



Rainier Preschool & Hudson Park Elementary School
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The Rainier School District is a spirited learning community that is student-centered, safe, academically-focused, and dedicated to preparing every student for success in the global society in which we live.

January 2, 2023

Dear Families,

At Hudson Park Elementary, we continue to strive to make our school a safe and welcoming place for all. Through our kindness initiative, students participate in weekly Wellness Wednesday lessons, which support students' social and emotional learning. These lessons are taught using the Random Acts of Kindness curriculum, which can be previewed by clicking the links for the appropriate grade level: [PreK](#), [K-5](#), [6](#). In addition, we celebrate students' success throughout the year by positively recognizing expected behaviors (Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be Responsible) with our monthly Cougar Credit drawings. At the end of this month, we will be hosting our first semester, in-person awards assembly, where students in K-6 will be celebrated for their academic achievements as well as their success with being kind.

As a staff, we review our student behavior data every month. The purpose of this data review is to continually review and reflect on our success with teaching students expected behaviors and to determine areas of need for reteaching. Clear and consistent behavioral expectations create an environment conducive to learning. Ultimately, it is our goal that every student feels safe, welcome, and can experience personal growth as a learner at Hudson Park Elementary.

Under the direction of school counselor, Sara Gray, and school psychologist, Kim Gorman, we have implemented a **Care Team**, which examines academic and social-emotional progress for students of concern. The team uses a collaborative, problem-solving approach to propose tiered supports for students referred to the Care Team. This team follows a data-based, decision making process. Care Team meetings are held weekly to staff students of concern. The team usually consists of the teacher, administrator, grade level teachers, and support personnel from the school. If you have concerns about your student's academic progress or social-emotional, please contact your student's teacher about making a referral to the Care Team.

As we work together to make up for unfinished learning caused by the pandemic, we ask for your support at home. Please see below:

Recommended Nightly Reading Minutes

Kindergarten	15-20 minutes
1 st Grade	15-20 minutes
2 nd Grade	15-20 minutes
3 rd Grade	30+ minutes
4 th Grade	30+ minutes
5 th Grade	30+ minutes
6 th Grade	30+ minutes

Teachers should be flexible in these assignments. Children should not be required to complete the maximum amount of time each school night. On the other hand, parents need to understand that children who are off-task in class may be bringing homework that could have been completed in class, which is separate from the recommended daily reading.

Also, if you're interested, your student can practice reading and math online at their learning level using [i-Ready My Path](#). Please contact your student's teacher for the login information.

Briarcliff Pool Activities/Swim Lessons

January will be the last month of swim lessons this school year for students in grades 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. See below for the January swim lessons schedule. Students in PreK (tentative), K, 6, and multi-age will participate in swim lessons February through June 2023. A schedule for second semester swim lessons will be sent out prior to the start of swim lessons in February 2023.

Click [here](#) to access the January 2023 Briarcliff Pool activities schedule. Please email your questions about the Briarcliff Pool to pool manager, Destinee Ryder, destinee_ryder@rsd.k12.or.us.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found rack right inside the main entrance is overflowing! Please stop by the Hudson Park main office window to request to peruse the rack, or remind your student to stop by the rack to retrieve lost items. **We will package up all items remaining on the rack on Grade Day, January 27, 2023, and donate them.**

Donations Needed

We will continue to accept donations of the following items throughout the school year:

- **Washed/gently used or new clothing, especially, pants and shirts (children's sizes ranging from 4-12)**
- New, reusable water bottles
- Playground equipment (E.g., basketballs, soccer balls, wall balls, jump ropes, soft footballs only, etc.)

Please drop off your donations at the Hudson Park Elementary office window or send them to school with your student along with a note indicating the items are a donation.

Reading Incentives Programs

Following the Recommended Nightly Reading Minutes outlined above will help your student easily meet the Kindles for Books reading goals. Questions about the Kindles for Books Program? Email the program coordinator, Louise Johnson, louise_johnson@rsd.k12.or.us. If your student is not interested in the chance to earn a Kindle, we also have the Book Series Incentive Program. Students who read 5 books in a series and keep a record of their reading on the Book Series Bookmark are able to choose a small prize and have a book series recommendation poster displayed in the main hallway.

Volunteers

We are happy to have community volunteers back in our building! Thank you to each and every individual who helps out. Please visit the volunteer webpage linked [here](#) to learn how to become an approved volunteer.

HPE Office

The Hudson Park Elementary office is open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please stop by the outside office window to conduct school business in-person. To contact the office via phone, call: 503.556.0196. You may also email the office secretaries:

Erin Knox, erin_knox@rsd.k12.or.us
Carrie Vawter, carrie_vawter@rsd.k12.or.us

School Schedule/Calendar

[District Calendar](#)

[Preschool Calendar](#)

Student Daily Schedule:

8:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

8:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Wednesdays ***EARLY RELEASE**

****Students may be dropped off no earlier than 7:45 a.m. each day. Staff are unable to provide supervision for students prior to 7:45 a.m.***

Attendance

Thank you for recognizing the importance of regular attendance at school, and for notifying the school when your student will be absent. Please note that students' attendance is monitored and letters will be sent to families with excessive absences.

Transportation

Please call 503.556.9140 with any transportation-related questions or concerns. Click [here](#) for bus route information including the 2022-2023 Snow Routes.

Nutrition Services

To access the January menus, click [here](#). Breakfast is provided at no charge for all students. Lunch for K-5 is \$3.25 and for grades 6-12 is \$3.75. To add money to your student's lunch account, click [here](#) to access Mealtime Online. You may also send a check or cash with your student to school and the money will be added to your student's lunch account.

Free and reduced lunch program applications can be completed [online](#). Hard copies are also available at the HPE office. Please email Nutrition Services Director, Debby Webster, with any questions: debby_webster@rsd.k12.or.us

Student Services

If you have questions about student services, please feel free to reach out to Heidi Schafer, Student Services Director, 503.556.9121, or email heidi_schafer@rsd.k12.or.us.

Reading Interventions

Questions about reading support? Email Louise Johnson, louise_johnson@rsd.k12.or.us.

Counseling

If you feel your student needs counseling support, please contact Sara Gray to arrange for services by emailing sara_gray@rsd.k12.or.us or calling the Hudson Park Elementary office.

Important Dates

1/2	No school for all students and staff, New Year's Day Observed
1/3	School resumes After school tutoring resumes for students signed up, 3:00-4:15 p.m.
1/4	Early Release, Dismissal @ 12:45 p.m., Grades PreK-6 Early Release, Dismissal @ 1:00 p.m., Grades 7-12
1/9-1/26	i-Ready middle of year reading and math testing

1/9	Regular School Board Meeting , 6:30 p.m., Board Room & streamed live
1/11	Early Release, Dismissal @ 12:45 p.m., Grades PreK-6 Early Release, Dismissal @ 1:00 p.m., Grades 7-12
1/13	No school for Rainier Preschool & Head Start students only. K-12 students have a regular school day.
1/16	No school for all students and staff, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
1/17	Vision screenings, PreK-12, Auditorium
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1/25	Early Release, Dismissal @ 12:45 p.m., Grades PreK-6 Early Release, Dismissal @ 1:00 p.m., Grades 7-12
1/26	Last day of Quarter 2/Semester 1, Regular school day for all students
1/27	No school for all students (PreK-12), Grade Day
1/31	K-6 Awards Assembly @ 1:15 p.m., HPE Gym <i>*All visitors must check in at the Hudson Park main office window first.</i>

January 2023 Swim Lessons Schedule

1/2	No school for all students and staff, New Year's Day (Observed)
1/3	Baril (1st)-8:35-9:10 Peterson (3rd)-9:15-9:50 Schumacher (2nd)-9:55-10:30 Askew (4th)-10:35-11:10 Miller (5th)-11:10-11:45
1/4	Bigham (1st)-8:35-9:10 Shelton (3rd)-9:15-9:50 Taylor (2nd)-9:55-10:30 Crawford (4th)-10:35-11:10 Shockley (5th)-11:10-11:45
1/5	Geringer (1st)-8:35-9:10 St. John (3rd)-9:15-9:50 Thompson (2nd)-9:55-10:30 Ricker (4th)-10:35-11:10

	Zasta (5th)-11:10-11:45
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Working together with you to support our students, we look forward to a happy and healthy 2023!

Educationally yours,



Megan Keplinger

Principal

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megan_keplinger@rsd.k12.or.us

Under Oregon law, (ORS, Chapter 339), all students between the ages of 6 and 18, who have not completed grade 12, are required to attend school regularly unless otherwise exempted by law. All students, five years of age, who have been enrolled in a public school are also required to attend regularly. "Regular attendance" means attendance which does not include more than eight unexcused one-half day absences, or the equivalent thereof, in any four-week period in which the school is in session. Oregon state law requires that we withdraw students who miss ten consecutive days of school. If a student is absent for any reason for ten consecutive days, they will be withdrawn from school and will have to re-enroll when they return.

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To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#) which can be obtained online at: [Filing a Program Complaint as a USDA Customer webpage](#), from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 Complaint form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. email: program.intake@usda.gov

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