



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.

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Dear Families,

It's hard to believe we have made it through the first month of school already! Although it was a very busy month, we were able to experience a successful first month. Staff in grades PreK-2 completed classroom introductions and the required assessments during staggered start. In addition, staff in all grades spent the month of September introducing and reviewing the classroom and schoolwide expectations. Finally, we were able to host our first Cougar Credit drawing at the end of September in which students were awarded prizes for following the 4 Be's: Be responsible, be respectful, be safe, and be kind. We look forward to another successful month as we dig further into the curriculum and continue to gather baseline data to guide instruction this year.

Staff Webpage

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.

RSD Student-Family Handbook

The Rainier School District Student-Family Handbook has been reviewed at school in classrooms and handbook review signature pages have been sent home with students. **Please take the time to review the handbook at home with your student and sign and return the handbook review signature page.** Click [here](#) for a link to the handbook. Also, click [here](#) for a link to information about our **Schoolwide Title I program**.

Kindles for Books Program

Hudson Park students (grades K-6) can earn chances to win a Kindle by meeting their grade level reading goals October through May. The more times students meet their goal, the more chances they have to win! Grand prize is 28 Kindles (4 per grade level, K-6). An additional 50-\$20 gift certificates to a local business will also be awarded. Names will be drawn in June 2023. This program has been made possible by the sponsorship of the Rainier Masonic Lodge No. 24 for the ninth year in a row! Click here for more information: [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.

Swim Lessons

Since the opening of Briarcliff Pool, we have had to make several adjustments to the swim lessons schedule. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to secure more staffing for the pool. Beginning this month, swim lessons for Hudson Park students will be either Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday only during the school day. Swim lessons will no longer be on Mondays or Fridays and instead, students will participate in PE with their class for those days. 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 October 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.

Tutoring

Rainier School District will be offering tutoring after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students participating in the tutoring will be provided a snack and will be able to ride the activities bus home, which departs from the junior senior high school @ 4:15 p.m. An application for tutoring and a start date for the support will be shared with families soon.

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.

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

Volunteers

Please consider joining our school volunteer program as our students can greatly benefit from your involvement and contributions to the school's program and its operations. We seek volunteers to help us in many different capacities. To become an approved volunteer, please complete the [volunteer package](#) and submit it to the school office. Please note, volunteers must be fully vaccinated. Please reach out to the Hudson Park Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) by emailing hpepto97048@gmail.com for more information about schoolwide volunteer opportunities.

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.

Dismissal

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to ensure the safety of our students. Remember, for pick-up of students in grades K-6, you will be required to **sign your student out each day** at the HPE covered area near the playground. Please

be prepared to show personal identification (ID). To ensure the safety of all students, children may not be taken out of class lines at dismissal.

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 Mealttime 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 is being 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 priced 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, will be providing reading support to students in both push-in (classroom) and pull-out groups. Depending on the need, some students may receive intensive, focused interventions in addition to the reading small groups taking place in all classrooms. Reading interventions will be finalized once the beginning of the year i-Ready reading assessments have been completed, which take place this month. 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

10/5	Early Release, Dismissal @ 12:45 p.m., Grades PreK-6 Early Release, Dismissal @ 1:00 p.m., Grades 7-12
10/6	District Training Day, No school for all students PreK-12
10/7	Statewide In-Service Day, No school for all students PreK-12
10/10	Regular School Board Meeting , 6:30 p.m., Board Room & streamed live
10/10-14 & 17	Dental screenings, sealants, and fluoride treatments for any student with parental permission <i>*Check your student's backpack for permission form sent home 9/30</i>
10/10-28	i-Ready District Reading and Math Testing, grades K-12

10/12	Early Release, Dismissal @ 12:45 p.m., Grades PreK-6 Early Release, Dismissal @ 1:00 p.m., Grades 7-12
10/14	No school for Rainier Preschool & Head Start students only. K-12 students have a regular school day.
10/19	Early Release, Dismissal @ 12:45 p.m., Grades PreK-6 Early Release, Dismissal @ 1:00 p.m., Grades 7-12
10/26	Early Release, Dismissal @ 12:45 p.m., Grades PreK-6 Early Release, Dismissal @ 1:00 p.m., Grades 7-12
10/28	HPE Picture Day, K-6 <i>*Rainier Preschool and Head Start Picture Day is to be determined.</i> No school for Rainier Preschool & Head Start students only. K-12 students have a regular school day.
10/31	Kindergarten Costume Parade Fun Swim Grade 2, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

REVISED October 2022 Swim Lessons Schedule

10/3	No swim lessons. Regular PE class.
10/4	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
10/5	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
10/6	No school
10/7	No school
10/10	No swim lessons. Regular PE class.
10/11	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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10/13	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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10/17	No swim lessons. Regular PE class.
10/18	No swim lessons. Regular PE class.
10/19	No swim lessons. Regular PE class.
10/20	No swim lessons. Regular PE class.
10/21	No swim lessons. Regular PE class.
10/24	No swim lessons. Regular PE class.
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The entire Hudson Park Elementary staff looks forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our students achieve their highest potential. We recognize in order to be successful in school, our students need support from both school and home. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we take this shared responsibility for your child's success seriously and want you to know we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

Educationally yours,



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