

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Hansen Alternative Program Newsletter
February 2016

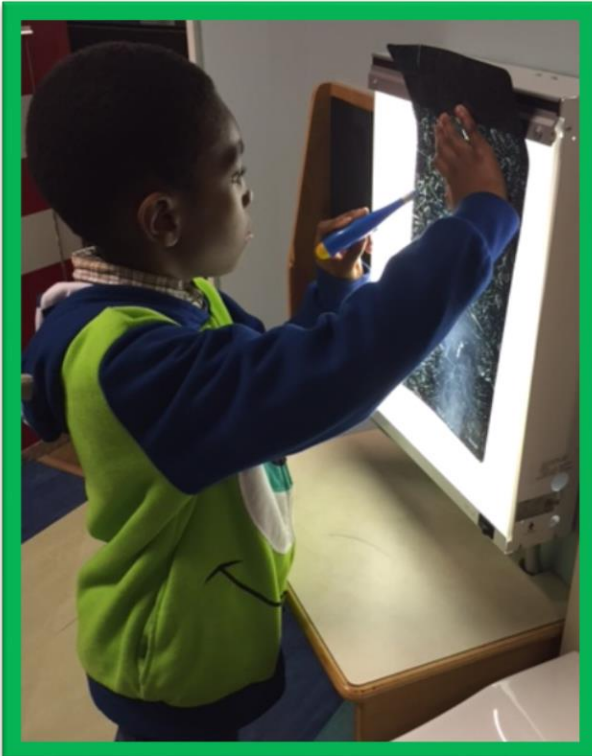
Arts Night coming up Feb. 19

Come explore and express your creative side – or just visit with HAP friends – at Arts Night **this Friday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Cafeteria.**

Let your inner artist out and create fun and simple take-home crafts. We are also looking for parents to lead activities. Past crafts have included greeting cards, pretzel sculptures, henna tattoos and cooking. Other ideas are welcome!

Contact Jen Sabel at jcsabel@gmail.com to lead an activity or help set up/clean up.

Some Field Trip Fun



Asim Fields studies an x-ray in the Emergency Room of the Hands on Children's Museum in December. *Photo credit: Katy Johansson*

Mark Your Calendar

- **HAP Talent Show:** Friday, March 4 (6:30 to 8 p.m.) More info inside ...
- **HAP Enrollment Nights:** Thursday, March 10, and Tuesday, March 15 (6:30 to 8 p.m.)
- **HAP Game Night:** Friday, March 11 (Time TBD). Contact Erica Cervantes to help: boxofflours@yahoo.com. Bring games to play with friends and gently used games to donate to local after-school programs.
- **Special HAP Meeting:** Tuesday, April 12 (7 to 8 p.m.) Discussion of proposed changes to Handbook/Bylaws in the Library.
- **International Night:** Friday, April 29 (6:30 to 8 p.m.) The whole school is invited to this HAP-hosted event of multi-cultural experiences. Contact Amanda Eaton or Laurie Mott to help: amandaedc@gmail.com or lauriemott@gmail.com
- **Spring HAP Meeting:** Tuesday, May 3 (7 to 8 p.m.), in the Library.

You've got talent! Yes, you do!

Let it shine at this year's HAP Talent Show

We know you've got talent. Now it's time to share it! Do you have a favorite song you'd like to sing? How about some magic tricks or tae kwon do moves? Or a few (family-appropriate) jokes?

Whatever your talent, we want to see it, hear it, and applaud it at HAP's annual Talent Show Fundraiser.

Don't be shy. Send Marina Parr (marinaparr@live.com) an email with your performance ideas right away! The show is just around the corner!

Who can perform?

This show's performances are open to ALL HAP students from kindergarten through fifth grade, their siblings, parents, and their teachers.

What can you do?

Get creative! If you've got a talent, share it.

How long?

Performances are limited to three to four minutes - max! We don't want to use a hook to drag you off stage.

Two Goals: Have Fun and Raise Money!

Yes, we really can do both. Every year, Mr. Samson takes fourth- and fifth-graders on a fantastic three-day field trip. We encourage you to contribute with enthusiasm and commitment -- the kind Mr. Samson and his students share each



HAP Talent Show

- **When:** Friday, March 4 (6:30 to 8 p.m.)
- **Where:** Hansen Cafeteria/Gymnasium
- **Why:** Fundraiser for fall 2016 field trip for fourth- and fifth-graders
- **Admission:** \$5/person or \$15/family (suggested)

day. Let's make sure this trip is fully funded!

Bake sale part of the fun!

Don't want to sing show tunes on stage? Perhaps you can bring brownies - or a different favorite treat instead. We want a fully stocked "snack bar" at our show. Your generous donation of some fresh-baked goodies can help us raise even more field trip dollars.

Classroom Updates: Amazonian play, Procession creations in the works

Kindergarten: Mrs. Swett

In language arts we're working on retelling stories we already know. Kids are writing about movies they love, fairy tales and books.

In math we've just moved into our geometry unit, which focuses on recognizing, making and using 2D and 3D shapes.

In science we're in the middle of our study of wood and have just finished making our own wood out of sawdust.

In social studies we are learning about President's Day, focusing on George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

It's lovely to have the full day together. We get a chance to play most days, which also helps us practice our communication and community skills!

1st/2nd: Ms. Abrams

In math we're practicing subtraction, using the numberline to add 10, 5, and 1, and analyzing 2D shapes.

We've also been learning more about ocean habitat (discoveries, depths, animals and plants) in preparation for the Procession of the Species! **Please save the date for the afternoon of Saturday, April 23.** We will need lots of parent/grandparent participation leading up to the Procession, so stay tuned for updates.

We are also going bowling with the other 2nd grade classes on Friday, Feb. 19. If you signed up to volunteer on the permission slip, please meet at Westside Lanes at 12:30 p.m. We'll be arriving by bus.

2nd/3rd: Mr. Halvorson

Our class is ... Journeying down the Amazon River. Our flight down to Peru had a little turbulence, but mostly uneventful. Teams are loading supplies in their boats for their epic journey ahead. Journal writing will take the form of narrative, and expository reports will help our boats move down the Amazon.

We are rehearsing for our play, **"Dooonoots on the Amazon." Show times are 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, and 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 9.**

In math we are exploring unit 5, multiplication and division using arrays.

Our special guest, Chris Ciancetta, is teaching nutrition in six fantastic lessons. Where do you get your calcium?

4th/5th: Mr. Samson

We are working on a unit about food and nutrition. This includes science (chemistry and biology), language arts (research and letter writing), art (body system posters), and math (serving portions and nutritional information).

We had another Ilwaco trip-planning meeting. Stay tuned for Tanya's update.

