

OLYMPIA
SCHOOL
DISTRICT

Hansen Elementary

Important Dates

- 1/06 Early Release 11:45
1/18 No School MLK Day
1/20 Math Night 6:30 PM
1/23 OSD Technology Fair
10-3PM Olympia HS
Commons
1/26 Tears of Joy assembly
1/28 Family Reading Night
6-7:30 PM
1/29 Early Release 11:45AM

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

January 2016

From Principal Ernie Rascon



Dear Parents,

Greetings! I hope your recent holiday season was filled with family fun and relaxation. Although we have had a very wet fall, winter can be quite cold. Our two hour late start this past January 4 should serve as a reminder that crazy weather can and does happen. January and February are usually months when we might encounter snowy or icy weather conditions. It is always a good time to take a few minutes to cover at home safety procedures in the event we experience a natural disaster or experience loss of power. Here are some safety reminders:

- Make sure your home is prepared by having at least three days of food and water.
- Replace batteries in your battery operated radio and flashlights.
- Tune your radio to KGY (1240 AM/96.9 FM), KMAS (1030 AM), KXXO - MIXX (96.1 FM), or KAOS (89.3 FM) for up to date information.
- On the internet, access the Olympia School District website at <http://osd.wednet.edu>
- Please notify the Hansen office staff in advance of your usual daytime location.
- Keep the office staff apprised of any changes to your location.
- In any community emergency, help or assist others where you are first.
- Stay where you are until the situation is stable. When it is deemed safe for travel, come to Hansen.
- Don't count on telephone communication in an emergency, phones probably won't work.
- When you arrive at Hansen, you may find the campus with gates locked and the campus accessible only by foot traffic. Only emergency vehicles will be permitted on the grounds.
- Please do not block entrances, come to the office or central spot under the playshed.
- Make sure your child(ren) know your home, work, and cell numbers. If your kids do not know your phone numbers, please have them memorize those phone numbers now.

January is usually a time when we make a resolution to eat healthier, lose weight, or exercise more which we tend to forget about by Valentine's Day. Instead, make these two resolutions and keep them: Mark your calendar for Hansen's Reading Night to be held on Thursday, January 28 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Read to your child and have them read to you for 20 minutes every day.

We have made a slight change to our pick up circle plan at the end of the day for a couple of reasons. First, the entry was way too cluttered and we had too many kids darting to their pick up vehicle in all parts of the circle and elsewhere. What we are doing now is having the pickup kids wait along the wall outside the gym and have kids get into the first 3 or 4 cars in that portion of the circle. It does take a little longer but it is more manageable for us but primarily, it is way safer for the kids.

Thank you Hansen community families for donating holiday gift items to the needy last month.

Our lost and not found department was sent to a needy charity over the winter break. It is already filling up with new items that kids have misplaced. Please mark articles with your child's name or come browse the collection if you are missing anything.

Sincerely,

Ernie Rascon

2015-2016 Meal Pricing



Lunch

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

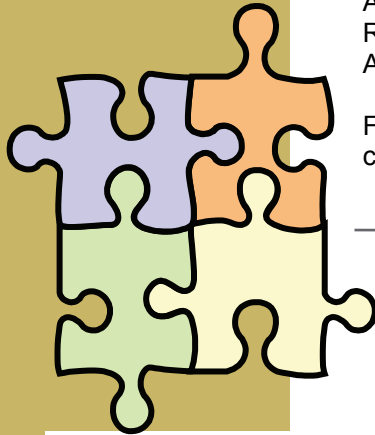
Breakfast

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

Student Council at Hansen

We are excited to announce that we have elected a student council at Hansen Elementary. Student Council is an extracurricular activity for our students in 4th and 5th grade. The 4th and 5th grade classes each chose two representatives. The students work collaboratively focusing on relevant matters that affect our school culture and they seek solutions or suggestions on how to make Hansen a place that is "Safe, Kind, and Free to Learn." In having students involved in this process, they are able to model leadership skills while creating a sense of community for their peers and representing the voice of Hansen

students. The group meets twice a month with the advisors, Mr. Samson and Mrs. Doughty.

Thank you to our HCC

We would like to offer a big shout out of appreciation to our parent community, HCC. They generously funded equipment for our recess. We received indoor games, balls, etc. It has been wonderful to see the joy on students' faces as they explore these new treasures. Thanks again!

Mrs. Arbuckle our Librarian Says...

Family Reading Night

Thursday, Jan 28 From 6:00-7:30pm Hansen families are invited to come snuggle up and read with your kids! There will be **Free** cookies & milk, as well as a **Free** book for each child (thank you South Sound Reading Foundation!) There will also be poetry and song performed by the kids.

Pajamas & Slippers are encouraged

Battle of the Books 2016

All 4th and 5th graders are participating in the Battle of the Books. Please check in with your child and ask him/her about the Battle of the Books book they are reading. Each team will read 14 books and, after practice and playoff battles, the final battle will be Friday, March 11. Please plan to be there!



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!