

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:

Happy Friday! We were so thrilled to see so many dudes here this morning for our annual "Doughnuts with Dudes" event. Thank you for arriving early and sharing some time with your students. Thanks to the many volunteers that made this morning successful. We had lots of smiling faces on the way to class.

We are very fortunate at Hiteon to have such a supportive parent community. Thank you to all of you that spend many hours helping our students in the classroom and around the school.

Hiteon's New Community Partnership Team

In accordance with changes across the district, the Community Partnership Team (CPT) has been created to engage with the more than 70% of people in our community who do not have school-aged children, as well as organizations in our area who care about our children and the health of the community. At Hiteon, this team consists of several Hiteon parents and our principal, Ginny Hansmann. The CPT will partner with individuals and organizations to provide resources and support that will benefit our school.

The team is looking for input from YOU - our Hiteon families. What do you believe is important for this team to focus on and what goals would you like to see it achieve? For feedback or more information please contact Mary Pat Janowski, Scott Klemp, JoLanda Starke or Kellie Stellingwerf.

NEW Elementary Report Card

The Report Card you receive in December will look different this year and there are some important changes in the way we will communicate your child's progress. The first thing you will notice is that the report card will be broken into different sections, one for each subject taught. Rather than the D, M, and E scale, we will use a 1, 2, 3, and 4. This new scale will indicate your child's progress towards mastering each of the learning targets taught in the class. Though we have not yet completed our work in defining the 1-4 levels for each subject, we will soon have a much more consistent and reliable way of assessing and communicating your child's growth.

- 4 - Highly Proficient
- 3 - Proficient
- 2 - Nearly Proficient
- 1 - Developing

Upcoming Events

October 2013

- 18th Newsletter
Dude Event
7:15-7:45 am
Writing Celebration
w/Principal
Popcorn Sales
- 23rd PTC General Meeting
9:00 am
- 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

December 2013

- 2nd Grading Day No Students
- 6th Newsletter
- 9th Budget Reduction Day
School Closed

Though the new scale will be an obvious change in the report card, the more important shift is the way teachers will communicate your child's progress in the areas where this new scale has been defined. In the past, the "D"- Developing, "M"- Meeting, and "E"- Exceeding, were not well defined, so each teacher had to determine the meaning of each for themselves. With the new 1-4 scale, each level is defined for every learning target. This will mean a significant change for teachers, students, and parents. We will talk about this new system during our up-coming conferences and encourage you to give us a call if you have any questions. Our first reporting day for 2013-14 is December 2nd.

Informational Meeting on New State Requirements for Reporting on Student Academic Achievement

The Beaverton School District will host an informational meeting on new state requirements for reporting on student academic achievement (Oregon House Bill 2220) on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Beaverton School District Administration Center, 16550 SW Merlo Road.

The intent of Oregon House Bill 2220, enacted in 2012, is to better inform students and parents of students' progress toward acquiring the knowledge and skills included in the Oregon academic content standards. Schools and districts must adopt a grading system that clearly distinguishes between academic and behavioral performance. For more information, please contact Matt Casteel at 503-591-4488.

Parking Lot Reminder

We need everyone to follow the rules before and after school in the parking lot. Please remember that the primary wing parking lot is for BUSES ONLY! Parents need to park in the main parking lot only. During dismissal we have parents and students walking between buses causing a safety issue for our students. Please follow the rules, use the crosswalk, and do not park in the Bus parking lot. Thank you for making sure that our students are safe at Hiteon. Don't forget No Dogs Allowed on the school premises.

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.

PTC News



The Hiteon Elementary Dough for Dollars event at the Murray Hill Pizzicato was very successful! The Hiteon PTC general fund will be receiving **\$882.12** from Pizzicato, which will help fund enrichment programs and PTC sponsored events. A big thank you to Hiteon's families and the community for participating, and also to Murray Hill Pizzicato for sponsoring this event.