



Welcome Principal Tracey Naylor!



In early January, the children of Hazelwood's PTSA Executive Team sat down to talk with Principal Tracey Naylor. They asked all the important questions our Mustangs want to know! She discussed her interests, family, and thoughts about Hazelwood. Thank you Ms. Naylor for making this a great experience.

What are you most excited for as a new principal? (Jenai Johns, 5th Grade)
I'm excited for everything! I'm most excited to meet all of you - to figure out what you like to do, what your hopes and dreams are, where you want to go to college, and what you want to be when you grow up. I want to know how, as

principal, I can help to make sure you get there.

What is your favorite book? (Lainey Thacker, 5th Grade)

One of my favorite books is *Strengths Finder*. We all have a special talent or strength. All of you probably have a secret talent; maybe you're a writer, dancer, singer, reader, or mathematician. I like this book because it helps us to figure out what those talents and strengths are. Another favorite book is *Outliers*. It's about people who did extraordinary things even though you might not think they'd be successful. They were successful because they thought differently and were creative thinkers. I also like *Leverage Leadership*, which is a teacher book. It taught me how to be a good principal.

My most favorite book is *The Little Prince*. I gave a copy of this book to the library as a gift to the school. A student gave me this book when I was a teacher in New Orleans right after Hurricane Katrina. None of our materials came in on time. The scholars were all ready to go, but I felt bad because I didn't have anything for them. One of my students gave me this book and said, "You have to find the well in the desert." I didn't know what he meant, but then I realized he wasn't telling me to find an actual well in the desert. He was telling me to find another way to get what I needed. The book talks about how you need to be positive.

What are your hobbies? What do you do for fun? (Jalani Wilson-Daraja, Kinder)

I love to play and coach basketball. I played through high school and college, and I coach a small league in Bellevue. I like to go shopping and on hikes through the mountains. I also like to play tennis, and I do watch tv (but I try not to do that too much).

Do you have kids? Do you spend time with your family? (Arman Salashoor, 1st Grade)

I don't have any children, but I have lots of nieces and nephews who I take care of. I like to spend time with my family. My husband's family lives out here, which is why I moved to Washington. My family lives all the way in Florida, so they're pretty far away.

Do you play any video games? What other kinds of games do you play? (Rowan George, 1st Grade)

I like to play games, but I don't know how to use all the new video games. I have an old Super Nintendo set, and play Donkey Kong Country and Super Mario Brothers. People always send me messages to play something called Candy Crush, but I haven't started that. Sometimes, I play Temple Run on my iPad. My favorite board game is Monopoly. My family comes together to have a Monopoly night. I love Uno, and we like to play Pictionary as a family. We also play some card games, and I also play Mahjong.

Welcome Principal Tracey Naylor! - continued...

How do you hope to make Hazelwood a better school? (Jack Battin, 3rd Grade)

I think Hazelwood is already a great school. We have everything we need to be extraordinary. We have excellent scholars who come to school ready to learn. We have excellent teachers. We have families who want to be here and want to help. My job is figuring out what you need, what our teachers need, and what our families need in order for us to come together to get to that next level of success.

How do you plan to discipline the school? (Ajani Wilson-Daraja, 5th Grade)

That's a really great question. We all have high expectations. We want you to be the absolute best you can be. Discipline is about first finding the strength of a student, figuring out whether or not we are leveraging that strength, and - if not - how we are going to do that. Ultimately, everyone deserves a chance. When we make a mistake, it's an opportunity to learn. I hope we can make those mistakes together here at school so we can learn from them.

What degree did you get in college? Did you always know you wanted to be in education? (Aryana Salashoor, 5th Grade)

I was an International Economic Policy major, and I studied Chinese because I planned to work in China. I did work there, but what I was doing wasn't really making me happy. I joined Teach for America, where you commit to teach for two years in a school where they have a hard time finding teachers. Once I started teaching, I couldn't stop. It was the greatest, greatest job you could ever have. But, as a good teacher, I felt tired because I was working so hard. Then, I had an incredible principal, and I saw the impact a principal can have on teachers. I decided to be a principal, and got my Masters in Educational Leadership from Columbia University.

Even though I thought differently in college, I always knew I wanted to work with kids. I lived in Detroit before I moved to Florida. There were many kids whose parents worked and weren't able to be home when their kids got there. In sixth grade, I decided to start a program called SPICE (Students Participating in Community Education). I worked with my mom to start the program in the district. It provided free before- and after-school care to kids. I continued to work for that program through high school. And, as a kid, I always played school. The best gift I ever got was when I was six or seven. My mom bought me a real grade book; that was exciting!

How do you do your job? What do you do every day? (Aidan Starsy, 1st Grade)

The first thing I do is check my email. Then I come into school, and make sure the building is ok. I check in with our custodian. He works very hard, and I want to make sure he has everything he needs. When the teachers arrive, I go around to see how they're doing. Then, I go to the door so I can meet all of you to see how you're doing. Once the school day starts, I have a schedule where I go into different classrooms. I help support the teachers to make sure that you're learning, to see what you're learning, to make sure what you're learning is aligned to what we want you to know. I sometimes meet with parents or other people who support our Hazelwood community. You'll see me carrying this notebook where I write down my thoughts. I learn lots of things every day, and I write down everything so I can go back to it.

Any final thoughts you want to share with our students?

I'm excited to see what you do and how hard you work. I'm excited to learn your goals, and to work with you to help you get there!

Mark your calendars Mustangs!

Jan 9	Chess Club Begins
Jan 9	Fall Yearbook Photos Due
Jan 12	District Reflections Ceremony
Jan 16	Family Fitness Fridays Begin
Jan 19	No School (MLK Jr. Holiday)
Jan 26	No School (Teacher Training)
Jan 27	PTSA Meeting
Jan 31	Pancake Breakfast and Book Fair
Feb 16-20	No School (Mid-Winter Break)

Join Us For Family Fitness Fridays

Family Fitness Fridays have returned! Join us on the playground at 9:15am on late-start Friday. We are changing it up a little this year. Instead of six months of Boot Camp, the YMCA will host month-long sessions of different activities. We are starting off with fun active games like dodge ball, zombie tag, and kickball. Everyone is welcome - no need to sign up! Head straight to the playground and get ready for some fun! This activity is FREE brought to you by Hazelwood PTSA and YMCA!

Ready? Set? Collect...GO!!!



Keep them coming! The All School Classroom Box Tops Challenge is NOT over until Friday, February 13th! Be sure to check your pantry, and ask grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors to start collecting for you! Find all of the Box Tops you can.

Our goal is 10,000 Box Tops. As of 1/26/2015, we have 7390!

We are nearly three-quarters of the way to our goal!!! Way to go Mustangs!

Remember it is not over until the last box top is turned in on February 13th! Have your child bring their cut box tops in a small bag or envelope and drop off in the Box Top container located in their classroom.

For a list of participating products please visit: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/participatingproducts>

Any questions? Email freebie@hazelwoodptsa.org.

Pancake Breakfast and Book Fair • Saturday, January 31, 2015 • 8-11 AM

Come to enjoy sausage, fruit, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, milk, orange juice and ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES!!! Join in the fun and buy your favorite books at the Scholastic Book Fair! Invite your neighbors, friends and family! Cost per person: \$5.00 for ages 13 and up | \$4.00 for ages 2-12 | children under 2 are FREE!

We need helpers to pull this fun event off! Here's how you can help:

- Set up on Friday, January 30th after school. Help for an hour setting up tables and display cases. Get training on the registers that will be used at the event.
- Take a short shift during the event on Saturday, January 31st.
- Clean up after the event on Saturday, January 31st. Many hands make for quick work!

Sign up at VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/MTGLvX>

If you prefer not to use VolunteerSpot, please contact us and we can sign you up manually.
pancakebreakfast@hazelwoodptsa.org or bookfair@hazelwoodptsa.org.

Don't forget the ONLINE BOOK FAIR! • Jan 23 - Feb 4

Not going to make it to the Pancake Breakfast & Book Fair? No worries!

Check out our ONLINE book fair from Friday, January 23rd through Wednesday, February 4th at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/hazelwoodelementaryschool>. Orders are shipped shortly after the close of the fair to the school and will be sent home by kid mail.

New Soccer Goals for Hazelwood Field!

Have you heard the news? Hazelwood has two new soccer goals on the field for school and community use. The goals are a gift from the 5th grade classes of 2014 & 2015 and Hazelwood PTSA. Students, staff and families supported fundraisers so we could earn the money to make the purchase. Many children will enjoy this special gift for years to come!



Special thanks to:

Volunteers who contributed to fundraiser success

The Sanders family for purchase, assembly, and installation

PTSA 5th Grade Committee Chairs for classes of 2014 and 2015

The World Would Be a Better Place If...



Once again Hazelwood Mustangs have demonstrated superior artistic ability at the district Reflections Awards Ceremony. Hazelwood swept the Visual Arts Intermediate Division and placed in every category that was entered. Please join PTSA in congratulating the following students:

Literature - Primary Division

Sophia Miele, 3rd place

Literature - Intermediate Division

Nickolas Platin, 2nd place

His poem was read aloud by a Reflections Chair during the Reflections Awards Ceremony.

Dance - Intermediate Division

Shea Deskins, 1st place

Her dance video was played at the Reflections Awards Ceremony.

Visual Arts - Primary Division

Jimin Sophia Lee, 1st place

Lucas Faris, 3rd place

Visual Arts - Intermediate Division

Rutger Youch, 1st place

Jenna Marti, 2nd place

Jotroop Kaur, 3rd place

Avery Giles, Honorable Mention

Photography Intermediate Division

Alexa Budke, 2nd place

Jolan Vu, 3rd place

These entries will next be competing at the state level in April. Big thanks to Heather Frasz for being a fantastic Reflections Chair! Congratulations Mustangs!!!

Science Comes to Hazelwood

On December 3rd and 4th, the children at Hazelwood enjoyed *Science To Go*, courtesy of the Pacific Science Center and Hazelwood PTSA. This onsite event included an all-school assembly, interactive viewing exhibits, and in-class instruction. This year's theme was "Blood and Guts," featuring engaging lessons on physiology. Children learned about internal organs, cool facts about skin, blood cells, the nervous system, and so much more! Students and teachers alike had a great time learning - be sure to ask your Mustang what they learned during their experience! This academic enrichment program is just one example of what PTSA is able to fund with monetary support and volunteerism. If you have not yet joined, please consider joining PTSA and supporting our fundraising activities through the year so we can continue to support great programs like *Science To Go*!

The Power of the PTSA ... see what we've accomplished last month!

- Cheered on 14 Mustangs from the Running Club at the Seattle Kids Marathon.
- Organized the Holiday Gift Drive to support Hazelwood families in need.
- Coordinated the Pacific Science Center Science-to-Go event for all K-5 students.
- Kicked off the All School Classroom Box Top Challenge with a goal of 10,000 box tops.
- Collected teacher and staff surveys of their favorite things and classroom wish list for holiday giving.
- Published and distributed the Student Directory for PTSA members who joined in early fall.

On November 7th, the PTSA Executive Board Team met with staff to find out how PTSA could support them in their daily work with our kids and/or improve their classrooms. We made a giant "parking lot" to list all their wants and needs. We reminded them of our Help As Needed email list for teachers who might need classroom volunteers. (Join the list by sending your email to volunteer@hazelwoodptsa.org.)

In December, PTSA purchased classroom items such as new boomboxes, pencil sharpeners, 3-hole punches, emergency snack food, and a teacher favorite - giant Post-It Boards. Each classroom was able to choose a subscription to *Sports Illustrated Kids* or *National Geographic Kids*. PTSA is also planning to supplement teachers' wish lists from the Book Fair this month. A new microphone was purchased for the school, as well as two new megaphones for emergencies. We are able to do this thanks to your fundraising and your donations. We have a great community with great support.

Thank you Hazelwood families!

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During the 2013-2014 school year, Hazelwood PTSA raised and funded projects totaling more than

\$25,000!

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Thank you for supporting each and every one of our Hazelwood Mustangs.

Thank you to all who already joined PTSA for the 2014-2015 school year!
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