



January 2015

ADMINISTRATION

“You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”

-John Bunyan

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and HIS Students,

Isn't it wonderful to be able to enjoy this season where doing good will is continually emphasized? It's great to be able to show appreciation to others—not in a material way—but from the genuine perspective of being grateful for each relationship we have with family, friends, and loved ones.

Allow me to spread some joy to you—The USOE released the “report cards” for all schools which reflect both proficiency of knowledge as well as how much growth and improvement they made compared to the previous year. We are pleased to report that Hurricane Intermediate received a high B for our efforts—2nd highest in the district and markedly better than most of the charter schools! While there are many factors which affect those results, much of our success can be attributed to our high level of student attendance.

Last month, the Deseret News published two articles which stressed the importance of student attendance at school and the strong impact it has on future success and graduation rates. The articles stated that chronic absence (missing 10% of school days) in the lower grades is associated with lower academic performance, especially in reading for Latino students. For those children in poverty who had chronic absences, the impact lasted through 5th grade. The studies showed that by 6th grade, chronic absence is a strong predictor on forecasting drop-outs. Indeed, chronic absences can serve as an early warning signal that a child or school is headed off track.

“Missing even a few days a month can add up to a month of missed school over a school year and significantly undermine performance,” said Michael Gottfried, an education economist at UC-Santa Barbara, who has become the preeminent researcher on school absenteeism. Utah has a mandatory attendance law which states that all minor children must attend school. We support your efforts which help children attend and notify those when children’s attendance becomes excessive because we desire they experience academic success.

We thank you for all that you do in support of learning. We are truly blessed to live in this beautiful area where peace thrives. May each of you enjoy your time with family over the holiday break! To each, may you have a Merry Christmas and have a prosperous New Year!

Mr. Kevin Pedersen, Assistant Principal

New Year Resolutions

Help your child get excited about the New Year, with opportunities to improve, excel and expand their horizons. You can reflect on the past year together, praising them for all of their successes and good deeds, and then talk about the changes they would like to make and the improvements they want to be able to reflect on next year.

ACADEMIC RESOLUTIONS

Encourage your child to set realistic, achievable goals that will help him excel in school. For example, if they have been poky in the mornings and are late for school, encourage them to challenge themselves to get up 10 minutes earlier every morning, lay out clothing and school supplies the night before, or any other positive change that will get them to class on time. You can encourage your child to set grade goals, such as bringing a “C” grade up to a “B”. Also your child could designate a particular hour every evening to homework and study to improve their grades or challenge themselves to speak up more in class.

HEALTHY RESOLUTIONS

With a plethora of gadgets and gizmos to make physical activity less appealing, New Year’s resolutions are an opportune time to encourage your child to commit to a healthier year with a variety of small, consistent changes. For example, eat more fruits and vegetables, two servings of each per day. Also substitute fruit drinks and soda with low-fat milk and water. Help your child explore a variety of physical activities, such as sports, dancing and swimming or other heart-healthy activities at least three times each week.

LOST AND FOUND

All items in lost and found will be donated if not picked up by Friday, December 19, 2014.

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Staff Spotlight

I am a Special Education Teacher for 6th and 7th grade Language Arts. I am married and have 6 children and 4 grandchildren. I have worked as a Special Education Instructor in Elementary schools for 3 years before coming to Hurricane Intermediate School. My favorite food is pizza and salad. My favorite color is green. I love spending time with my family gardening, shooting, four wheeling and camping. My favorite teacher was Mrs. Schmitt my 5th grade teacher who was really “mean” until I figured out how much she cared by pushing me to enter and win a writing contest at the district level.



Malia Colby

NEWS FROM THE LUNCH LADIES—Click Here for [January 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 January are: full pay \$45.60, reduced \$7.60. Breakfast: full pay \$19.00 reduced \$5.70. 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 to have for a reference.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

December 22-Jan 2:	WINTER BREAK ~ NO SCHOOL ~
January 5:	Welcome Back to School!
January 6:	Pork Presentation
January 19:	Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL
January 26:	PLC Day (Early out 11:45am)
January 29:	SEOP Parent Teacher Conference 2:30pm—6:00pm

RASK Poster Winners

We had over 50 poster submissions. They were all wonderful! Thanks to all who participated. The winners are :

Best of Show

Lyndi Larson

Most Creative

Ginger Farnsworth

Best Use of Theme

Noemi Pettit

Savannah Isom

Dania Cobian

Christopher Bingham

Taylor Stratton

Most Detail

Wendy Sotelo

Best Use of Color

Kaylie Orton

Rebekah Kinikini

Kylee Owens

Madelyn Hatch

Ben Amodt

Student Choice

Lyndi Larson

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.

ATTENTION

7th GRADE IMMUNIZATIONS

The following immunizations are required for your child to attend HIS as a 7th grade student.

⇒ **Tdap**

⇒ **2 Varicella (chickenpox)**

⇒ **Meningococcal**

The immunizations may be done anytime from now until the next school year starts in August 2015.

Click here for more information

[Immunization Requirements](#)

Hurricane Idol Contest is a “Grad Night Fundraiser”

Nominations End on January 16th at 3pm.

Click here for more information

[HURRICANE IDOL](#)

Starving Student Cards are available for sale in the office for \$20.00

For each card sold our school receives \$10.

[Click here for more information](#)

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