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# Panther Post

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## Principal Letter

Dear Hazel Dell Families—

We hope everyone had a nice spring break. The students have returned rested and ready to learn. We have spent some time this week reviewing school-wide expectations for recess and the classroom and common areas of the school. We had more name-calling and physical contact in March than is typical. Our goal for April, May and June is to eliminate the name calling and physical contact at recess. Please remind your child to use kind words and to report to the staff if they hear or witness anything that is not Panther Pride behavior.

This spring, we have a number of events at HD. In addition to the ones on the calendar, we have state testing using the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA). 5th grade will have one day of science testing the last week of April. Testing for reading and math in grades 3-5 will start on May 6th and continue through June 7th. Most students take a short portion of the test each day for about 2-3 weeks. The testing window allows teachers to be flexible and test in short periods of time rather than spending hours each day on tests. Please do not schedule any appointments or trips during this time without notifying the classroom teacher.

Students in grades K-2 will take the i-Ready assessment again during May but will not take the SBA tests.

Another very important event we have on May 24th is Author's Day. Every student at Hazel Dell has created a book to share with other students, staff and family members. This event will start at 1:00. Grades K, 2 and 4 read their books from 1:00-1:40 and grades 1, 3 and 5 read from 1:50-2:30. We invite you to attend this event. Students must have at least one piece of writing but can add others, if they wish.

As always, thanks for your support and partnership in your child's education!

Mrs. Irwin



- 1-5 Spring Break
- 8 Early Release 2:10pm
- 9 Kindergarten Registration Begins!  
Students must be 5 years of age by August 31st
- 11 2nd Grade Success Night 5:30-6:30pm
- 12 Popcorn Friday
- 15 Early Release 2:10 pm
- 15-19 Dream Team Dental
- 18 2-Hour Early Release Parent Conferences
- 19 2-Hour Early Release Parent Conferences
- 22 Early Release 2:10 pm
- 29 Early Release 2:10 pm



- 3 Panther Pride Assembly
- 6 Early Release
- 7 2nd Grade "Main Street" Exhibit 1:15pm
- 10 3rd Grade Culture Parade

## Kindergarten Registration Begins April 9th!

- \*Bring birth certificate
- \*Current Immunizations
- \*Proof of residence



**Dream Team Dental** will be here **April 15th-19th** to provide dental care to Hazel Dell students!



Please complete and return the permission slip that came home with your student.



Dream Team Dental provides dental sealants, cleanings, fluoride, and education. Each student that sees the dental team member will receive a toothbrush, floss, and toothpaste



Parents,

If you are planning a trip or will be out of town for another reason, it is important that you let the office know when your child(ren) will be out of school.



You can call the office at (360) 313-2050, (360) 313-1416, or email us at hazeldell@vansd.org. Thank you.



It's time to sign up for  
**Orchestra and Band Class**

4th Grade Students and Parents

We are excited to invite all current 4th grade students to participate in the 2019/2020 Instrumental Program.

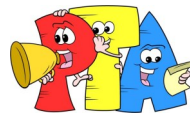
This year-long program begins in mid-September and goes until June. Vancouver School District transportation is available.

Six different middle school locations will serve ALL 5th grade students: McLoughlin, Discovery, Gaiser, and Thomas Jefferson.

All instrumental classes are taught by Vancouver Public Schools certified teachers and are offered free to students currently enrolled in Vancouver Public Schools.

Band Class: Orchestra Class: Trumpet, Trombone, Clarinet, Flute Violin, Viola, Cello.

All interested students and parents should return medical forms and applications by Friday, April 26, 2019.



# ROCKS!

A big Hazel Dell thank you to **Melinda Osborn** and **Esmeralda Lucatero** for serving as “runners” on Spring Picture Day! With their help, we were able to finish up before lunch.

Vancouver families depend on clean rivers, streams and lakes for swimming, fishing and preserving habitat for future generations. You can help reduce one of the biggest threats to our waterways, pollution left behind from everyday activities that gets picked up by stormwater. We all contribute to stormwater pollution, so we all need to be part of the solution. Here are three easy tips you can follow to reduce water pollution and help protect our rivers, streams and lakes.

**Only rain down the drain.** As simple as it sounds, this is the most important principle for reducing water pollution, and it should be taken literally. Whatever goes down the storm drain almost always ends up in our streams. Even if you're not putting anything directly into a storm drain, be aware of what runoff can pick up from your home and yard. This includes grass clippings, car washing soap, fertilizers and pet waste, just to name a few.

**“Natural” can still be pollution.** It's easy to overlook pollutants that seem “natural,” such as grass clippings, pet waste and organic fertilizers. In our developed communities, these are significant sources of pollution. Fecal coliform is one of the top pollutants found in streams, and much of it comes from pet owners who don't pick their pet's waste. Nutrients in yard debris and fertilizers feed potentially toxic algae that deplete water of oxygen needed by aquatic life.

**Sweep it up, don't hose it off.** Using a hose to wash away a spill or clean the driveway is a sure way to send pollutants to our streams. Instead, use a broom and dustpan to sweep up pollutants, close them in a bag and put it in the garbage. For liquid spills, put down an absorbent material, such as kitty litter, and sweep it into a bag before disposing in the trash.

For more ideas, visit [www.clark.wa.gov/cleanwater](http://www.clark.wa.gov/cleanwater) and thank you for being part of the solution.

