

# 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:

I hope you are enjoying the fall weather. Hiteon is off to a great start. It is so exciting watching students engaged in learning and enjoying their new classrooms.

Walk/Bike to School Day is on October 9<sup>th</sup>. International Walk/Bike to School Day is an annual event that promotes walking and biking for several reasons:

- Teaching safe transportation skills to children.
- Increase community traffic safety.
- Increase physical activity.
- Reduce traffic congestion and pollution near schools.
- Awareness of how walkable a community is and where improvements need to be made.

## Spotlight on Student Achievement through Learning Teams

Learning Teams are at the core of our work at Hiteon. It is important to educate and inform our community as what Learning Teams are and how they enhance our children's education also improve student achieving. There are five basic characteristics of Learning Teams that we try to incorporate in to our entire grade level Learning Teams. Shared mission, vision, and values- a collective commitment to guiding principles that articulate what the people in the school believe and what they seek to create. I have included the five reasons for participating in a Learning Team.

- 1. Collective Inquiry**-The engine of improvement, growth and renewal in professional learning community is collective inquiry. People in such a community are relentless in questioning status quo, seeking new methods, testing those methods, and then reflecting on the results.
- 2. Collaborative Teams**-People who engage in collaborative team learning are able to learn from one another, thus creating momentum to fuel continued improvement.
- 3. Action Orientations and experimentation-action oriented.** Members of Learning Teams turn aspirations into action and visions into reality. There is a willingness to take risks.
- 4. Continuous Improvement**-A commitment to continues improvement is evident in an environment in which innovation and experimentation are viewed not as tasks to accomplish or projects to complete, but as ways of conducting data to day business forever.
- 5. Results Orientation**-"The rationale for any strategy for building a learning organization revolves around the premise that such organizations will produce dramatically improved results". (Peter Senge, 1996)

## Upcoming Events

### October 2013

- 4th Newsletter
- 8th Dining for \$ at Pizzicato
- 11th **Staff Development**  
**No Students**
- 17th Passport Check Day
- 18th Newsletter  
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.

### November 2013

- 1st Newsletter
- 6th **Conferences- No Students**
- 7th **Conferences -No Students**
- 8th **Staff Development**  
**No Students**
- 11th **Veteran's Day**  
**School Closed**
- 14th Picture Retake Day
- 15th Writing Celebration  
w/Principal  
Popcorn Sales  
Family Dance
- 18th School Board Meeting  
6:30pm @Admin Ctr.
- 20th PTC General Meeting  
6:30pm
- 21st Passport Check Day
- 27th **Budget Reduction Day**
- 28th **Thanksgiving-School Closed**
- 29th **School Closed**

# PYP Learner Profile

The School has covered the walls with Learner Profile terminology! The children are using words like PRINCIPLED and REFLECTIVE, we are reading books that highlight Learner Profile traits and we are having assemblies to celebrate them! Before you become alarmed, please know, Aliens have not landed, your children are all speaking the same language and it is from this planet! In fact, the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme considers the Learner Profile as "the common ground on which PYP schools stand, the essence of what they are about". Through the programmes the students should develop these traits. The learner profile illustrates the qualities of an internationally minded person and a life long learner. Join the Hiteon PYP community by adopting a few new vocabulary words.

- **Inquirers:** Students develop their natural curiosity.
- **Knowledgeable:** Students explore concepts, ideas and issues that have both a local and global significance.
- **Thinkers:** Students think critically to engage themselves in figuring out complex problems.
- **Communicators:** Students express themselves and information through a variety of modes of communication.
- **Principled:** Students act honestly and with a strong sense of fairness, justice, and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups, and communities.
- **Open-minded:** Students appreciate their own cultures and personal histories and are open to the perspectives, values and traditions of other individuals and communities.
- **Caring:** Students show respect and compassion towards the needs of others.
- **Risk-takers:** Students approach unfamiliar situations with courage, as well as defend their beliefs.
- **Balanced:** Students understand the importance of intellectual, physical and emotional balance to achieve personal well-being.
- **Reflective:** Students give consideration to their own learning and experience.

## Morning Procedures

Please make sure your students are arriving through 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, library, or technology in the mornings. We encourage you to please drop your children off in the gym. They may receive passes to go to either library or technology. We will be making sure all parents have visitor badges on before going to the classrooms. Thanks for ensuring safety of all of our students at Hiteon.

## Love and Logic Parenting Tips

### From [loveandlogic.com](http://loveandlogic.com)

Love can be expressed daily by:

- Allowing kids to wrestle with tying their shoes...instead of automatically jumping in and doing it for them.
- Letting them dress themselves...even if the clothes they choose don't match.
- Teaching them how to talk to their teachers about problems at school...rather than always doing it for them.
- Expecting that they speak up and order meals for themselves...instead of ordering for them.
- Letting them do most of the work required to fill out forms rather than preparing all of the paperwork for them.
- Remembering that the more things they learn to do for themselves, the stronger and more confident they will become!

Isn't it ironic that our kids have to face some tough times in order to live confident, joyful lives?

**2012/2013**  
**FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEAL BENEFITS TO EXPIRE**

- If you are currently receiving Free or Reduced-price meal benefits and have not yet received a 2013/2014 approval letter from Beaverton School District, Nutrition Services Department, your student's meal benefits may expire October 11, 2013.
- A new Free and Reduced-price meal application is required each school year. (Unless you have received an Eligibility Notification-Free Meals Letter from Beaverton School District)
- Please visit the web site below for more information on how to apply for Free or Reduced-price meal benefits for school year 2013/2014  
<http://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/home/departments/nutrition-services/meal-benefits-program/>
- If you have questions about your eligibility please call the Nutrition Services (NS)-Meal Benefits Office at 503-259-8427 or NS main line at 503-259-8425.

**2012/2013**  
**EXPIRAN LOS BENEFICIOS DE COMIDAS GRATIS Y DE PRECIO REDUCIDO**

- Si usted está recibiendo los beneficios de comidas Gratis o de Precio reducido y aún no ha recibido una carta de aprobación del Departamento de Servicios de Nutrición del Distrito Escolar de Beaverton 2013/2014, los beneficios de comida de su hijo podrían vencer el 11 de octubre 2013.
- Cada año escolar se requiere llenar una nueva solicitud para comidas Gratis y de precio Reducido (A menos de que haya recibido una Carta de Notificación de Elegibilidad del Distrito Escolar de Beaverton para Comidas Gratis)
- Por favor, visite el siguiente sitio Web para obtener más información de cómo solicitar los beneficios de comidas Gratis o de precio Reducido para el año escolar 2013/2014  
<http://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/home/departments/nutrition-services/meal-benefits-program/>
- Si usted tiene preguntas y quiere saber si califica, por favor llame a la Oficina del Departamento de Servicios de Nutrición al 503-259-8436  
Si necesita ayuda para llenar esta solicitud por favor llámenos al (503) 672-3715

**Emergency Meals**

In emergencies, students can charge a meal, but are limited to charging up to the cost of 3 lunches. When account balances get low, or each time a student charges, s/he will receive a verbal reminder that the account balance is getting low and/or is negative. Each time a charge is made, an automated voice mail message will be sent from the district to the parents/guardian, informing them of the amount that is owed. (Please note that it is parent/guardians' responsibility to ensure the school has a current phone number on file.) At some schools, students may also receive a hand stamp, or a note as a reminder. After 3 charges, the cashier will give students an "emergency meal" of a fruits & vegetables & a carton of milk, in lieu of the complete meal.

**Lunch Schedule**

First Grade- 10:50 to 11:30

Full Day Kindergarten and Second Grade- 11:15 to 11:55

Third Grade- 11:45 to 12:25

Fourth Grade- 12:10 to 12:50

Fifth Grade- 12:30 to 1:10

Please note that our lunch schedule does not go in order by grade level. Parents are welcome to join kids for lunch. If you plan to go to recess you must be on our volunteer list. Please sign in at the office and wear an ID Badge when you are at school.

## **TAG TESTING**

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, which 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 one of our School's TAG facilitator, Codie Christenson and Traci Chelf or the schools office.

## **Vuelve a Abrir Sus Puertas el Centro de Recursos para Familias en Beaverton (BFRC):**

Gracias al compromiso de la legislatura de Oregon para ofrecer un año adicional de financiación a los centros de recursos para familias, estamos muy contentos en anunciar que el Centro de Recursos para Familias en Beaverton abrirá nuevamente sus puertas el lunes, 30 de septiembre. Paulina Salgado es la nueva coordinadora del centro; Ruth Iliafar regresa como asistente de oficina de BFRC. El centro sigue ubicado en el edificio Administrativo del Distrito Escolar de Beaverton. Este centro estará abierto diariamente a la comunidad de 9:30 a.m. a 4:00 p.m., excepto el miércoles que abrirá de 11:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

Thanks to an Oregon legislative commitment to provide one additional year of funding for family resource centers, we are very pleased to announce that our Beaverton Family Resource Center will open on Monday, September 30th. Paulina Salgado is the new center Coordinator; Ruth Iliafar is returning as the BFRC clerical assistant. The center is still located at the Beaverton School District Central Administration building. The center will be open to the community from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily, except Wednesday, when the center will be open to the community from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## **Health Forms**

Look for health forms coming home in your child's backpacks Friday or Monday. The health forms have results for Kindergarten (vision only). For grades 1, 3 & 5 it is for vision and hearing.