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Harrisburg School District



Important Dates

November 3
Curriculum Day

November 9
Grading Day/ End of First
Quarter no school

November 20-22
Parent Teacher confer-
ences

November 23-24
Thanksgiving Holiday

December 20—Jan. 1
Christmas Break

January 15
Holiday no school

January 26
End of first semester

January 29
Start of second semester

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THOUGHTS FROM THE Superintendent

It is hard to believe that we have completed nine weeks of school. Quarter grades and parent teacher conferences are just around the corner. Our teachers will be available on Monday, November 20 and 21 to conference with parents. You are welcome to come and meet with your son or daughters teachers during this time..

Our caring staff want to see every student succeed. Successful students have good attendance and the right attitude. To help students acquire a healthy attitude towards school the elementary school is focusing on developing a growth mindset versus a fixed mindset. An example of a fixed mindset could be, "I'm not good at math; it is hard". A growth mindset could be, "I don't get this yet, but I will keep working until I do".

Students aspire to eventually enter the workforce, and, to do so, will need foundational thinking skills, content knowledge, and learning strategies if they are to succeed in their careers and be productive members of society. Last year staff embarked on a journey incorporating various AVID research proven best practices into our every day work.

Our dedicated staff aspire to provide these educational opportunities daily through AVID strategies. Teachers used Friday, November 3 as another

training day. They learned note taking strategies and Costa's Levels of thinking and questioning, and a vocabulary exercise. Many of our teachers have student desks in groups instead of rows, so collaboration and inquiry skills are readily developed and used as students grow in their learning.

Hard work and dedication produce success; just ask our fall sports teams. Both the varsity girls volleyball team and varsity football team made it into the playoffs this year. The football team played in the quarterfinals after defeating Amity. Our boys' and girls' cross country teams placed 4th at the district meet. Caleb Kelson placed fifth in the cross country district meet being the lone qualifier for the state meet. We are proud of every one of our athletes.

The Harrisburg School District's vision statement is "Together we empower students to succeed". It takes all of us staff, students, parents, and community working together to attain this standard.

Go Eagles!!

Seismic Rehabilitation on Gym

Ausland Construction will be completely finished with the work during the week of Thanksgiving. I'm sure you will appreciate the new look. It is one of the safest buildings in Harrisburg.

Harrisburg District Calendar

This year our calendar for Christmas break is a little different. We will have school on Monday, December 18, and Tuesday, December 19 before beginning our break. School resumes on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Preparing for an upcoming General Obligation Bond vote in May, 2018.

In the spring of this year the school district secured technical assistance grants for facility assessment, long range planning and seismic facility assessment. This work was completed in time to send a report to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE), by the deadline of September 1, 2017.

In my role as Superintendent, I met with the staff and community members developing a list of facility projects. During the month of September, I met with staff and community members fielding their requests for projects. A concise list of projects was produced and used for meeting in October to prioritize the various projects. In addition to these meetings, we hired ACC Cost Consultants to give us cost projections for the projects.

The Harrisburg School District Board of Directors will take all of this information and begin the discussion. The goal will be to make a decision on general projects at each building and the bond levy amount at the December school board meeting.

Our current bond will sunset June of 2019 and our goal is to fold a new bond into the old bond. Also, ODE has selected five other school districts to receive a matching grant, if they have a successful bond election in May 2018. If one of the five school districts fails to pass their bond, Harrisburg SD moves into position to receive a matching grant.



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