

**October
2022**

Scottie Newsletter

 Highlands Middle School, Kennewick School District

Principal Message

Hello Parents/Guardians and Students:

Happy Fall! We hope your kids are having as great of a start to the 2022/23 school year as we are! It is great to have our first year of “normal” in a few years. Our teachers and staff are the most amazing educators around! They are getting kids talking, focusing on ALL kids catching up and looking closely at individual Math and English/Reading data to assure all kids have adequate goals, and that all students have a PLAN to grow this year.

SAFETY

- The KSD’s #1 goal is that ALL students feel, safe, known and valued. At HMS we work closely with our staff, security and KSD officer, Tim Harris to make sure we are doing everything we can to help students, staff members and visitors feel safe at HMS.
- Our Safety Goal is for 90% or more of students to feel PRIDE in being a Highland’s Scottie. We are working with our leadership teams, our WEB leaders and listening to the voice of our students to make sure everyone feels PROUD to be a Scottie.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- We believe that all students can achieve academic success and growth. Our academic growth goal at HMS is that over 70% of students reach their projected growth on the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) test in Reading and in Math from Spring (2022) to Spring (2023). We are going to achieve this goal by getting the students involved in their growth goal progress. Please ask your child what their goals are in Reading and in Math and what they need to do to achieve this important academic goal this year (they ALL know).

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

- We welcome ALL parents and guardians to visit, volunteer and be a part of their student’s Middle School education. Your student may “roll their eyes” or shrug their shoulders about you being present (this IS middle school); however, their friends will think it is “cool” and we will LOVE having you around.
 - Our SCIENCE night is tonight! It will be amazing. Bring your family and come to our first parent/student event. 5:30-7:00 p.m. Pizza will be served. Please sign up with your child’s science teacher so we know how many to expect.
 - Student led conferences will be in November. These are led by your child and are SO amazing. Watch your e-mail for more information.
 - We would love to have you volunteer at lunch recess to hang out, play soccer, football, foursquare or other! We always welcome adult presence and would love to have you hang out. One day a month, a year or a week... contact me for details.
 - VOLUNTEER for our first SOCIAL of the year this Thursday, October 20th from 2:30-4:00 p.m. What is a SOCIAL? It is a bunch of Middle School kids having fun with music (very little dancing goes on), games, carnival style fun, food and just hanging out. Contact Mrs. Fow (connie.fow@ksd.com) if you are interested in helping.

Our staff voted on the theme BARK for the 2022/23 school year. This breaks down as B—Brave; A—Academic; R—Resilient; K—Kind. We are incorporating these four themes into all we do this year and breaking down each letter by quarter. We started out with KIND first quarter. Kids and staff are celebrating KINDNESS. We have weekly drawings, awards and encourage all to show KINDNESS in everything they do.

Your administrative team is always available via, e-mail, phone call or a visit to assist you in helping your child have the best year yet. We are honored to be a part of your child’s schooling and development.

Mrs. McCord and Team (Mr. Bryan McKinney and Mr. Jordan Pies)

Day of the Dead (Día de Muertos)



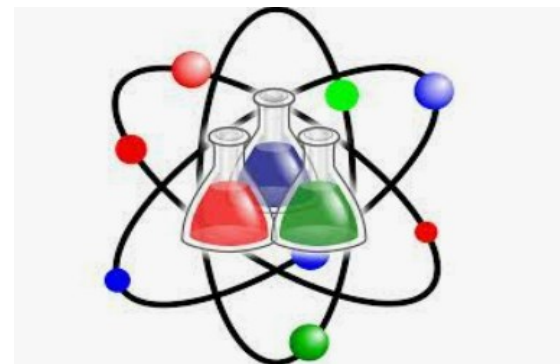
Celebrated in the Highlands Library
Tuesday Oct 17th through Nov. 4th 2022.

WEB Unity Day

**UNITY
DAY
10.19.22**

Together against bullying-united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion. Wednesday Oct.19th 2022 . We encourage all students to wear orange this day.

ATP-Science Night Oct. 18th 5:30-7:30



Highlands is excited to have a Science Night at our school on Tuesday, Oct. 18th. We have multiple sessions planned with our awesome science teachers. Come join in on the fun! Sessions include, telescopes, pumpkin towers, lights, balloon cars, microscopes and more!

The Winter 1 sports season starts Oct. 21st 2022. If students are interested in Dance or Boys Basketball, they can come to a informational meeting in the library during their lunch time on October 20th.



Our Drama Club is hosting our first Social of the school year! It will be held Thursday, October 20th here at Highlands. The event will begin after school and conclude at 4:00 pm. Students can line up after school at the bike rack doors.

Students can purchase tickets and an armband before the event during lunches the week prior to the event. Armbands are \$3.00 and tickets for food and games are fifty cents each.



SPIRIT WEEK

Highlands Middle School is having an Anti-Bullying Spirit Week to encourage students to get along with one another and always be kind. We have the following days planned:

Monday - October 31: Costume Day - Dress Up Against Bullying

(Cannot have masks, hoods, face paint, weapons, fully inflatable costumes, anything that can cause a mess, fake blood, capes, etc.)

Tuesday - November 1: Matching/Twin Day - You Are Never Alone

(If you do not dress up with a twin, feel free to wear Scottie Gear)

Wednesday - November 2: Wacky Wednesday - Embrace Your "YOU", Respect Everyone's Uniqueness

Thursday - November 3: Wear Red, White, and Blue for Military Appreciation Day - Stand United Against Bullying

Friday - November 4: Pajama Day - Put Bullying to Sleep

*All other school dress code rules apply

Upcoming Dates

Science Night	10/18
Unity Day	10/19
Social (sponsored by Drama Club)	10/20
Anti-Bullying Spirit Week	10/31 –11/4
End of 1st Quarter	11/4
Picture Retakes	11/4

All this school year, we are recognizing and rewarding students for showing the following traits:

- B - Brave**
- A - Academics**
- R - Resilient**
- K - Kind**



The Scottie Way—Impact each other in a positive way, every day.

Our KSD Mission: To provide a safe environment in which every student reaches his or her highest potential and graduates well prepared for success in post-secondary education, work, and life.

Find us on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUSzVcbikuPnQGHyS-EMsOg>

Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HighlandsMiddleSchool>

Find us on Instagram: [highlands_ksd](#)

Website: www.highlands.ksd.org

Struggling Students have Support!

Creating communities of support that empower students for lasting success

**#AllinforKids
In Schools and Beyond**



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