



# DAYTON SCHOOL SCENE

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## Superintendent's Message

Happy Holidays and (almost) New Year! I really cannot believe that December is upon us and that I am entering my sixth month as superintendent. I learn more about Dayton and our amazing schools with each passing day and week.

There is so much that I could report on... excellent work that's been done and anticipation of great things to come! I would like to share that I am incredibly grateful to be here in Dayton. Please allow me to express my thanks to you and our community for welcoming me here with open arms.

### I would also like to acknowledge:

- **Our School Board for their leadership and trust in me to serve our school community.**
- **Our fantastic leadership team and support staff!** I've spent a lot of time with our administrators, secretarial staff, food service staff, and maintenance and custodial staff. We are very fortunate for their leadership and service to students and staff. I have said to a number of people that we are here to serve and are truly here for one reason- our children and their success. Each adult in our organization matters and contributes to our mission to serve our kids.
- **Our wonderful staff of educators!** Our teachers and instructional assistants are truly a gift to our students. I've spent a lot of time out and about- visiting classrooms and observing the work. I've continually been impressed with the care and kindness conveyed to our kids and community. Our staff are continually learning and implementing high quality instructional practices and our kids are incredibly engaged in meaningful, relevant, and real world work. I see developing literacy as a top priority- English literacy, mathematical and scientific literacy, and conceptual and mechanical literacy to name a few. Above all, our kids are learning how to be collaborative problem solvers, and how to use a design thinking framework to tackle problems they are invested in.
- **Our teachers working side-by-side with other instructional staff and our leaders to continually grow their practice.** The learning time spent on Monday mornings during our weekly late starts is vital to our success. We recently started a K-12 book study where all certified and administrative staff are reading a variety of books to improve our practice. It is going to be really exciting to see all of the innovations that come from this learning.
- **Our community and ABC Dayton Education Foundation.** This community cares about our schools and the extra support given is noticed and appreciated. The ABC Dayton Education Foundation is supporting innovative work and recently awarded \$16,000 in classroom grants.

I am encouraged each day as I talk to many of you about our schools and the community. I would invite you to continue to be involved, and if we haven't yet had a chance to meet, please feel free to reach out to me this winter and spring. I want to understand what your vision is for our kids. Continue to ask yourself the question: "What do we want a 25-year-old Dayton High School graduate to look like?" What opportunities do we want for our kids?

On behalf of all of us at Dayton School District, we wish you Happy Holidays and a great new year in 2018.

Sincerely,  
*Jason Hay*

## School Board News

Our School Board recently adopted goals for the board as well as goals for the Superintendent, and along with a protocol document that guides our work as a team, these structures are launching us on an exciting pathway. We are conducting a district-wide facilities assessment and will begin work this spring doing some strategic planning.

This is all to look ahead and shape our vision and point us in the right direction for the future. Our future really is looking bright. We have the right people and are moving in the right direction.

The December School Board meeting will be on **December 12, 2017**, at 7:00 PM in the District Board Room. The January meeting will be on **January 9, 2018**, at 7:00 PM.

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## Dayton Grade School Band & Kindergarten Concert



Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM  
Grade School Commons

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## School Board Goals

During the 2017-18 School Year, the Dayton School Board will:

1. Participate in professional development on board development and conduct a board self-evaluation articulating revised board goals for 2018-19.
2. Develop a strategic plan including goals, mission, vision, brand, and logo.
3. Complete a facility assessment and develop a long-range facilities plan.

## Innovation Update

Congratulations to our Junior High and High School leadership team for securing two huge grants to propel our innovations work. Patrick Verdun received \$9,000, one of 15 nationwide Lemelson-MIT grants to forward innovative STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) projects. It will help support our InvenTeam invention program to invent technological solutions to real-world problems. Our kids have the idea to create an automated chicken coop. Also, our team secured a \$420,000 Oregon State CTE (Career Technical Education) grant to continue to build our 13 programs; developing our facilities and adding equipment and additional programs will be really exciting for our students. This is really impressive and we are grateful to support such incredibly thoughtful forward thinking work!

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## School Board Appreciation

Thank you to the Dayton School Board for their hard work and dedication in serving our schools and our community. January is School Board Appreciation Month, the official time to recognize our School Board members who donate countless hours to ensure the success of the Dayton Schools. Please join me in recognizing the volunteer service that Pam Horst, Debbie Kearns, Isaac Kearns, Francisco Montelongo, Raylinda Price, Teresa Shelburne, and Reba Stoller give to the Dayton School District.



**Important Information**  
**View our District Website: [www.daytonk12.org](http://www.daytonk12.org)**

Visit our new website! Important information including sports schedules, bus routes, lunch menus and the school calendar, are located on the District's new website: [www.daytonk12.org](http://www.daytonk12.org) and on each of the school's websites. For sports schedule details, call Dayton High School, 503-864-2273, ext 521.

Important District Calendar Dates

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 – 7:00 PM Regular Board Meeting, Board Room  
Tuesday, December 12, 2017 – 7:00 PM Junior High/High School Winter Program  
Wednesday, December 13, 2017 – 7:00 PM Grade School Winter Program A  
Thursday, December 14, 2017 – 7:00 PM Grade School Winter Program B  
December 18, 2017 – January 1, 2018 – No School, Winter Break  
Tuesday, January 9, 2018 – 7:00 PM Regular Board Meeting, Board Room  
Monday, January 15, 2018 – No School, Martin Luther King Jr Birthday  
Tuesday, January 30, 2018 – 6:30 PM Band and Kindergarten Concert



**School Closure and Delay Information**

In the event of possible school delay or closure due to inclement weather, unsafe road conditions, or other circumstances, our district will activate the School Messenger automated call system to notify you. A decision will be made as early as possible to open schools on time, to delay the starting time, or to close schools.

Dayton School District wants you to know that in weather closure situations this winter, we will post "Closed" rather than a list of everything that is cancelled. If you see "Closed" for our district, it means that no district activities will take place and buildings will be locked. If an event or activity will go on, we will state specifically which event or activity will take place.

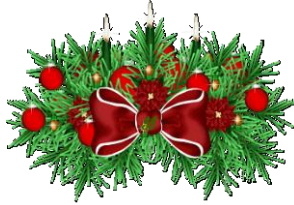
Dayton School District Flash Alert: [www.flashalert.net/id/daytonsd](http://www.flashalert.net/id/daytonsd)

Dayton School District Home Page – Quick link Emergency/School Closure: [www.do.daytonk12.org](http://www.do.daytonk12.org)



## Dayton FFA Holiday Wreath and Centerpiece Sales

We are now taking orders for:



### Fir Christmas Wreaths

12" ..... \$14.00

16" ..... \$18.00



### Centerpieces

\$12.00

Orders can be made by calling the Dayton Ag Shop. To order by phone contact Mitch Coleman or Georgia Landon at 503-864-2080. Pick up dates are December 1-15 in the Ag Shop from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, or by appointment.

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## District and School State Report Cards

The District and School State Report Cards can be accessed on the Dayton School District website: [www.daytonk12.org](http://www.daytonk12.org). Please contact the District Office if you would like a paper copy.

### 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.

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