

Parent Right To Know About Teacher Qualifications

Witch Hazel Elementary is a School-wide Title I School. That means we have the highest standards for our teachers and paraprofessionals. Each teacher we hire holds an Oregon license through Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC), and we are proud they meet the strenuous standards an Oregon license requires.

The Federal No Child Left Behind regulations state that parents in Title I schools may inquire about teacher qualifications. We encourage strong parental involvement and communication with your school and your child's teacher.

You have many opportunities throughout the year to meet your child's teacher: *Back To School Night*, Title I Family Nights, school performances, parent conferences, etc. If you have questions about his or her qualifications, you may contact Kari Woyak, principal.

H1N1

As you have likely been hearing, school districts and communities around the country are gearing up for what is expected to be an increased number of H1N1 cases this school year. In preparation for this, the HSD nurses would like to remind you that **ONLY YOU CAN STOP THE FLU**. Here are some important steps you can take to help limit the spread of flu:

*Practice good hand hygiene in your household. Teach your children to wash their hands with soap and water (as long as the ABC song), especially after they cough or sneeze. Alcohol hand sanitizer is effective when soap and water is not available.

*Teach your children to avoid touching their mouth, eyes or nose, as this is one of the ways that influenza germs are transmitted.

*Teach your children to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when they sneeze or cough, or to cough or sneeze into their sleeve (elbow or shoulder) and **not** into their hands.

Keep your child home for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol or Advil. *Do not give your child aspirin or aspirin-containing products (salicylate) if he/she has symptoms of the flu as this can cause a life-threatening condition called Reyes Syndrome.*

Get your family vaccinated for both the seasonal and H1N1 flu. The seasonal flu vaccine should be available in September, and the H1N1 flu vaccine is expected to be available in October. Call your doctor for advice if you are not sure whether or not you should have the vaccine.

Avoid close contact with sick people.

Monitor your child closely for signs of illness and keep them home if they have a fever or symptoms of the flu.

Continue to check the HSD website for flu updates!

Signs/symptoms of H1N1 influenza:

Fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue.

Some people report having diarrhea and vomiting with the H1N1 virus.

Title I Question and Answer ~Stocked for Learning

Q: We're on a limited budget. What supplies should I have at home to help my daughter with reading and writing?

A: Books are the best things you can give a youngster who is learning to read and write. Fortunately, they're free at the public library and don't cost a whole lot at used book stores or yard sales. Or family and friends might be willing to pass on books that older children have outgrown.

Also, keep paper and pencils around so your child can practice writing. You can save money by buying these supplies in bulk. And remind your youngster to use both sides of the paper—it will last longer and it's better for the environment.

Birthdays and holidays are a good time to add to your child's supplies. You might suggest that relatives get her books, a children's dictionary, magnetic letters, alphabet stamps, colored pencils or different kinds of paper.

Important Dates:

- OCTOBER 29—PTA BINGO NIGHT
- NOVEMBER 2—PICTURE RETAKES
- NOVEMBER 11—NO SCHOOL-VETERANS' DAY
- NOVEMBER 12-PTA CHUCKY CHEESE NIGHT

Pawsitives!

Students at Witch Hazel can earn "Pawsitives" for safe, respectful, responsible and kind behavior!



Attendance

Research shows that regular school attendance directly impacts a student's success in school. Because of this, Witch Hazel promotes excellent attendance in a wide variety of ways.

This year, students who have perfect attendance (no absences or tardies) for a whole month will be honored at our Spirit Assembly.

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HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT 1J

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

We're on the Web!

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Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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