

**OLYMPIA
SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

Hansen Elementary

Important Dates

- 12/07 Hearing & Vision
Screening
- 12/11 Swett FT 8:45AM
- 12/11 Samson Parent Night
Out 6:30 PM
- 12/15 Band & Strings
Concert 2:20 PM
- 12/17 Chorus Concert
9:30 AM
- 12/17 2nd grade FT to
Hands on Museum
11:30 AM
- 12/18 Krause FT 12-2PM
- 12/18 Winter Recess
Begins!
- 01/04 School Resumes
- 01/06 Early Release

School Hours
8:40a - 3:02p

Office Hours
8:30a— 3:30p

Doors open 8:30a

Attendance Line
(360) 596-7403

Transportation
(360) 596- 7700

Telephone (360)596-7400

December 2015

From Principal Ernie Rascon



Greetings! I hope you all had a very relaxing Thanksgiving holiday.

With the holiday season fast approaching and gift giving at an all-time high, at our most recent teachers meeting we had a lengthy discussion about personal items that kids are increasingly bringing to school and the problems that have resulted in the classroom and on the playground.

We administered a survey to our teachers and based on the results, have determined that trading cards and Pokemon card games, by district policy, have no reasonable use at school and should not be brought to school effective immediately. We have found them to be disruptive to our educational process because they are lost, stolen, kids end up arguing or fighting, etc. Most importantly, this takes time away from the classroom teacher's ability to do what they were hired to do, which is teach. If Pokemon or trading cards are brought to school, the classroom teacher will retain the cards and give them back to the kid(s) at the end of the day. If the problem persists and happens several times, the teacher will turn the cards over to Mrs. Doughty or myself and we will have the parent come to school to get them.

As a teaching staff we prefer that kids not bring toys and stuffed animals to school either. Again, according to district policy these items have no reasonable use at school. We will follow the same practice as outlined above if toys are brought to school. We would like this to begin now but the practice will be in full effect beginning January 4, 2016.

The only exception to these guidelines would be if bringing an item to school serves a value to the educational process. An example of this might be a student's presentation to his/her class or part of a report that would require it. Any exception that fits this description would be with the permission of the teacher, in advance.

Also, when calling the school to get information from the office staff to your child or child's teacher, please know the name of their teacher.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Ernie Rascon

2015-2016 Meal Pricing



Lunch

Elementary \$2.55
Milk \$.60
Reduced - 4-12 \$.40
Reduced- K-3 no charge

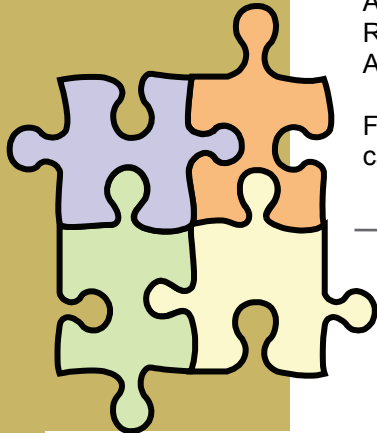
Breakfast

All Grades \$1.60
Reduced: all grades no charge
Adult: Breakfast \$2.10
Lunch \$3.45

For Questions RE food service
call 360-596-7007

From Nurse Heather

With the colder weather please remember to have your student dress appropriately. During these cold winter days a coat, hat and gloves will keep your student comfortable during recess. Also if you feel that your student could benefit from having a change of clothing at school consider keeping them in his or her backpack. Our guideline regarding illness is that a student must be symptom free for 24 hours following an episode of vomiting or diarrhea before returning to school.



To decrease disruption to the classroom environment and student learning; items and messages that need to go to your child will be taken by a Hansen staff member.

From Assistant Principal Doughty

Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports is a program that we take great pride in here at Hansen Elementary. Within this program, we strive for our Hansen students, sometimes referred to as Hawks, to be “Safe, Kind, and Free to Learn”. Our goal as a staff is to provide 5 positive interactions for every counter positive interaction. We provide students with “Hawkeye” awards for model behavior. The students’ names are then randomly drawn each morning and called out over the intercom as a “Hawkeye Shout out.” We also have a monthly luncheon where 12 students from each lunch are invited to the “Hawk’s Nest” where they get to eat on table linens and glass plates. In addition, we are completing whole school celebrations quarterly. The first one was a “Family style Read-In” which took place on December 2nd. PBIS has helped recognize model behavior while cutting down on office referrals. Please ask your student about our “Hansen Hawks Ways”. Home and School Connections help to support our efforts to best serve your students.

Mrs.Ar buckle our Librarian Says...

SAVE THE DATE!

Family Reading Night 2016 is coming! Thursday, January 28th
More details to come in early January.

Used Book Sale

Please keep sending those gently used children’s books to the library for our used book sale in March. Thank You!



Mark your calendars! The 2nd Annual OSD Technology Fair will be held from 10:00 to 3:00 in the Olympia High School Commons on January 23, 2016. Come out and join teachers and students as they showcase how they use technology for teaching and learning. *Admission is FREE!