

# Hansen Elementary

## Important Dates

9/28 Kindergarten  
Night 6:30PM

9/30 Picture Day

10/1 Mickelson  
Field Trip

10/07 Early Release  
11:45 AM

10/07-9 Samson Class  
Trip overnight

10/15 Taproot Theater  
Assembly

10/15 Teacher inservice  
NO SCHOOL

10/26-30 Book Fair

10/27-30 Conferences  
Early Release 11:45 AM

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

September/October 2015

## From Principal Ernie Rascon



Greetings! I hope your family has had a fun and relaxing summer and you are finding your child's transition into this new school year a smooth one. There is much information to be shared, so please have your pencil and calendar available as you read through this communication.

The warmest of welcomes to Mrs. Kim Doughty We extend who is our new Assistant Principal. Mrs. Doughty taught media but was most recently Dean of Students at Washington Middle School. Mrs. Doughty has been a teacher at John Rogers, McKenny, and Roosevelt elementary schools. We also welcome Mrs. Brandi Greer who is our new 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Mrs. Greer taught at Madison Elementary last year. Miss Tess Standaert as our new 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom teacher. Miss Standaert student taught in our 4/5 split grade classroom last year. Mrs. Dana Woods is our new kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Woods taught at Roosevelt Elementary School over the past several years.

Thank you for your attendance at our Meet the Teacher Curriculum Nights in over the past couple of weeks. Those meetings were very informative and link teachers with parents to help achieve greater student success. The turn outs were awesome.

We are continuing our implementation of the First Six Weeks of School with the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Our school will make greater academic gains by building a school wide positive social culture. PBIS organizes adults and students to create a social culture in schools that encourages positive behavior and positive interactions. This will lead to a safer environment where students achieve academically and build positive relationships with each other and with adults. This will be accomplished by defining clear expectations, direct teaching of the behavior expectations, supervision, consistent acknowledgement of the expected behaviors, and consistent correction of the problem behaviors. We are continuously reviewing data to help guide school wide interventions in the following non classroom settings: arrival, cafeteria, recess use of playground equipment and game procedures, hallways, assemblies, dismissal, and restroom use.

Our school hours are 8:40 am - 3:02 pm, daily. The front doors open at 8:30 am. We have noticed an increase in traffic into and out of the school at arrival and dismissal times. We have placed cones in the entry way as the circle and exit really get jammed up. Please remember to pull as far forward as you can in the circle to drop off or pick up your child(ren). If you need to leave your vehicle, please find a parking stall and those are quite scarce, too. Please drive carefully. I've noticed a number of drivers using their mobile devices while driving. Please wait until you are parked and it is safe to talk on your cell phone or to text message. No child stands a chance against a moving vehicle with a distracted driver behind the wheel. Please do not use the bus gate to avoid traffic in the circle at morning drop off time. I realize it's a little quicker but it would be a shame to have an automobile collide with a child. Let's keep our kids safe during traffic times.

Please mark your calendars now for the monthly 11:45 early dismissal days on October 7, November 4, December 2, January 6, February 3, March 2, and May 4.

Student, parent, and teacher planning conferences are scheduled for the week of October 27 through 30 and March 29 through April 1. School will be half day and dismiss at 11:45 during conference weeks. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria during conference weeks. The fall conference is a very important time to talk with your child's teacher to lay out a plan for success. Let's aim for 100% school wide attendance.

Please be sure to complete and return any forms that have been sent home with your child. We are finding numerous files with very outdated information, including emergency contacts. This information will enable us to help your child should they become ill or if an emergency arises. Please remember that new registration cards and emergency contacts need to be completed annually. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thanks to all of you who have already completed and turned in your forms. Please make sure your child has your telephone number memorized.

When you visit the school for any reason, please sign in at the front desk. If you wish to volunteer, you must complete the volunteer application annually. You may go to the OSD website and click on Community to fill out an application online or pick up a hard copy in the school office. Submit your application sooner than later. We cannot accept applications on the day you want to volunteer or go on a field trip.

For more information about what's happening around the Olympia School District, I would encourage you to visit the Olympia School District website at <http://osd.wednet.edu>. Please follow the links to find out what you need to know.

Let's have a fabulous school year!

Sincerely,

Ernie Rascon

## 2015-2016 Meal Pricing

### Lunch

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

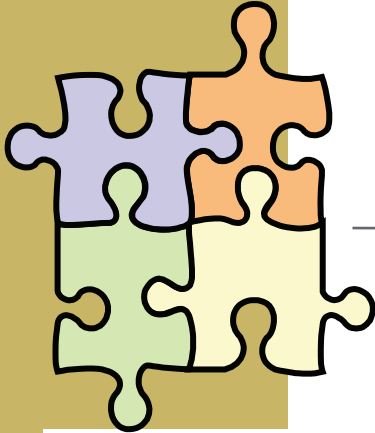
### Breakfast

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

Please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather, and include a change of clothes in their back pack if you think they might need it.

If your child is home sick please remember to call the attendance line 360-596-7403 to leave a message. If your child has a fever or is vomiting they need to stay home until they have been symptom free for 24 hours with out medication.



*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.*

Dear Parents/Students,

As we begin the 2015-2016 school year, The Olympia Police Department would ask that you consider a few things when dropping off your students in the morning and picking up your students in the afternoon.

While en route to our school locations, please be aware of the posted school zone speed limits, crosswalks, crossing guards (adult and children), school buses, look for safe/ legal parking locations to reduce traffic congestion, be respectful of others' property and remind

all drivers not to text or use cell phone while operating their vehicles.

Be safe, have a great school year and we look forward to working with you to improve traffic safety and congestion.

Kory L. Pearce  
Olympia Police Department  
Traffic Officer

The Thurston County Food Bank offers a weekend food bag program for students. If you would like your student included in this program please notify the office at 360-596-7400.



## The Book Fair is Coming!

Monday, October 26–

Thursday, October 29

Hours: 8:30 am-4:30pm

Open for shopping before and after school as well as during recess or lunch!

