



# HOGAN CEDARS

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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August 2024

Hello Hogan Cedars Family!

It is with great enthusiasm and joy that I welcome you all to the 2024-2025 school year! Each of you brings a unique set of skills, dedication, and passion that make our school community truly exceptional. I am honored to be working alongside such an outstanding team of educators.

As we embark on this new academic year together, let us reaffirm our commitment to excellence, equity, and inclusivity in all aspects of our work. By fostering a growth mindset and creating a nurturing environment, we can empower our students to reach new heights and achieve amazing success.

Each day you walk through the school doors, you bring with you a spirit of enthusiasm, creativity, and care that truly sets Hogan Cedars apart. Your tireless efforts in creating a supportive and nurturing environment for our students are commendable and deeply appreciated.

I have full confidence in our collective ability to inspire, guide, and support our students on their educational journey. Together, we can make this year our most impactful one yet. Your contributions are integral to our shared mission, and I am deeply grateful for your unwavering dedication to our students and school community.

Let's continue to focus on creating an inclusive culture, aligning our instructional practices, and driving an equitable Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS). With our concerted efforts, I am confident that we will create a learning environment where every student can thrive and succeed.

Here's to a successful, fulfilling, and memorable school year ahead! Thank you all for your incredible work, and welcome back to Hogan Cedars!

*Engaging Hearts and Minds* 



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### **Cheering on Our New and Existing Staff!**

I am delighted to share some wonderful news with you all - we have four fantastic new educators ready to make their mark at Hogan Cedars! Please join me in extending a warm welcome to these talented teachers as they start their journey with us.

Jessie Davis court is joining our kindergarten team. Jessie's upbeat attitude and commitment to student success make her a fantastic addition to our Hogan Cedars family. Her love for teaching is truly inspiring.

Kayte Vanaman is also joining our kindergarten team. With her passion for early childhood education and dedication to nurturing young minds, Kayte is sure to bring creativity and enthusiasm to our kindergarten classrooms.

Caeley Stone will be a valuable addition to our first-grade team. Caeley's expertise in supporting young learners and building strong foundations for academic growth will be invaluable to our first-grade students. Her caring and patient approach is sure to make a positive impact in the classroom.

Kate Ortolano, who has already had the pleasure of meeting most of us, will be joining our fourth-grade team. Her collaborative teaming ability and dedication to student growth are a great asset to our team.

I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to Tracy Early, our new Reading Teacher who will be supporting us with our Walk to Literacy model. Many of you already know Tracy, and her dedication to student success and expertise in literacy instruction make her an invaluable addition to our team.



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Kim Fast will be joining Marinela Ionescu on our EML Team. Kim's expertise and passion for supporting students with diverse learning needs will undoubtedly enrich our team and benefit our students in countless ways.

I am pleased share that Brittany Jacobsen has now taken on the role of Behavior Support Teacher, following in the footsteps of Heather Burdett. I am confident that Brittany will bring a fresh perspective and valuable contributions to our school community.

Please extend a warm Hogan Cedars welcome to Jessie, Kayte, Caeley, Kate, and Tracy as they settle into their new roles. I do not doubt that they will enrich our school community and contribute to the success and happiness of our students.

Let's come together to support and empower our new teachers as they begin their journey at Hogan Cedars. Here's to a successful and rewarding school year ahead!



### **Jessie Daviscourt**

I am Jessie Daviscourt and I am excited to be joining the Hogan Cedars family this year! After spending the last four years living and teaching in Salem, I moved to Sandy with my husband and our pup, Daisy. In my free time, I enjoy hiking or running trails and learning different types of crafts.

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**Kayte Vanaman**

My name is Kayte Vanaman and I am so excited to be joining the kindergarten team at Hogan Cedars! I have been working in education since 2008, first as a preschool teacher, then a reading assistant, then 5th grade, 1st/2nd blend, PE, and finally kindergarten! I have been teaching kindergarten for the past 3 years and I am so grateful to be continuing my kinder journey with you all! I love the joy and excitement kindergarten students bring to the classroom, and seeing the growth they make throughout the year. I look forward to getting to know you all and joining your community. Go Hawks!



**Caeley Stone**

Hi, my name is Caeley Stone and I am so excited to become a part of the Hogan Cedars family! I am going into my fourth year of teaching and my second time teaching first grade. I am a lover of all things Disney and spend many vacations in Disneyland with my family. During my downtime, I love to spend time with friends, read, and watch football!

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**Kate Ortolano**

Kate is excited to be a Hogan Cedars Hawk and move back to upper elementary, following a year in a K/1 blend at Highland! In her “past life”, Kate worked in non-profit arts management for two of the top theatre companies in town. She adores all things art and nature, and is a self-proclaimed rock nerd. A mom to two humans, she lives in SE Portland with one dog, two cats, two parakeets, five chickens, and a tank full of fish. Her favorite color is hot sauce.



**Tracy Early**

I am a Reading Specialist, and have been for 15 years. Before that, I taught 1st grade through 4th grade for a total of 10 years, with another 10 years as a substitute teacher while my girls were young. I have 3 beautiful daughters that live all over the world, and 4 grandchildren, soon to be 5. I love traveling, especially when it involves a visit to see one of my daughters and grandchildren. I am so excited to be back at Hogan Cedars this year!



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### **Things you need to know...**

- Our theme this year is “Be here!” More details to come so stay tuned.
- Employee Calendars 2024-2025 are all in one Google Sheet.
  - Use this link to access the [Employee Calendars 2024-25](#).
    - First, look for your position title.
    - Then, find your location.
    - You must be logged into your GBSD email address to access your calendar.
- OEBB enrollment this year is optional. You do not need to do anything if you want to keep your same plans.
- My cell phone number is 503.851.5056 (Please keep this internal to staff).
- Nancy Raschke and Debby Hopkins will be subbing for Heidi K. until she returns.
- Staff computers are available for pickup.
- Late start Wednesdays will begin the first week students are back on September 4th.

### **Annual Required Online Training (SafeSchools)**

- Online safety training is still required for all staff and available through [Vector](#). You will have time during the first week back to complete your training modules. When you log into Vector, your required training will be visible, as they differ per staff role.
- **All training is due by October 15th**

### **Back to School Schedule**

#### **Thursday, August 22nd**

#### **Professional Learning Day on the newly updated iReady Classroom Mathematics 2024**

- 8:00 am -4:00 pm (Lunch at 11:00 on your own)
- East Gresham Elementary School
- This training day is mandatory for all Elementary Teachers, including DLI, Resource Teachers, SSC Teachers, PASS Teachers
- It is an additional paid day
- Please bring your computer
- Teacher Guide optional



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### Friday, August 23rd

#### New Hire Orientation

- East Gresham Elementary School
- 8:00 am - 4:00 pm (Lunch is provided)

Hogan Cedars First Week Back 2024				
Monday (8/26)	Tuesday (8/27)	Wednesday (8/28)	Thursday (8/29)	Friday (8/30)
Teacher Prep: 7:30 - 3:30 (8 hours)	Safe Schools 7:30 - 11:00 (210 minutes)	Convocation & Association Meetings 8:00 - 10:30 (2 hours 30 minutes)	Safe Schools 7:30 - 9:20 (110 Minutes)	Non-contract day
	Lunch*	Transition & Lunch (10:30 - 11:30)	Transformative SEL 9:30 - 11:00 (1. hours - 30 minutes)	
Teacher Prep 11:30 - 3:30 (4 hours)	All Staff Gathering Introductions & Opening GoGuardian Discipline Handbook PBIS 11:30 - 3:30 (4 hours)	Teacher Prep 11:30 - 3:30 (4 hours)	Lunch*	

### Monday, August 26th

#### Licensed staff return!

- Teacher prep day
- 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Kindergarten Popsicles & Play

### Tuesday, August 27th

#### Teacher Work Day

- Safe Schools trainings
- Teacher prep time
- Classified staff non-contract day



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### **Wednesday, August 28th**

All staff are back, finally!!

- District Convocation (*Required*) and Association Meetings
- Gresham High School, 1200 North Main Avenue
- 7:30 am - 8:00 am
  - Staff Arrive
    - Shuttle buses transport staff from Eastman Parkway side of Kmart Parking Lot to Gym, 3 buses in total running a continuous loop.
- 8:00 am - 8:30 am
  - Event in Gym
- 8:30 am - 10:30 am
  - Wellness/Benefits Fair in Commons/Refreshments in Cafeteria
- 9:45 am - 10:15 am
  - Union Meetings
    - Classified: Library
    - Licensed: Main Gym
- 10:30 am
  - Shuttle Busses return staff to Kmart Parking Lot
- 10:30 am - 11:30 am
  - Transition back to school and lunch
- Please wear our Hogan Cedars school shirt or our school colors.
- Please consider taking the shuttle or carpooling. This will minimize traffic and help with parking.
- 11:30 am - 3:30 pm
  - All Staff Gathering
  - Introductions and Handbook
  - Discipline Handbook
  - PBIS
- Classified Work Day
  - Start time is 7:30 am - please plan to stay all day. (Submit ATTW past FTE time)





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### **Thursday, August 29th**

- 7:30 am - 9:20 am
  - Safe Schools Trainings
- 9:30 am - 11:00 am
  - Transformative SEL
- Classified Work Day
  - Classified Staff - Work on self-assessment in Frontline and Safe Schools Vector trainings after Transformative SEL session
    - Start time is 9:00 am; work day ends based on FTE

### **Friday, August 30th**

#### **Non-contract Day**

*I will be on campus and the building will be available for you to work, should you choose!  
(Building Hours on Friday - 7:30AM-4:00PM)*

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