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ADMINISTRATION

“You don’t have to be great to get started, but you have to get started to be great.”

~ Les Brown

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and HIS Students,

As we enter the month of October, we are able to enjoy both the warm days and the cool night air. While the peaches are picked, we look forward to the local apples, corn, and squash. The harvest season is coming to a close as the days grow distinctly shorter. Soon, the colors of the leaves will reveal nature’s beauty for all of us to appreciate and will likely inspire new thoughts for each of us. Indeed, these signs indicate that Fall is a time of transition.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are Thursday, October 2. We invite each of you to come to the school that afternoon and support your child’s education by establishing positive relationships with his/her teachers. As a professional learning community, parents and teachers have the same goals for students—that each of them learn all that they can in an effort to build a strong foundation for the future.

In keeping with the theme of the fall harvest, we value each of the students in our school much like a gardener values each of the seeds which are sown. In order for the seed to grow to its full maturity, the gardener gives of his time and efforts so that each plant receives the proper amount of nurturing, sunlight, nutrients, and water. Likewise, teachers and parents must dedicate time to their students and help nurture them both at school and at home so that they achieve their full potential.

In the garden, efforts must be made to prevent weeds and insects from preventing the plants to achieve their optimal growth. At home and at school, similar efforts are made to limit the distractions (computer games, movies, television, activities, etc.) which strangle academic potential. Both the plants and the students can benefit greatly if both receive such attention—strong roots will support both as they grow to maturity.

May we all take a moment to appreciate the harvest. We can prepare the soil for our students’ futures by becoming involved with them and their teachers. A plant, much like children, will struggle if not given adequate attention. However, our efforts will be well rewarded if we work together.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kevin Pedersen, Asst. Principal

MEDIA CENTER NEWS**J****A****G****U****A****R****S**Check out the New Books in our Library

The Menagerie

The Crossover

The Screaming Staircase

The Forbidden Stone

Storm of Sharks—Wereworld 5

War of the Werelords—Wereworld 6

Hunt For Jade Dragon—M. Vey 4

Drones

Small Game

Ripley's Believe It or Not Animal Stories



"Libraries allow children to ask questions about the world and find the answers. And the wonderful thing is that once a child learns to use a library, the doors to learning are always open."

~Laura Bush

LOST AND FOUND

We have many items already in the lost and found. If you are missing something please check in with the office and we may have it.

Staff Spotlight

I am a new 6th and 7th grade Language Arts teacher here at HIS. Over the past ten years, I have had the opportunity to teach students from second grade through seventh grade in many different settings. I've taught in traditional elementary classrooms, and elementary classroom with two grades in one class, in online classes, and in secondary classes. Through all these changes, one thing remains constant – I love to teach!

I have been married for 15 years. My husband, Russ Neilson, also teaches Language Arts here at HIS. We have four children who range in age from 11 to 5 years old. They are great kids and keep us very busy. We love to camp, swim, play games and sports together, and go on vacations. Lagoon and Disneyland are some of our favorite places to vacation.

I'm really excited to be teaching at Hurricane Intermediate. Sixth and seventh grade students are my favorite ages to teach and Language Arts is my favorite subject. I have immensely enjoyed my first three weeks here and look forward to the rest of the year.



Echo Neilson

NEWS FROM THE LUNCH LADIES— Click for [October Menu](#)

If your student does not have the full amount for a meal, they will not be allowed to eat that day. This is district policy. THERE IS NO CHARGING FOR LUNCH.



The lunch payment amounts for October are: full pay \$50.40, reduced \$8.40. Breakfast: full pay \$21.00, reduced \$6.30. If you have questions on your account please call 635-8931 and ask for Pauline. She is available from 7:10 am to 12:45pm.

You will now have the option to pay for your student's lunch online at www.paypams.com. We have also sent home a flyer with your student for you

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

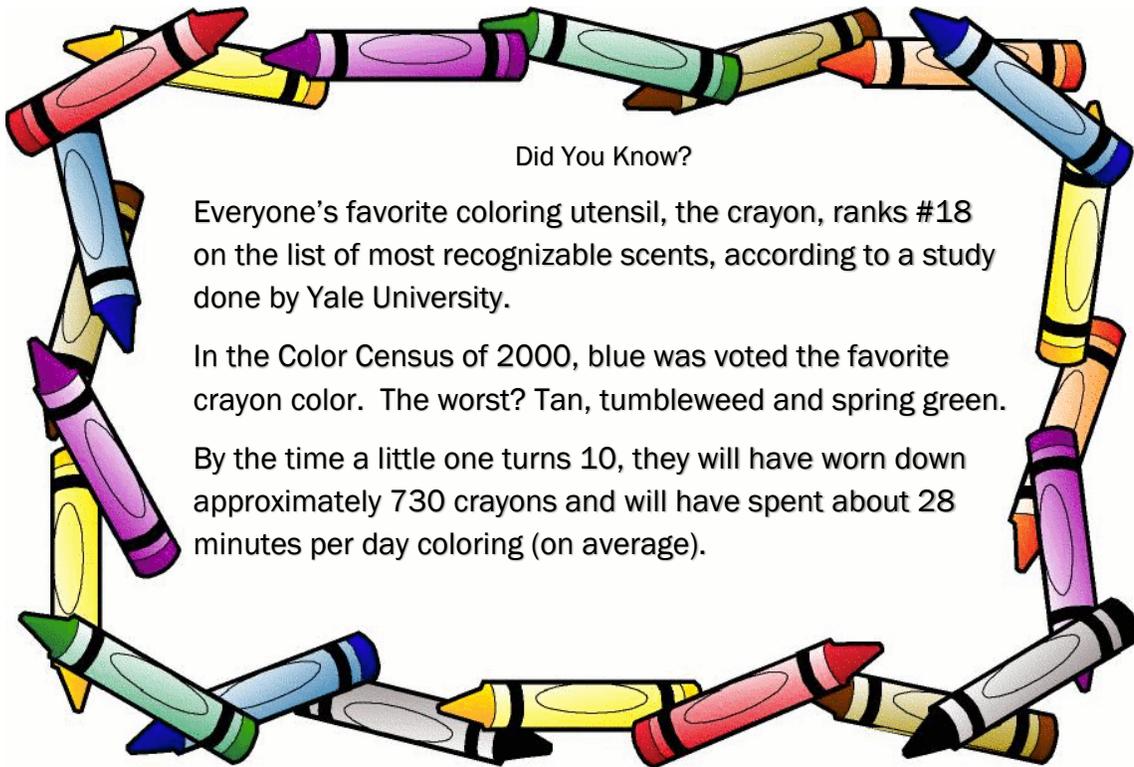
- October 2: SEOP (Parent Teacher Conference) Day 2:30pm-6:00 pm
- October 6: PLC—Minimum School Day—Students out at 11:45—Lunch will be served.
- October 16 & 17: Fall Break (NO SCHOOL)
- October 23: Fall Orchestra Concert 6:00pm & 7:00pm
- October 29: Band Concert 6:00pm
- October 30: Piano and Choir Concerts 6:00pm & 7:00pm
- October 31: Halloween Activity

FROM THE OFFICE**Our office hours are Monday–Friday 7:10am to 2:30pm**

Doors will be open for students at 7:10 am and closed at 2:30 pm. Please be aware that there should be **NO cell phone use** during school hours. Phones will be confiscated if they are seen during these hours. Also, please be aware that our school is a “GUM FREE ZONE”. No gum is allowed at school.

Parents, just a reminder that your PowerSchool I.D. and password and your student’s I.D. and password are on the schedule that they received at registration. If you have problems accessing your student’s grades online, please let us know.

Please remember to call the office at 635-8931 if your student will be absent. If you are checking your student out of school, **you will need to come in to the office** and sign them out. **You must have I.D. in order to check out a student.** We will not release students to anyone who is not on your contact list.

Back to School: Fun Facts

Did You Know?

Everyone’s favorite coloring utensil, the crayon, ranks #18 on the list of most recognizable scents, according to a study done by Yale University.

In the Color Census of 2000, blue was voted the favorite crayon color. The worst? Tan, tumbleweed and spring green.

By the time a little one turns 10, they will have worn down approximately 730 crayons and will have spent about 28 minutes per day coloring (on average).

[Suicide Drug Prevention Awareness Parent Seminar](#)

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