breakfast they can come at 7:30 am.** We have adequate teacher coverage in the gym after 7:45 am and we will take good care of your child. Thanks for following these procedures.

## **Parking Lot/Dismissal**

Thank you for not leaving your car unattended. If you are in the drop off lane, please do not leave your vehicle. It causes huge back up of cars onto Brockman. Also, keep moving your vehicle forward. If you do not see your child, continue to drive around again. Many parents are waiting behind you. It is important you follow the arrows and do not hold up traffic,

## **Dogs**

Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. This is a Beaverton School District mandate.

## **Tips for Parents to Help Students Adjust to Change**

Back to school time means changes for many students, especially the very young. New schools, new teachers or new programs can create anxiety for many students. Making a smooth transition between home, programs, and school can help children feel good about themselves and will allow them to better focus on classroom activities.

Here are a few parenting tips that can help your student with these adjustments, provided by the National Association for the Education of Young Children:

- Be enthusiastic about the change. If you are excited and confident, your child will be too.
- Prepare yourself. Take note of how your child reacts to separation. If possible, visit the new setting with your student.
- Start daily routines that will add to continuity. For instance, let your child become involved with packing lunch or laying out clothes.
- Put aside extra time, especially early on for chatting and commuting together. Remember not to prolong the goodbye. If a student cries or clings, staying will only make it harder.
- Always say goodbye to your child. Be firm, but friendly about separating. Never ridicule a child for crying.
- At the end of the work day, put aside your concerns and focus on being a parent.

## **Welcome to Hiteon Primary Years Programme!**

The staff at Hiteon is excited to explore the International Baccalaureate' Primary Years Program as a framework for curriculum development at our school. The PYP curriculum is based in the liberal arts, has a international focus and encourages a hands-on approach to learning.

The International Baccalaureate Organization is a non-profit educational foundation that is a recognized leader in the field of international education. It supports schools in encouraging students to be active learners, well-rounded individuals and engaged world citizens. Founded in 1968, the IB Organization currently works with 1,876 schools in 124 countries to offer challenging programs including:

Primary Years Program (students age 3-12) - This is the program we are exploring at Hiteon this school year. It focuses on the development of the whole child in the classroom and also in the world outside, through other environments where children learn. It offers a framework that meets children's academic, social, physical, emotional and cultural needs. The PYP serves as an excellent introduction to the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program, but it is not a prerequisite for this or for the Diploma Program.

Middle Years Program (students age 11-16) - There are three Beaverton Schools that offer the Middle Years Program. The International School, Meadow Park and Cedar Park Middle Schools. Diploma Program (Students age 16-19) - Three area high schools offer the IB Diploma Program, including Sunset High School and Southridge High School and the International School.

The IB Organization aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. More information is available at [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org) or through Jennifer Oordt ([jennifer\\_oordt@beaverton.k12.or.us](mailto:jennifer_oordt@beaverton.k12.or.us)), the IB/PYP/RTI coordinator at Hiteon Elementary.

Dear Hiteon Parents,

As a school community, we are deeply committed to providing your child with the best education possible and that includes challenging every student to reach his or her full potential. It is also essential that you have the best possible information about how your child is doing in school and what areas may need additional focus to make sure he or she has the strong foundation needed for future success.

There are some exciting changes going on in our school - and around our state - that will help us make sure that your child leaves our school ready for his or her next steps. I wanted to share a little about these changes and about what you and your child can expect to see this year.

As you may have heard, Oregon has adopted the *Common Core State Standards* - rigorous, learning expectations developed by educators, parents, and experts from around the U.S. and voluntarily adopted by the majority of states. The *Common Core State Standards* are not a curriculum. Our school and district will continue to select the books and classroom lessons to best meet our students' needs. The *Common Core State Standards* simply lay out what foundational skills our students should have mastered at each grade in order to be on track to graduate ready for college and career. As a parent, the *Common Core* provides you with a clearer picture of how prepared your child is for his or her next steps. And this knowledge provides you and your child's teacher an opportunity to make adjustments as needed to ensure there are no surprises down the road.

This year, you may notice that your child is learning about things in a different grade than a sibling did or that homework may look a little different - students will be reading more non-fiction for example.

I encourage you to talk with your child's teacher about any questions you may have about the new standards or about how to help support your child's success in school. In addition, you are invited to attend a parent informational night on the *Common Core* on **Tuesday, September 17, 6:30-8:00 PM at Errol Hassel Elementary School (18100 SW Bany Rd, Beaverton, Oregon 97007)**, or on **Thursday, Oct. 3, 6:30-8:00 PM at the Beaverton School District Central Office (16550 SW Merlo Rd. Beaverton, OR 07006)**. We encourage you to join us and learn more about these new standards and what they mean for your child.

Sincerely,

Ginny Hansmann  
Principal