Greetings Hough Hawk Families!
The cold is finally here, the wacky weeks of Halloween and candy hangovers are over and we are back to a normal routine.

Fall weather is here! We do not offer indoor recess as we believe that fresh air, running and sometimes screaming is good for their little bodies. We do have a few days where we have an open library during the school week. We always encourage the students to wear their jackets outside but as we know some don’t prefer to wear them especially our older students. If your hawk wears shorts and a t-shirt 365 days/year, it will be fine. They will figure out how to manage their body temperature soon enough, and some of these hawks run hot.

We are working on to elevate cultural awareness and learn about/share our family traditions through conversation in our classroom meetings, using literature from our library and classroom libraries, and through the daily News. 2 weeks ago we highlighted Diwali, and we are currently observing our Native American and Indigenous Peoples traditions. The foods we eat, the holidays we celebrate, and our own family traditions are what fosters a sense of belonging here, especially as we move into another holiday season that centers around foods and gifts.

We are reminded quite often around here from these 287 kids that finding joy in the moment, and even sometimes in the mundane, catches like wildfire and sets a tone here at school. Their energy is unmatched and often leaves us all exhausted, and it's a GOOD tired. Because we know how quickly these years go by, never knowing when the 'lasts' occur: Last holding-hands, last hug/kiss in public, last shout of 'I LOVE YOU TO THE MOON' out the car window. We'll take the exhaustion alongside you, over and over again.

Hope you have a few moments of being cozy on the sofa this weekend in the rain.

Hawk Bloopers of the WEEK:

- K student runs in the office. Office member says "what are you doing?" K student says "I'm running away from my teacher."
- 4th grade student says to his teacher "have you ever been licked by a dog?" Teacher says "yes...have you?" the student responds "no, but I think it would be fun."
- Student says to intern "Big boned people are more comfy than regular boned people" as he looks at Mr. Young.
- Student says to Mrs. Graham "You suck"....Mrs. Graham responds "thanks I know."
- 1st Grade student says "Oh Mrs. Bacon is so mad", another student says "what, is she going to sizzle?"

Sincerely,
Mrs. Jessica Graham
Principal - Hough Elementary
Safety:
The Hough Safety Committee has not met in November yet. On our agenda this month is planning for our fire drill and lock-down drill. Mr. Hoffarth will send out additional resources to teachers for lock-down procedures, protocol, and helpful reminders. Here is a list of essential safety functions in November:

- Mr. Hoffarth will update emergency student rosters in the Grab and Go Kit located in the office. As the name implies, the Grab and Go Kit is a rolling bin of resources we can utilize to support students and staff in the event of a real emergency.
- Inspect AED for full electrical charge and pad condition. The AED is located in the hallway near the gym.
- Please click here the latest COVID-19 Updates from Vancouver Public Schools

5th Grade Student Organized Doernbecher Fundraiser
Dear Hough Students, Staff, and Families—

My name is Lily Strickland and I’m your 5th grade class president. This year, I’m starting an all-school fundraiser and toy drive to benefit Doernbecher Children’s Hospital in Portland. This will happen November 1st through December 2nd. My goal is to raise at least $2,000 in addition to donating as many new toys and activities as possible. The hospital has a wish list of some of the most needed items that you can see here. Some items include Legos, stuffed animals, art and craft kits, action figures, baby learning toys, and more. Bins for toy donation will be in the front lobby of Hough. We will also have jars in each classroom labeled ‘cash for kids’ so people can donate coins or dollar bills if they want during the day. Here is the ONLINE LINK if you would like to donate on-line

This will help a lot of kids going through medical challenges. I hope you will be able to donate to this special cause.

Thank you so much!

Parent Participation Updated Plan

Hough Elementary
Title I Parent Participation Plan
2022-2023

Hough Elementary staff is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child in our school. Everyone gains if parents are partners with teachers and other staff in the education of their children.

Hough Elementary staff believes that in improving student academic achievement, it is essential that parents have an understanding of curriculum, academic achievement standards, assessments, district/school policies and procedures, and how to monitor their children's progress and work with educators.
**Parent Participation Plan**- Hough Elementary staff will jointly develop/revise with parents the school Parent Participation Plan at the fall Parent Advisory Committee Meeting. The plan will be distributed to parents and the local community in newsletters, on our school website, and at other parent events and meeting times. Copies will also be available at the front office.

Later in the school year, the School-Parent Compact will be reviewed and revised with the input of parents for the following school year.

**Schoolwide Improvement Plan**- Parent Advisory Meetings are scheduled throughout the school year to develop/review the School Improvement Plan and coordinate other parent involvement opportunities. Building demographics, and assessment results are reviewed to ensure that schoolwide programs are meeting the needs of all students, especially those performing below grade level in reading and math. Parent Advisory meetings will include the following dates (and other times during the year as available): September 20, 2022, October 25, 2022, November 22, 2022, January 17, 2023, February 21, 2023, March 21, 2023, April 18, 2023 and May 16, 2023.

**Annual Title I Meeting**- An annual event to inform parents of Hough Elementary's participation as a Title I Schoolwide site, the requirement of Title I, and the rights of the parent to be involved, will occur at the Coffee with the Principal on September 20, 2022.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences**- Parents are provided an opportunity to meet with classroom teachers during the district's scheduled conference days on October 20 and 21, 2022. During the fall conference time the Parent/School Compact will be discussed and signed. Spring Teacher-Parent conferences are also scheduled in April. Parents are also encouraged to meet with their children's teachers at any time during the school year. Throughout the academic year, all parents will be provided with reasonable access to staff and opportunities to participate in a variety of building sponsored activities.

**Curriculum, Assessment & Proficiency Levels**- All parents will be notified of their child's assessment scores and eligibility for additional academic help during the school day, after school or in summer programs. Parents are informed of student progress via the goal setting conferences in the fall, trimester report cards, and other times during the school year that parents and/or staff feel it necessary. Parents are encouraged to request information regarding their child's academic progress at any time from the school staff.

Hough Elementary students are instructed by teachers trained in the use of Magnetic Reading and Really Great Reading Science of Reading. Students requiring additional reading help may participate in programs such as Imagine Learning, Phonics for Reading, Boost and Blitz, and Read Naturally, Iready Math and Reading. All students in grades K-5 are instructed using Eureka Math, and all students in kindergarten through fifth grades in the . Students are assessed in a variety of ways including iReady, Wa Kids/K Skills, the Smarter Balanced Assessment and curriculum-based measures.

Hough Elementary's staff will participate in a variety of professional development opportunities throughout the school year. Staff will participate in both building and district level professional development focused on improving parent and school partnerships.
At Hough, we believe that all classroom teachers are reading and math teachers. Common Core State Standards and the district’s Instructional Models which include Universal Designed Lessons/Strategies. All federal, state and local resources that relate to reading and math instruction are coordinated to benefit student academic achievement.

Information related to Hough Elementary parent programs, meetings and other activities will be sent to parents in the school newsletter, through classroom news bulletins and posted on the school website. Every attempt will be made to clearly communicate information in the parents’ native language in a timely manner.

Parents are invited and encouraged to get involved at Hough Elementary in the following ways:

- Classroom volunteer
- Be a part of the Title One Planning
- Reading/math volunteer
- Join PTSA (Parent School Partnership)
- Attend monthly Coffee With Principal
- Participate in the School/Parent Compact
- Attend student performances
- Attend literacy and math nights
- Attend Coffee With Principal
- Participate in
- Field trip chaperoning
- Parent/teacher conferences
- Other
- Volunteer opportunities as requested

The Hough Parent Participation Plan has been developed/revised jointly with, and agreed upon with, parents of children participating in a Schoolwide Title I program, as evidenced by meeting minutes, meeting agenda, and parent sign-in sheet on file in the school office.

The Parent Participation Plan was developed/revised by Hough Elementary on September 20th, 2022, and will be in effect for the 2022-2023 school year. The school will distribute this Parent Participation Plan to all parents of participating Title I children, post it on our school website, and make it available to the community on or before December 11, 2022.

Principal  __Jessica L Graham  
Date:  _____9-20-22__

**Attendance!**

Attendance is an area that is an adult-driven support for elementary kids. We know that students who miss more than 10% of school are at-risk academically and socially. 10% of a school year is 18 days, and that adds up fast! If your child is at the 10% mark currently, you will be receiving a letter in the mail in the next few weeks. Some families take vacations, and others are sick. We know that Monday’s are an early release for kids, but we promise that we pack that day in with lots of learning! Sometimes we hear ‘it’s just an early release day’ and then we have to catch your kiddo up. It’s not the worksheet, or the product that is most important, it’s the instruction and class discussion where the bulk of the learning takes place. If you are running into barriers to getting your child to school, please reach out, we are always here to problem solve with you.
Tardies

Tardies are tough, because if your hawk comes in later, they don't like it, and neither do their teachers. It's uncomfortable for kids to enter into a room that is already humming, and teachers must stop instruction and try to get the students up to speed. Grace to every one-in-while because, well, LIFE. Notifications go out when you're late 3 times in a month or it becomes chronic.

Veteran's Day Assembly November 16th, 2022

As you probably know, this Friday is the day we honor American Veterans for their service in the military. Next week, on Wednesday the 16th, we will have an assembly at school to honor our community's veterans. We would like to invite you to share your family's military history in a slide show. If you have veterans in your family, please send a photo or two along with what branch they served in, rank, and their years of service. Please email Mr. Young <nate.young@vansd.org> your photos by Tuesday Nov. 15th to be included in the slide show. Also, as a token of appreciation, our PTSA will be hosting a Veteran's Tea for family and community members who would like to join us. Feel free to join us for the assembly at 8:45a and stay after for a warm cup of tea and conversation.

Hough PTSA

It's that time of year again where Hough PTSA is putting together its planning committee for our annual Winter Wonderland Hough-at-Night and we need your help!

For those of you who don't know or don't remember, Winter Wonderland is a very special event. Hough PTSA sets up a special Holiday Bazaar and students get to come in and shop for their families from an amazing assortment of gifts. Thanks to our generous supporters and a variety of community donations we are able to sell these great gifts for only $0.25 to $3! After the students are done shopping their gifts will be wrapped by an amazing team of gift wrapping volunteers. While the students are shopping there will be a silent auction for parents to explore, hot chocolate and yummy holiday treats, and a spectacular Winter Wonderland photo booth.

Hough PTSA

Updates:

Spirit Wear should be coming home with your students before Thanksgiving Break.

November Birthday Table is today, Tuesday, 11/29
If your student had a birthday in November they are invited to a special Birthday celebration during their lunch time and one parent/caregiver is welcome to join them! Your student should have received an invitation at the beginning of the week.

This is something we'll be holding the last Friday of every month, so if it's your child's birthday month be on the lookout for their invitation the last week of the month.

Calling all Volunteers! Help us bring Mileage Club back!
Mileage Club is a super fun recess activity the kids love to participate in! During recess students get the chance to run laps and accumulate miles and win toe tokens. But in order to do it, we need some parent volunteers to help track miles and guide the students. You can volunteer once or daily or once a week. Whatever works for your schedule. Any day we have a volunteer to staff it, the students can enjoy mileage club. For more details or to sign up please go to our Volunteer! page.

Classroom Production Helpers!
We’ve got a great group interested in doing classroom production! If you'd like to help with this ongoing project check out the Volunteer! page of the website and sign up to let us know you’re interested and your best availability. We'll be in touch soon!

REMINDERS:
Veteran’s Day Tea is November 16th!
Winter Wonderland is coming up December 8th!

Upcoming Events and Dates:

November 11th: NO SCHOOL Veterans Day
November 14th: Early Release 2:10
November 15th: Vision/Hearing testing
November 16th: Veteran’s Day Assembly and TEA (8:45-9:30)
November 16th: 5th grade field trip to Columbia Springs
November 21st : Early Release 2:10
November 22nd: Coffee with the Principal (8:45-9:30)
November 23rd-26th: NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
November 27th- December 2nd: 4th and 5th VITA
November 28th: Early Release 2:10
November 28th:Girls Volleyball Skilleree @ Roosevelt
November 29th: Boys Volleyball Skilleree @ Roosevelt
November 29th: “November Birthday Table at Lunch”
November 30th: Pizza with the Principal (During Lunch Time)
November 30th: Success Assembly 8:45-9:15
November 30th: End of first grading period