

**OLYMPIA
SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

Important Dates

11/02 Of Cedar & Salmon
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Assembly 1:40
11/03 HCC Meeting 6PM
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Family Night 7PM
11/04 Half Day 11:45 AM
11/06 Harvest Hop 7PM
11/06 Food Drive Begins
11/10 Picture Retakes
11/11 Vetrans's Day
No School
11/13 Greer/Mickelson FT
11/14 Mother & Son
Palapalooza 7PM @
Capital High School
11/17 Oly Fire Dept Visit
1st Grades
11/19 HAP Author's Night
Grades K-5 6PM
11/20 Gillespie/Vay FT
11/20 Fundraiser Delivery
11/26-27 No School
Thanksgiving Break

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

Hansen

Telephone (360)596-7400

November 2015

From Principal Ernie Rascon



Greetings! I hope you are all looking forward to rainy days ahead.

The weather these past few days should serve as a reminder that it is that time of year when we could experience a damaging wind storm or heavy rain and snow. With rough weather approaching, have enough food and water for several days for your family. Make sure you have plenty of batteries on hand for flashlights, clocks, and portable radio systems. Tune to KGY 1240 AM or 96.5 FM for school information. Remember to keep your vehicles filled with fuel, too. Olympia's west side is an area usually hard hit by winds that blow down trees or other debris powerful enough to knock out electrical power for a significant length of time.

On another safety note, I continue to notice many drivers talking with their cell phones up to their ear or messaging while driving into and out of the parking lot. If your vehicle has Bluetooth technology, please take advantage of it. Another option would be to put your phone on speaker for an important conversation. Otherwise, please wait until your vehicle is not in motion and parked to make or take that call that just can't wait. I also have noticed that some drivers become impatient at dismissal time and violate the double yellow line crossing over onto the wrong side of the road into oncoming traffic. I know that traffic is hectic but please think safety first. At morning drop off time, please do not use the bus bay to escape the heavy traffic in the roundabout to drop your child off at school. This is especially true for driver's whose kids' classroom is a portable.

We are beginning our annual canned food drive. The food drive will end on Tuesday, November 24. You can send donated items to school with your child in a strong grocery sack. Your child's teacher will store them and we will pick them up periodically. If we collect 2000 items we will have an all school pajama day. Please do not send food items whose expiration date has passed. Use the following guide for your food donation choices for this event:

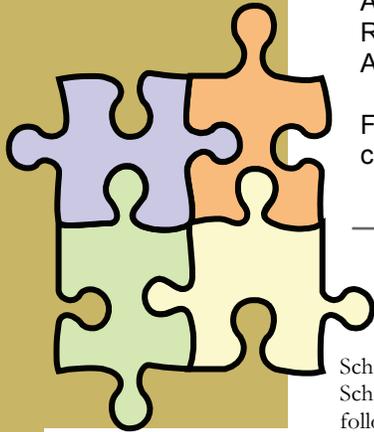
Dried pasta.
Canned items with pull tabs/flip tops (especially for the homeless).
Protein like peanut butter, canned chili, canned tuna, canned meats, and spam.
Canned soups.
Canned fruits and vegetables.
Ensure protein supplement.
Soy based proteins like veggie chili and soy cheese.
Baby food and baby formula.
Hamburger Helper, Rice - a - Roni, and boxed potato mix.

A huge thank you goes out to all teachers for their time and effort for conducting such valuable parent - student - teacher conferences last week. Thanks to all parents for taking the time to attend and talk about your child's goals for this school year. Everyone's participation in the planning conference process is so important for student success throughout the year.

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 week.

Sincerely,

Ernie Rascon



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.

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

On December 7th The Loin's Club will be at Hansen to conduct Hearing and Vision Screenings. They will be here the whole day and we will need 4 parent volunteers to assist with the screenings. Please call 596-7408 if you are interested in volunteering.

From Mrs. Doughty

School safety is our number one priority in the Olympia School District and at Hansen Elementary School. The following are some of the key areas we are addressing here at Hansen:

- Our staff regularly talks with our students about safety procedures and practice drills monthly. Drills include fire, earthquake, shelter in place and lockdown. Each of these drills has been completed once this year already.
- All staff members have been trained in how to respond in the event of an emergency, including a lockdown. Any staff member can initiate a lockdown if there is a threatening situation.
- All exterior doors, including portable classroom doors are locked all day. The front door is the only access point that is open. In addition, each classroom has a safety latch that can be flipped to close and lock the door.
- In the event of a major emergency, staff are as-

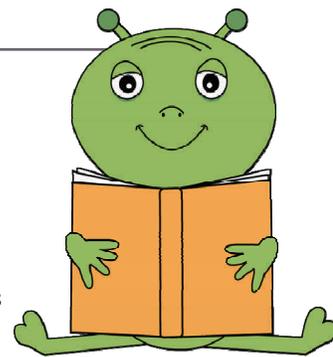
signed specific roles in order to support our students until emergency personnel arrive.

○ Families and their identified emergency contacts will be notified of emergencies via the automated School Messenger phone calls, emails, social media and our school/district website.

If directed by law enforcement to evacuate our campus, families will be notified of the reunification site via the above communication routes. Marshall Middle School is our reunification spot. School personnel will release students to parents and identified emergency contacts only.

We will be presenting drills three times throughout the school year that address fire drill, earthquake drill, and lockdown drill to the HCC. If you have any questions about school safety, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs. Arbuckle our Librarian Says...



Thank you Hansen families and friends! Our Scholastic Book Fair was a great success. The final total was \$7377.99 in sales which exceeded our goal! A big thank you to HCC for taking over the book fair, and especially to Greg Norman and Jennifer Hoffman, who served as co-chairs. Also, thank you to all of the parent volunteers who worked at the fair, we couldn't do it without you. Remember, our Used Book Sale will be in March during conference week. Please send any gently used children's books that your kids aren't reading anymore to the library, and I will store them for the sale. :-)

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