



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.

November 1, 2022

Dear Families,

October was an action-packed month! Students completed i-Ready reading and math assessments, which will help teachers identify students' baseline for instruction as well as determine the need for interventions in the classroom. Teachers have spent many hours learning the new English Language Arts Curriculum, Savvas, and have been preparing to begin reading small groups in all classrooms, K-6, by November 7. We began working together as a staff to review the playground rules and expectations as part of our School Improvement Plan (SIP). Since the start of the school year, we have seen a decline in the number of behavior incidents on the playground, but an increase in incidents in the classroom. Overall, physical contact and physical aggression are our most frequently occurring behaviors, which we are continuing to address. Please, also, talk with your student/s at home to ensure they understand the importance of keeping hands to self.

Tutoring

At this time, we are reviewing i-Ready assessment data and will reach out to students' families for those most in need of tutoring. Our capacity to tutor is dependent on staffing. We are aiming to begin tutoring this month and will be offering tutoring after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students participating in tutoring will have a snack from 3:00-3:15 and then tutoring will take place from 3:15-4:15. The activities bus will be available for students and will depart from Rainier Junior Senior High about 4:15ish.

Swim Lessons

We will continue with generally the same swim lessons schedule this month, which includes swimming on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday only. On Mondays and Fridays, we will provide regular PE instruction instead of swim lessons. Students in grades 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 will continue with swim lessons through the end of the first semester (January 26, 2023). See below for the revised November 2022 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. Please email your questions about the Briarcliff Pool to pool manager, Destinee Ryder, destinee_ryder@rsd.k12.or.us.

Donations Needed

We are currently accepting donations of the following items:

- New or like-new swimsuits children's size 10/12 or larger (We do not need swim trunks at this time.)
- 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.

Kindles for Books Program

Hudson Park students (grades K-6) have been working hard to meet their reading goals and quite a few students have entries in the drawing already! Your student has the opportunity to meet their reading goal multiple times, and each time the goal is met they earn another entry in the drawing. Thank you for all you do at home to support your student(s) with reading. Your encouragement and support makes all the difference! For complete information about the program, click on the following links: [Kindles for Books Flyer](#) and [Reading Incentive Rules Explained](#). Please email your questions about the Kindles for Books Program to the program coordinator, Louise Johnson, louise_johnson@rsd.k12.or.us.

Volunteers

Teachers are busy planning field trips for this school year. If you think you may be interested in volunteering for a field trip, it is suggested you complete the volunteer paperwork as soon as possible. Only approved volunteers will be able to chaperone for field trips. Also, the volunteer paperwork must be completed every school year at the beginning of the year. Click [here](#) to access the volunteer packet. If you need a printed copy of the packet, please contact the HPE office or stop by the office window. Once the volunteer packet is complete, please submit it to the school office. Please note, volunteers must be fully vaccinated, or apply for an exception, which is outlined on the volunteer webpage linked [here](#).

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, please 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

Staff Webpage

If you haven't already, please be sure to visit our staff webpage where you'll find access to the emails of teachers and a link to the Welcome Letters from teachers. Click on each staff picture for more information about teachers' educational background, educational philosophy, classroom management plan, classroom daily schedule, and grading/report card policies. Click [here](#) for a complete staff directory.

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

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. Students' attendance will be monitored and letters will be sent to families with excessive absences. 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.

Transportation

Dianne Gabriel is the manager at MidCo Bus Company. 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

Breakfast is provided at no charge for all students. Lunch price for K-5 is \$3.25 and grades 6-12 is \$3.75. To add money to your student's lunch account, click [here](#) to access Mealtime Online. You may add money to your student's lunch account (small fee), sign up for email notifications for low balances on account (free), and look up what your child has been purchasing (free). 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.

If your family was affected by the Weyerhaeuser strike, you may be eligible for meals at no charge. Also, school funding and grants are often dependent on our free and reduced price lunch percentage, so please help the school provide more services by filling out a free and reduced lunch application. Applications can be done online at www.mymealtime.com/apps. Hard copies are also available in the HPE office.

Please email Nutrition Services Director, Debby Webster, with any questions: debby_webster@rsd.k12.or.us

Students Services

The Student Services Department offers support to students based on their individual needs, talents, or interests. These services include: Nursing, Native Voices Club, Talented and Gifted, English Language Learners, Special Education, and Behavior Analyst. If you have questions about these 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

Louise Johnson, Hudson Park's Reading Specialist, is providing reading support to students in both push-in (classroom) and pull-out groups. Based on i-Ready reading assessment data, Acadience Benchmark Assessments (K-2), teacher observation, and parent input, reading intervention groups have been formed. These groups in grades 1-5 are currently meeting with Mrs. Johnson and support staff four days a week for focused, intensive reading intervention. If your child is receiving extra support from Mrs. Johnson, you will see a note in the comments section of the report card. Please email your questions about reading support to Louise Johnson, louise_johnson@rsd.k12.or.us.

Counseling

Our school counselor, Sara Gray, provides individual and group counseling services for students with both short-term and long-term needs. This includes conflict-resolution for any students struggling with peer issues. 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

11/1	Indigenous Peoples' Day <i>Food tasting during all student lunches with vegetables grown on campus by our Native Voices Club</i>
11/2	Early Release, Dismissal @ 12:45 p.m., Grades PreK-6 Early Release, Dismissal @ 1:00 p.m., Grades 7-12
11/3	Last day of Quarter 1
11/4	Grade Day, No school for all students, PreK-12
11/7	First day of Quarter 2
11/9	Early Release, Dismissal @ 12:45 p.m., Grades PreK-6 Early Release, Dismissal @ 1:00 p.m., Grades 7-12
11/11	Veterans Day, No school for all students and staff

11/14	Regular School Board Meeting , 6:30 p.m., Board Room & streamed live
11/16	Early Release, Dismissal @ 12:45 p.m., Grades PreK-6 Early Release, Dismissal @ 1:00 p.m., Grades 7-12
11/17	Thanksgiving meal, FREE to all students and staff
11/21	<u>Revised School Schedule</u> 8:00-11:45 Grades PreK-6 8:00-12:00 Grades 7-12 <u>PM Conferences</u> 1:00-4:30 p.m. & 5:00-7:30 p.m. *Look for an email to sign up
11/22	<u>Revised School Schedule</u> 8:00-11:45 Grades PreK-6 8:00-12:00 Grades 7-12 <u>PM Conferences</u> 1:00-4:30 p.m. & 5:00-7:30 p.m. *Look for an email to sign up
11/23	Trade Day, No school for students or staff
11/24 & 25	Thanksgiving Holiday, No school for students or staff
11/30	Preschool & Head Start Picture Day and HPE Picture Re-take Day Cougar Credit Prize Drawing (Intercom) Early Release, Dismissal @ 12:45 p.m., Grades PreK-6 Early Release, Dismissal @ 1:00 p.m., Grades 7-12

November 2022 Swim Lessons Schedule

11/1	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
11/2	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
11/3	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
11/4	Grade Day, No school for all students, PreK-12
11/7	No swim lessons. Regular PE class.
11/8	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
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11/10	No swim lessons. Regular PE class.
11/11	Veterans Day, No school for all students and staff
11/14	No swim lessons. Regular PE class.
11/15	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
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11/18	No swim lessons. Regular PE class.
11/21	No swim lessons. Regular PE class.
11/22	No swim lessons. Regular PE class. Parents' Day Out Open Swim, 12-4 p.m.
11/23	Trade Day, No school for students or staff

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11/24 & 25	Thanksgiving Holiday, No school for students or staff
11/28	No swim lessons. Regular PE class.
11/29	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
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The entire Hudson Park Elementary staff recognizes and appreciates the time and effort you put into making our school-home partnership successful. As we work together to support student growth and learning, our community is also strengthened. Thank you for making a difference!

Educationally yours,



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