



HOGAN CEDARS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

March 8, 2024

Dear Hogan Cedars Families,

I hope this letter finds you well as we enter the exciting season of spring at Hogan Cedars. It's a time when our students make significant strides in their academic and social development. To ensure that this growth continues, I would like to highlight a few ideas that can help make school a top priority for your child:

- **Make attendance a priority:** It's important to communicate to your child that regular attendance unless they are unwell, is non-negotiable. Encourage them to be on time and try to schedule appointments outside of school hours whenever possible.
- **Show your interest and support:** Engage in meaningful conversations with your child about their school activities and projects. Attending school events, such as parent-teacher meetings, performances, or exhibitions, demonstrates your involvement and support for their education.
- **Cultivate a positive attitude:** Even on challenging days, maintain a positive outlook and set an example for your child. By showing enthusiasm and a can-do attitude about your own work, you are encouraging them to approach their own tasks with a positive mindset.

Additionally, I'd like to bring your attention to our school's wellness policy. As part of this policy, we prioritize good nutrition during the school day. Please consider packing snacks and lunches that provide your child with the healthy nutrition they need to be engaged learners throughout the day. We kindly ask that you

avoid sending foods and beverages such as candy, soda, sugary drinks, and potato chips to school.

While cell phones and other devices have many benefits, they can be a distraction to student learning and harmful to mental well-being. At Hogan Cedars, we ask students to keep phones and personal devices “off and away the entire day”.

Thank you for your continuous support. Together, we can make sure that our students have a rewarding and successful spring season filled with growth and accomplishment.

Educationally yours,

Heidi Blakley
Principal at Hogan Cedars

Report Cards

Parents will be able to view your child's report card in ParentVue and/or download copies after 8:00 am on Thursday, March 14.

Kindergarten Registration is now open. Parents can go to our website to register.

Join us for our **Connect to Kindergarten** event Tuesday, April 16. We will start at 5:00 pm. This is a time for families to begin the registration process for the 2024-2025 school year. If your child will be 5 years old by September 1 and starting kindergarten in the fall, plan to attend Connect to Kindergarten! You and your child can learn about full day kindergarten, meet the staff, start registration and visit classrooms. Please bring proof of your address, original birth certificate and your child's immunization record.

Spring Picture Day is March 21

This is an optional opportunity for families. We will send picture packets home with students on March 18. If you would like to have your child's spring photo taken, please send a completed packet with payment on March 21.

Join us for our next PTSO meeting on March 12 in the Media Center. Childcare is available.

The **Sunrise Social** will be held in the cafeteria on Tuesday, March 19. Hogan Cedars Students are invited to bring one parent or other important adult for a PTSO sponsored breakfast social; join us to enjoy music and table games as you make connections with other families! Breakfast choices include mini bagels with cream cheese and fruit preserves, pan dulce, assorted fruit with Tajin, cabbage piroshki, and poppy seed roll! Coffee, juice, and water will also be provided.

Dates to Remember

- March 12 PTSO Meeting in Media Center, 6:00-7:00 pm
- March 19 Sunrise Social in Cafeteria, 7:30-8:10 am
- March 19 Restaurant Night at Panera
- March 21 Spring Picture Day
- March 25-29 No school - Spring Break
- April 1 School Resumes
- April 16 Connect to Kindergarten, 5:00-6:30 pm