



JAGUAR NEWS

Hurricane Intermediate Newsletter

November 2015

Dear Parents, Guardians, and HIS Students,

Throughout history, November was a relaxing month because the crops had been harvested and the cold had not yet set in strong. Today, though many may not harvest their own crops. November is a time of the year that provides you a few weeks of rest before the inevitable rush of the holiday season.

This fall, we have all worked hard during our harvest time. Parents have planted seeds of hope and encouragement in the minds of their children. Teachers have nurtured these young minds making sure that they received all the nutrients, sunlight, and water needed through providing them with resources, lessons, and activities to ensure that they cultivate a learning culture in each classroom. Students have stretched forth their roots to help promote growth within themselves.

As we enter the month of November, we now have one trimester behind us at Hurricane Intermediate. The first trimester has shown us that the results of our efforts has yielded a good fall harvest. We look forward to the moisture of the coming months which helps break down the leaves, twigs, and plants so that they can return to the soil and eventually provide more nutrients for the future. Similarly, our students and teachers are working together to provide a nourishing soil and foundation for the coming months--helping students build a base for a future filled with endless possibilities. We have the opportunity to show our gratitude for these blessings.

Parent-Teacher Conferences were held October 8. We enjoyed having you at our school and meeting with each of you who came to learn about their child's progress. While this next trimester is interrupted by two major holidays, we hope you will mark your calendar for our next Parent-Teacher Conference on January 21. May this winter trimester yield a similar harvest!

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 and do our part in preparing the soil for our students' success.

Thank you for your support! We love your kids and want them to succeed!

Sincerely,

Kevin T. Pedersen, Assistant Principal

“There is overwhelming evidence that the higher the level of self esteem, the more likely one will be to treat others with respect, kindness, and generosity.”

~ Nathaniel Branden

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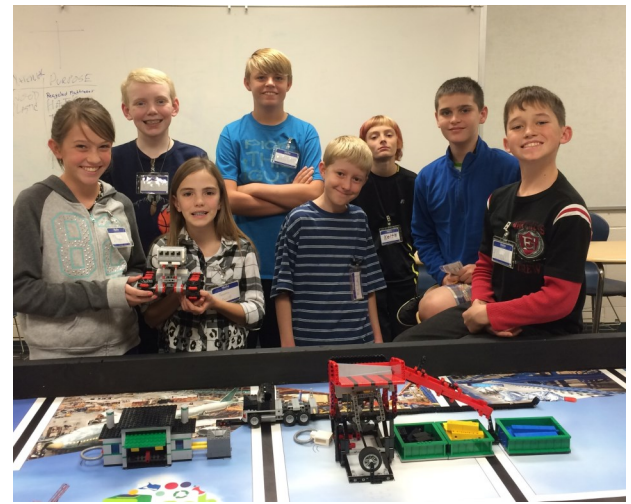


LEGO League is a programming team that works on Lego robots and programs them to complete missions. In LEGO League we have advantages to where

we can go to State Competition if we get into the top 5 of the region. In LEGO League we can build our robot and complete challenges. We need to work together to win the challenges and get to the State Competition. LEGO

League helps kids learn engineering and computer programming. While having fun, teams are challenged to practice the FIRST LEGO League (FLL) core values. We respect and build on each others contributions and ideas. We do the work to find solutions, our coaches and mentors only provide guidance. We all learn together, our coaches and mentors don't have all the answers. We are good sports. We honor the spirit of friendly competition. Discovering is more important than winning. Winning is fun but learning new skills is even more fun. We like to share our experiences. We compete like crazy, but treat each other with respect and

kindness and cooperation. Our most important core value of all..... WE HAVE FUN!!



Mrs. Esplin Team: Jacqui Stewart, Savanna Krogh, Ryan Lisonbee, Cutler Carter, Ben Amodt, Keith Graves, Ashton Gubler, Kylon Beatty



Mrs. Zimmerman Team: Lincoln Beatty, Annie Houston, Taiji Harada, Gerrod Nelson, Landyn Talbot, Colin Andra, Caleb Henderson, Katelyn Hummel, Loren Peck



~~Submitted by Natalie Graves (LEGO League Coach)

School Activities

November 6—End of 1st Trimester, MIMIMUM DAY Schedule / Out at 11:45am

Nov 6 & 7—SUECON—Desert Hills High

November 11—Veteran's Day Assembly 1:10pm

November 24—Leadership Conference for Student Leaders. All Student Council, Peer Mediators and Character Ed groups will have the opportunity to attend.

November 25-27—NO SCHOOL / Happy Thanksgiving!

December 1—Pork Presentation

December 14—PLC Day / Early out at 11:45am

December 15—Piano Concert

December 16—Orchestra and Choir Concert

December 17—Band Concert

December 21-January 4—NO SCHOOL—Happy Holidays

January 18—MLK Jr. Day / NO SCHOOL

January 21—Parent/Teacher Conf 2:30pm—6:00pm



Molly De Wolff—Library Aide

Staff Spotlight

I am the library/media center assistant on Mondays, Wednesdays and every other Fridays. I also work for the Washington County Public Library System as the children's librarian for the Springdale branch. I have my master's degree in library and information science with a focus in children's services, and I really enjoy working in both schools and public libraries. I just moved to Hurricane from Milwaukee, Wisconsin in September of 2014, and I'm very happy to live without the -30 degree weather in the winter! In my free time, I read a lot (no surprise there) and watch movies with my husband and 14 year old son, Seth. My favorite authors are Neil Gaiman, Tony Diterlizzi and Catherynne Valente. Given the chance, I would love to meet Mercer Mayer, the author of "There's a Nightmare in My Closet" (and many others), because his books helped me develop a love of picture books, drawing and illustration. One day I'd like to create my own picture books!

Fun Facts

An Ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain!





We are thankful for Veterans.

We want to honor all our military families by hosting a Veteran’s Day Assembly on Veteran’s Day, Wednesday, November 11th from 1:10pm—2:00pm.

If you have a member of your family that is or has been in the military, please invite them to come and join us, or at least let us know their names so we can honor them. We will have a power point presentation that will be shown with their names and your students’ names during the assembly and at lunch.

If you have someone that you would like us to honor, past or present, please contact Ms. Hunter at farol.hunter@washk12.org with the following information:

~~Your Student’s name~~Veteran’s Name and Branch of Service~~Where , When and How they served~~

We want to invite them to come and address the students during our assembly. Please let us know if they would be able to come and/or able to speak. The speaking part is optional—we want them to come regardless if they want to speak. We owe our freedom and peaceful way of life to them and we want them to know of our gratitude. We also want our youth to maintain a love of freedom and respect for our country.

LUNCH CORNER

Click here for [November 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 MEALS.**

November Payment Amounts

Lunch Full Pay	\$45.00
Lunch Reduced	\$ 7.20
Breakfast Full Pay	\$22.50
Breakfast Reduced	\$ 5.40

Payments can be made in the office in the form of check, cash or credit card. You also have the option to pay online at www.paypams.com



School Breakfast Facts

IT’S EASY! IT’S AFFORDABLE! IT’S TASTY! IT’S GOOD FOR THE BRAIN!

No more morning dishes or stress for you to make sure your child eats a healthy meal. There is a variety to choose from, take a look at the menu. Research suggests that not having breakfast can affect Children’s Intellectual Performance.

If your child already eats a free or reduced price lunch, they automatically qualify for a free or reduced price breakfast. Breakfast is served until 7:35am daily.

News from the Office

Office Hours are Monday—Friday 7:10am—2:50pm

ATTENDANCE—If your child will not be at school please call 635-8931 or email jennifer.gray@washk12.org. If you are checking your student out of school, you will need to come into 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.

POWERSCHOOL—Just a reminder that your PowerSchool I.D. and password are on your students schedule that they received at registration. If you have problems accessing your student's grades online,

Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our school.

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Character Ed: Habit 3

Put First Thing First

As Sean Covey states in his book 7 Habits of Happy Kids, it's funny that kids will complain for 30 minutes about a chore, not realizing they could have completed the chore in the same amount of time they spent complaining.

We will discuss ways that we can avoid procrastinating. One good way to start doing that is trying to do the hardest thing, or least favorite thing first. After that is done the rest of the chores, homework, etc. are easier... For me that would mean to fold the socks first... then the rest of the laundry doesn't seem as bad.

Encourage your child to do something they have been putting off for a long time, like cleaning their room, fixing a bike tire, or working on a project that hasn't been completed yet.

~~ Staci Glazier

The mission of Hurricane Intermediate School is to ensure that every student is high-achieving and well-rounded.