Dear Parents and Students,

As I have watched the news of the past several months, it has caused me to reflect and value our wonderful community. Much of what we hear and see in the news would have us believe we are inundated with negativism and despair. It is disappointing to see that many prefer to criticize and look for failings rather than look for the good that is being achieved all around us.

I find myself fortunate to work with this community and, especially, with the young people at Hurricane Intermediate. I have great optimism and confidence that we are in good hands with the bright minds and caring individuals who pass through our halls. It is gratifying to be part of their world and to be an influence on their lives. Learning has accelerated at an amazing pace. Our students are eager to embrace technology and have the vision to make positive change.

Nearly two-thirds of our students were on our honor roll this past trimester. Our teachers have worked to ensure that all students achieve learning and academic success. It is our mission at this school. Thank you for all your efforts!

A wise man once said, “Accentuate the positive.” We should look deeper for the good so that we may more generously compliment merit and effort. As we do so, we will become acquainted with learning in good sources of all kinds and better prepare ourselves to work in the world in which we live.

Mr. Pedersen
REMINDERS

School Activities
Feb 1—Piano Concert
Feb 17—End of Trimester 2—School Wide Activity
Feb 20—Washington and Lincoln Day (No School)
Feb 21—First day of Trimester 3
Feb 24—Reward Zone During HR
Mar 1—Spring Pictures
Mar 6—PLC Early Out at 11:45am
Mar 13-17—Spring Break NO SCHOOL

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

Immunization List

Don’t forget to buy a yearbook, they are on sale now for $19.

CCR - College and Career Ready
7th grade students will start meeting with the counselors for their first CCR. CCR stands for College and Career Ready and begins in the 7th grade followed up every year by counselors. The purpose of this meeting is to get students thinking about future goals and options available to them. If a parent would like to attend this meeting with their student, please call the school to schedule an appointment or email staci.glazier@washk12.org

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
February 24th will be here before we know it. We have designated the last Friday of every month, during homeroom, as the Reward Zone! That means, students without missing and/or incomplete assignments in any of their classes, get to participate in a school-wide homeroom activity. In January, homerooms all over the school got to eat popcorn and play games or bring devices from home! So don’t forget to remind your student to turn in and complete all of their assignments! Be ready for the Reward Zone!
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.

The Habit for February is, “Seek to Understand, Then Be Understood” by Stephen Covey. We will focus on the very important communication skill of “listening.”

**Steps to Better Listening**

◊ First, listen with your eyes, heart and ears—listening with your ears isn’t good enough, because only 7 percent of communication comes from the words we use.
◊ Second, stand in their shoes.—You must try to see the world as others see it and feel as they feel.
◊ Third, practice mirroring.—Reflect. Repeat back to the person what they just said. It is not mimicking. Put it in your own words. This lets the person know you understand what they are saying without judging or giving advice.

**Mirroring Phrases**

◊ “So, as I see it....”
◊ “I can see that you’re feeling....”
◊ “So, what you’re saying is....”

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