Dear Jaguars,

We are happy to announce the names of our new 6th grade Peer Mediators. They were selected from application, interview, and voting by all 6th graders. The following students were chosen: Trinity Allen, Seth Armstrong, Saysha Dennett, Jaymie Eberhard, Finn Schelin, and Naomi Wright. We had some outstanding candidates and they will be able to try again in the Spring when we add six more for next year. The newly elected 6th Grade Peer Mediators will serve for two years, and next Spring six more will be added.

The Peer Mediators do a wonderful service for our school, not only helping their fellow students with conflicts, but also welcoming new students, showing them around and sitting with them at lunch for the first day or two. All Peer Mediators are expected to be friendly and respectful to others—students and teachers alike and to set a good example of ethical hard work at school. They prevent bullying by being an advocate and counselor for students’ peer issues as well. All information shared in visits with Peer Mediators are confidential.

They join: Zoe Blair, Kevin Bunn, Tanner Cahoon, Emmy Cooper, McKay Dorius, Lindy Erickson, Secoya Goodfellow, Caleb Henderson, Cameron Jeppesen, Nathan Parker, Sara Prete, and Jenna Thomas, our 7th Grade Peer Mediators.

If you, or your student, know of some issues that the Peer Mediators can help with, contact myself, Ms. Farol Hunter, Mrs. Staci Glazier, Mr. Dan Simon, their advisor, or Mr. Kevin Pedersen, the Vice-Principal.

We want Hurricane Intermediate to be a safe and welcoming place for students to learn.

Ms. Farol Hunter
Don’t forget to buy a yearbook, they are on sale now for $17. Starting January 4th the price will be $19.

The 30 day grace period for free or reduced lunch status for 2016-2017 school year has now expired. If you have not gone online to complete a new application, then your child has automatically been moved to full pay status.

To check if you qualify for free or reduced status for the remainder of this year, please complete the online application ASAP. Remember that the district policy states there is no charging for meals. Students need to have money in their account prior to eating.

Click here to access the application Meal Benefit Application

IMMUNIZATIONS
7th Grade Students are required to get the following immunizations. Please click on the below link for the list.

Immunization List
This month our school will be participating in the KONY Coins for Kids PENNY WARS CHALLENGE (December 5th—12th) to help raise money for families that are disadvantaged. How it works... Each homeroom class will have a container to gather coins. The class gets 1 point for every penny in the jar. However, students from other classes can insert silver coins or bills. For every silver coin or bill the class points are reduced by the amount of the coin (i.e. a nickel reduces the number of points by 5.) Please encourage your students to donate loose change and let’s give back to our community! The class with the most money will win a class party.

School Activities

Dec 5—PLC Day, School out at 11:45am
Dec 7—8th Grade registration during CTE classes
Dec 14—Band Concert 6pm
Dec 15—Orchestra & Choir Concert 6:30pm, Preshow by Beg Orchestra at 6:00pm in the Little Theater
Dec 20—Holiday Assembly 9:25am, Bell Schedule 4 Orchestra, Band and Choir will perform.
Dec 21—Jan 4—Winter Holiday (No School)
Jan 16—Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)
Jan 19—Parent Teacher Conf. 2:30pm-5:30pm
Jan 23—PLC Day, School out at 11:45am
Many of you might be familiar with “PIONEER LIBRARY.” It is a free online library of resources connected to Utah and the World. It is offered free to people living in the state of Utah. It does require a Login name and a Password. The content was purchased for use by Utah students. Adding the login information to a website or newsletter may give access to students outside of Utah and violate the purchase agreement. There is a link to Utah’s Online Library on the Media Center page on Hurricane Intermediate School’s Website. It is a fantastic resource with an incredible amount of information with everything from videos, images, virtual tours, genealogical helps, magazine and newspaper articles, etc. Your student should have learned the Login and the Password in their Media Center lessons and from the posters that are scattered around the school. Make sure to try it out!!

We were thrilled to find out that Hurricane Intermediate School ranks #1 in the School District in the Intermediate level for its use of OverDrive, which is our Online Library. The District just sent in a large order for new e-Books so be sure to check out the new books on OverDrive. There is a link to OverDrive on the Media Center’s page on the school website. Just as a thought, Kindles and other tablets will be on sell on Black Friday and Cyber Monday for incredible prices. They would make a great gift that will be used in the Intermediate School on up through High School.

An item that is different here at the Intermediate level and compared to the Elementary level is the charging of fines. We do charge fines on late or overdue books. We charge 5 cents a day for regular library books and 50 cents a day for textbooks and Kindles. We also charge fines for damaged books and materials. We pass out fine slips every Wednesday. We have had quite a large amount of our students that have not been checking and renewing their accounts and books. They can do this from home or from any internet connection.

The English Department is doing what is called a “40 Book Challenge.” Each teacher is handling it a little differently so be sure to ask your student about the requirements for their teacher. There will be a party and celebration at the end of the school year to help in rewarding the student who achieve this goal. It promises to be a very busy month. We wish you all the best this season.

The Media Center Staff
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 ID in order to check out a student. We will not release students to anyone who is not on your contact list.

Just a quick reminder, if your child is assigned to ride a bus to and from school: Unfortunately, we cannot allow students to switch buses and ride to other places. We need to know that each student rides their assigned bus as our responsibility is to make sure your child gets to school and home safely. On a rare occasion, either the principal or his assistant can make an exception if the reason is sound. On those rare occasions, the administrator will contact the driver in advance to see if there is room and to make a temporary bus pass.

Most of the requests we receive come from a student wanting to go to a friend’s home. Please understand that you will need to make other arrangements for such requests.

Also please pick up and drop off in front of the school. DO NOT use the West parking lot, this is for buses only.

Thank you all for being understanding.

Kevin Pedersen, Asst. Principal

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