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Dear Parents,

The first weeks of school are behind us, and we are off to a fantastic start. Students have adjusted well to their new schedules, classrooms, and teachers. We are looking forward to a great year!

***Important events coming up:***

**Our after-school tutorial program has started.** Students are invited to stay after school in the cafeteria so they have a quiet place to do homework. Currently, four para educators are supervising the program and providing homework assistance. The program is Monday through Thursday from 2:40 – 3:40, all are welcome.

**Park Middle School is now a HERO school!** HERO encourages positive student behavior choices. When students demonstrate HERO behaviors, they may earn points toward exciting incentives. We invite students and parents to register your own **HERO account** so we may keep the lines of communication between home and school open. Once you register online, you may download the **HERO app** to receive push notifications about your student's **HERO** behavior throughout the day. Students and Guardians will each have a unique **Hero** login account.

**To register, follow these easy steps:**

- 1) Go to <https://access.heropowered.com>
- 2) Select the parent or student button
- 3) Click "Create An Account"
- 4) Enter name, your email address, choose a password, click "Create user"
- 5) Click "Add Student"
- 6) Choose "No" to add your student using their ID Number, Date of Birth, and Last Name.

**Download the Hero App**

Once you register online, you may download the HERO app from the app store or Google Play stores to keep track of HERO behavior history and Hero point balances.

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HELPFUL LINKS:

For registration step-by-step instructions, go to:  
<http://www.herok12.com/resources/Hero-QSG-PSE-Parents.pdf>

Hero Parent + Student Engagement Tools  
<http://www.herok12.com/parent-student-engagement>



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Section 504, Title IX: Jack Anderson – (509) 222-5004 ([jack.anderson@ksd.org](mailto:jack.anderson@ksd.org))  
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Finally, the **Federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)** of 1974 permits the Kennewick School District to release certain information known as “directory information” to certain people or institutions, unless parents request in writing that such information not be released. In many cases, requests for this type of information come from news media or the armed forces for recruiting purposes. Directory information may include: 1) students name, address, and telephone number 2) date and place of birth 3) participation in officially recognized activities and sports 4) weight and height of athletic team members 5) dates of attendance 6) photographs or other similar information. Photographs may occasionally be taken of students for use in the news media or school district publications. Again, if you would prefer that your child’s directory information not be released, please send a request in writing or stop by the office to make that request.

I look forward to this new and exciting year. It is great to be a Park Cub!

Sincerely,

Shaun Espe-Amaya, Principal  
Park Middle School