



DAYTON SCHOOL SCENE

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Superintendent's Message

I am amazed that I am writing my last *School Scene* message of the 2017-18 school year. It has been just over a year since I accepted the position as superintendent and I am shocked how fast time has passed. Much has been accomplished this year. After our school board hired me, I began spending time in our schools, meeting many of you, and becoming more familiar with our district. I have been nothing short of impressed!

We have two incredibly engaged boards that care deeply about our students and schools. Our School Board is well informed and curious. They focus on policies and strategy as well as sound budget planning to best meet the needs of our students while representing the community, voters, and taxpayers. They understand the balance that is needed to support our schools while also being fiscally responsible in these ongoing times of constrained public budgets. I feel so fortunate to work with such a thoughtful group of leaders.

Our ABC Dayton Education Foundation Board of community and staff members cares deeply about our students and staff. The foundation raises many thousands of dollars to support students both directly (through college scholarships) and indirectly (through classroom grants and other funding initiatives). This group of super dedicated volunteers give hundreds of hours of time to make this all happen. This past weekend the foundation held the annual dinner and auction. It was well attended and raised thousands of dollars. Approximately \$4,000 was raised for library books in just the paddle raise part of the auction. Thank you to all of the community members who came out to support our foundation, our schools, and our kids! Our schools wouldn't be what they are without this group of committed volunteers!

We have perhaps the finest staff of professionals serving our students. I have witnessed such incredible drive to provide the very best education to our kids. Our teachers and instructional support staff provide top-notch instruction and learning opportunities. Our educational leaders support and lead both staff and students to be the very best they can be. Our support staff keep things running smoothly and do so many countless, and often unseen, tasks that allow this organization to run. I am humbled to work among such fabulous educators. One such person deserves a special shout out.

Jan Bunn has served the Dayton School District for the past 25 years and will be retiring at the end of this school year. During her time as Deputy Clerk and Business Director, she has supported the organization through many good times and some very challenging. She has had a keen eye for keeping the district on track fiscally, even during some very difficult economic downturns. She understands what our schools and our school district need and has been involved with many aspects of the organization and community. She was instrumental in facilitating the financial and operational processes to improve our system and has always kept a balanced and clean budget. Truthfully, I don't have nearly the right words or the space here to fully convey to you all of the contributions Mrs. Bunn has made to this community and school district. Like I said of our school board earlier in this piece, Jan Bunn has a strong sense of civic duty and is always balanced in making sure that we are doing right by our students and right by our budget and tax payers. Not always an easy thing to do. I am honored to have worked with her this past year, I have learned so much from her, and only wish that I could work with her longer. That said, Jan has much planned for her retirement... family to spend time with, traveling to do with her husband Ben, and evenings spent relaxing that don't include Excel Spreadsheets. Jan, thank you for your service. You are a gift to our community and your contributions will live on for many years in all of the people that you've served.

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Superintendent's Message (continued)

I will finish with a few updates. There really are so many productive things happening.

- Our board and staff are working together to draft a long range strategic plan that will help us keep focused on what matters most- our students.
- We also met recently to conduct our first District Facilities Advisory Committee. There were 23 people there including myself... 20 of the 23 people are voting, tax paying members of the Dayton community. We discussed the purpose and timeline and Henry Fitzgibbon from Soderstrom Architects presented information about design considerations and some preliminary information from our district facilities assessment. We discussed a couple of example projects and kicked off a discussion that will carry us into September of this year, preparing us to write a state-wide grant for matching facilities funds if we pass a future capital improvement bond. All of this long-range planning, combined with our strategic planning will help us create a scope of potential projects to improve our school facilities for our students.
- Our schools are in the midst of finishing the year strong as well as doing scheduling and planning for the next year.
- Finally, we are wrapping up the process of hiring a new Deputy Clerk/Director of Business Services. Please see the announcement inside this issue.

As always, please let me know what thoughts and questions you have. I am here to serve you and look forward to starting a super productive second year.

Best,
Jason Hay

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week May 7-11

Join us in thanking our teachers and staff
for making a positive difference
in the lives of our students!

Spring Showcase and Family Fun Fair

You are invited to the Dayton Grade School



**Spring Showcase
and Family Fun Fair**
Friday, May 18, 2019
5:30 - 8:00 PM



Please Welcome our New Business Director

We are pleased to announce that Sean Yoder has accepted the offer to serve as our next Director of Business Services. Mr. Yoder comes to Dayton from the Forest Grove School District where he is serving as the Accounting Supervisor. He supervises accounts payable, accounts receivable, and payroll as well as accounting for the non-general fund budget, journal entries, and cash flow management. Prior to his experience in Forest Grove, Mr. Yoder worked for many years in private business as a Senior Accountant and Accounting Manager, as well as working as a District Accountant for the Lake Oswego School District. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and a Post-Baccalaureate Accounting Degree from Portland State University. Sean is excited to work in a smaller district where he can more easily see his impact as a public servant and grow his skills professionally, especially with a greater diversity of responsibilities and tasks. He also wants to be where he can be a part of a strong tight-knit community that cares about its schools. We think Sean's experiences as well as his affable and fun personality will be a great fit for our district and community.



Summer Innovations Academy

Attention community members: WE NEED PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO SHARE A TALENT OR SKILL WITH 6-12 GRADERS during our **Summer Innovations Academy**. We are offering sessions throughout the summer for students to discover new talents and skills. Examples include but are not limited to: metal art, ceramics, sewing, engineering, cooking, canning, quilting, gardening, photography, drones, fly fishing - the possibilities are endless! We have a grant to pay people for their time and supplies. If you would like more information or are interested in sharing your idea, please contact Corinne Flake or Kelli Cowan at DJH/DHS, 503-864-2273, or email them at corinne.flake@dayton.k12.or.us or kelli.cowan@dayton.k12.or.us. Let us know your interests and when you would be available to help in the program. Background checks, completion of I-9 and W-4 forms will be required.

Important Information

View our District Website: www.daytonk12.org

Visit our website! Important information including sports schedules, bus routes, lunch menus and the school calendar, are located on the District's website: www.daytonk12.org and on each of the school's websites. For sports schedule details, call Dayton High School, 503-864-2273, ext 583. School activities are located on each school's website: dgs.daytonk12.org; djh.daytonk12.org; and dhs.daytonk12.org. **Check out our new mobile app on the District Website!**

Important District Calendar Dates

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 – Budget Meeting, 6:00 PM, followed by
Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Board Room

Monday, May 28, 2018 – No School, Memorial Day

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 – Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 PM in the Board Room

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 – Last Day of School for Students

Early Release: Grade School – 11:50 AM; Junior High/High School – 12:05 PM

Mensaje Importante

El *School Scene* ya está disponible en Español. Si le gustaría recibir esta hoja informativa en Español, por favor comuníquese al 503-864-2273 o envíe una nota a la oficina de la escuela.

Kindergarten Celebration

Growing Up has just begun,
please join us for some kindergarten Graduation fun!

Tuesday, June 12th

6:00 PM

Dayton Grade School Cafeteria

Dayton FFA's Future Gardens Nursery

We will open on Saturday, April 28, 2018

Hours:

Tuesday & Wednesday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Thursday & Friday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Saturday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Closed Sunday and Monday

Corner of 8th and Church St

Behind Dayton High School

503-864-2080



Food That's In...When School is Out

Dayton Summer Food Service

June 18 – August 10, 2018

Monday – Friday

Dayton Junior High & High School Commons

801 Ferry Street, Dayton, OR

The summer Food Service Program for Children provides nutritious meals when school is out. Your child can continue to grow and learn during the summer and be nutritionally ready when school starts in the fall.

- Breakfast served from 9:00-9:30 AM.
- Lunch served from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM.
- Children ages 1 – 18 eat at no charge.
- All children are welcome and encouraged to participate.
- This is a great way to teach preschool children how to make choices of their own, carry their own tray and eat a meal with new people.
- Adults eat for \$3.00.

If you have questions, please feel free to call

Pam Johnson at 503-864-2273 or email

pam.johnson@dayton.k12.or.us.

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