Dear Jaguar Parents and Students,

A few days ago, I looked at my calendar and noticed the small print below September 22: First Day of Autumn. I smiled as it gave me pause to consider how much I have enjoyed opening the windows in my home to let the cooler air inside. Soon, the leaves will begin to change in color to the point where we will all remember fall's beauty and associate it with the beginning of a new school year.

The change in seasons is a great example of how change is good. It helps us appreciate what we have and what we can look forward to enjoying. Fall is a beautiful time of year to stay motivated as we approach the end of a calendar year. Our sixth grade students have had a month of adjustment to a new building, new students, and new teachers. Our seventh graders are reminded of the adjustments and goals they need for the coming school year. Students now rely on reading to learn instead of learning to read.

As we begin this autumn season, I am reminded of a quote by the late Mohammed Ali, "Don't count the days, make the days count." With that in mind, I encourage our parents to provide the optimal atmosphere for your students to study each and every day as they arrive home. Here are a few hints which you may find useful:

1. **Set the stage for learning.** Pick a comfortable and quiet location for studying. Make sure you remain nearby so that you can give encouragement as your student works.

2. **Pay attention to timing.** Have you ever thought about what part of the day does your student focus the best? How often are breaks needed? Some students perform best right after school when their memories of instruction are fresh while others have a need to decompress after school with exercise or talking to a parent about their school day.

3. **Plan ahead.** Be aware of the calendaring for each class. Know when large projects, reports, or tests are due. Create deadlines with your student and write them on a calendar. Success comes from systematic planning.

4. **Practice.** Confidence can be built by taking practice tests. Such tests can also relieve anxiety. Review the material with your student and share your experiences.

We, at Hurricane Intermediate, are devoted to the success of our students. We invite all parents to work with us so that your student will be successful in all aspects of education. We will strive to emphasize learning. What we can accomplish together now will be the foundation for success in the upcoming school years.

Kevin Pedersen, Assistant Principal

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**Upcoming Events**

- **October 5**
  - Parent Teacher Conf.
  - 2:30-5:30pm

- **October 12**
  - Fall Break No School

- **October 13**
  - Fall Break No School

- **October 25**
  - Choir Concert 6pm

- **October 27**
  - Reward Zone during HR

- **October 31**
  - Halloween: Activity/Dance

- **November 1**
  - Band/Percussion Concert 6pm

- **November 2**
  - Orchestra Concert 6pm

- **November 3**
  - PLC Day/ Early out 11:45am
WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!! The library is open and is checking out books, books on CD, magazines, Kindles and E-books. Wow!! That is a lot of things to check out.

For our new Sixth graders: We are so happy to have you here at HIS. Your library account is an “online” account that you can access by using the internet. All students have a username and a password that they receive here at school. The easiest way for you to access it at this time is to click on this link: http://his.washk12.org/media-center. Search for books and materials by clicking on the OPAC Library Catalog link on the left hand side of the page.

There are also instructions to help you in downloading an e-book from OverDrive. The e-Book system is called “OverDrive.” It is the same as the system that is used by the public library. Students will be able to check out e-Books on their own devices such as Kindles, Nooks, smart phones, tablets and computers. This is an exciting phase in the development of technology and the library.

We DO check out Kindles for the student’s use. They come preloaded with books. Students choose the group of books they want to read which then corresponds with the Kindle group number to check out. They must have a Kindle Agreement that has been signed by a parent or guardian and left on file here in the library to be able to check out a Kindle.

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 so your student is always aware if they have a library fine or not.

Students are asked to check their personal library account when they come in with their Keyboarding or Language Arts class and to renew or turn in any books that are due. Students can renew their books online or here at the library.

Please have your student(s) log in and check their account from home and help them to clear up any fines they may have.

We look forward to a great year of READING and getting acquainted with the students.

Hurricane Intermediate Library Staff:

Debra Hurst, Ruth Jeppson, LuAnn Dotson and Barbara Manzoni
Meet our student council members and their amazing leader Mrs. Esplin for this year. They are so excited to make this an awesome year!!!!

Seth Armstrong
Mazie Clyde
MaryJane Erickson
Aaron Evans
Zeb Famsworth
Adrian Gubler
Naomi Gubler
Anna Hammit
Kandon Heaton
Kaytley Huntsman
McKendry Jensen
Corban Larsen
Jackson Lichfield
Madison Slack
Jada Stout
Dawson Stratton
Bailey Wilson
Jaylie Wright