

August 18, 2014

Dear Howard Families,

I hope you all have had a terrific summer! We here at school are looking forward to working with you and your children and having another great school year together here at Howard Elementary School!



If you've looked behind the school this summer, you'll have noticed a lot of work being done in preparation for construction of our new school, which is very exciting! A new track and field for Howard and Kelly is currently being installed and will be completed by the end of September. This will be an all-weather turf field, so Howard kids will be able to use it for soccer at recess all year long! East of the track, near Emerald Park, Delta Sand & Gravel has been busy laying the groundwork for the new school to be built. For updates on the new school, "Like" the Howard Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/4jhoward>) or follow the 4J Bond updates on the 4J website (<http://www.4j.lane.edu/bond/>).

Another announcement that I'm pleased to make is that Howard has been awarded a Physical Education grant from the Oregon Department of Education that will enable us to provide PE classes to students all year long. Currently, all 4J elementary schools offer one semester of PE and one semester of Music, but Howard students this year will receive PE instruction for the entire school year in addition to one semester of Music!

We have a couple new staff members that I'd like to introduce. Please join me in welcoming Linda Lamb (Comprehensive Learning Center) and Joan Koth (Head Cook). Linda Lamb, our new CLC teacher, comes to us from Pacific University with a strong special education training and background. Joan Koth, our new Head Cook, was at Howard for a short time last year and is very excited to be coming back. We are still in the process of hiring an additional Educational Assistant in the CLC and also a new School Psychologist, but the rest of our staff will all be returning. We are lucky to have these fabulous new staff members, so please make them feel welcome as they join the Howard Elementary School family!

Please read all of the attached important information. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call, email or stop by.

We're looking forward to seeing you all soon and to continue working together to provide the best possible education for your children. Here's to another terrific school year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Allan Chinn".

Allan Chinn, Principal