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Harrisburg School District



Important Dates

November 4
Curriculum Day

November 11
Holiday no school

November 21-23
Parent Teacher confer-
ences

November 24-25
Thanksgiving Holiday

December 19—Jan. 1
Christmas Break

January 16
Holiday no school

January 27
End of first semester

January 30
Start of second semester

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THOUGHTS FROM THE Superintendent

It is hard to believe that we are completing nine weeks of school. Quarter grades and parent teacher conferences are just around the corner. Please make sure that you attend the conferences as we set time aside for this very important event. I cannot stress enough the fact it takes parent involvement along with the staff in the schools to provide a successful student.

With that in mind, we will have survey questions for parent and staff input. The surveys will be available at the Harrisburg School District website and in each building. The information we gather will be used to direct the district as we look over our vision and mission statements and goals. Ultimately, we will develop a strategic plan that will aid in decision making in terms of school district budget and facility concerns.

Oregon Department of education released our school report cards this past month. For the second year in a row, the decision was made at the department level to leave out the school rating since schools were transitioning to the new state test system called smarter balance. There are many data points still included in the report cards. Do you want to know the demographics, enrollment, class size or attendance? Look in the "school profile" section. Want to see how individual schools

have changed over time? Look in the "progress" section. If you would like to see how your school stacks up against like schools in state assessments or high school achievement markers like graduation? Look in the "outcomes" section. Report cards are available in each schools main office. We were told that state officials are working on a new report card that will better highlight strengths and weaknesses of each school. The new report card should be available by fall of 2018.

How do you measure success? We have many successful educators working in our school district. One who recently was selected as "Teacher Of The Year" for the Oregon Smalls Schools Association. Congratulations go to Tessi Sims for her unwavering dedication to the children of the Harrisburg School Community. She is a wonderful, caring individual and mentor to many who have joined the Harrisburg School family. She is very deserving of this award. She has a growth mindset that all of her students will grow and learn during the school year.

Go Eagles!!

TEST WATER FOR LEAD

We took twenty samples through out the school district from drinking fountains and other water sources. Test results show we are under the maximum contaminated level at every station tested. The report is at the district office.

Harrisburg District Website

Be sure to check out the HSD website. There are a number of resources helpful to parents, including daily announcements, lunch menus, calendar of events, athletics and school closure information. You can find staff contact information as well.

Taken from a memo from Oregon Department of Education

About ESSA

The Every Student Succeeds Act replaces No Child Left Behind and affords states greater flexibility. The new law extends the promise of an excellent, well-rounded education to every student, regardless of race, family income, home language, or disability. ESSA encourages schools and educators to innovate and create systems that address local needs. As a part of this work, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is responsible for creating a State Plan it will submit to the U.S. Department of Education that reflects a shared statewide vision for Oregon's students and schools on topics such as accountability, funding, school improvement, and grant-making systems.

Your Voice is Needed!

More than ever before, this new law creates an opportunity for stakeholders to play a more active role in the creation of state policy and for ODE to foster relationships that will strengthen implementation and the launch of new initiatives. As we gain momentum in developing Oregon's State Plan, we want to ensure that you are informed and understand how you can play an active role in this work. Your feedback is very important to our development of Oregon's State Plan.

We invite you to provide input in the following ways:

- Online – ODE will post key questions and decision points along with surveys and other mechanisms for the public to provide comment on our webpage beginning in November: www.ode.state.or.us/go/ESSA.
- In-Person – ODE staff will gather feedback at fall conferences (including those held by the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators, Oregon Education Association, Oregon School Boards Association and Oregon School Personnel Association) and tribal meetings, and will engage in extensive targeted outreach throughout the development of the State Plan.



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