



# HORNET HERALD

## Welcome New Staff

Please join us in welcoming the following staff members to HHES:

### New Staff

General Duty Aide: Sally Webster  
 General Duty Aide: Hollie Tubbs  
 General Duty Aide: Chris Chapman  
 LAP Paraeducator: Loretta Huibregtse  
 Special Education Paraeducator: Brooks Pearson  
 Special Education Paraeducator: Leslie Bailey  
 Kindergarten Teacher: Ashley Giannandrea  
 Fifth Grade Teacher: Julia Daigneault  
 Fifth Grade Teacher: Grady Haverkost  
 Speech Language Pathologist: Miesha Ebacher  
 Speech Language Pathologist: Sophia La Greide  
 Learning Support Teacher: Carrie Merritt-Vesely  
 Behavior Support Teacher: Donna Lopez  
 ELL Teacher: Justine Warunek-Lane

### New Position at HHES

Health Room Aide: Lisa Homola  
 Title Paraeducator: Michelle Gomez  
 Media Technician: Amy Linton  
 Intervention Specialist (LAP and Title 1): Katy Andersen

## Hockinson Heights Happenings

- September 4: First Day of School
- September 4 - 6: Kindergarten Parent Meetings
- September 7 - 10: PBIS Parade
- September 7: First Day of Kindergarten
- September 24 – 28: ELPA Screening Test
- October 1: PBIS Presentations (lunch)
- October 12: No School – Teacher In-Service Day
- October 22 – 26: Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 1: PBIS Presentations (lunch)
- November 9: Veteran's Day Assemblies
- November 12: No School - Veteran's Day
- November 21 – 23: No School – Thanksgiving Break
- December 3: PBIS Presentations (lunch)
- December 4 – 7: CogAT Screener – Grades K & 2
- December 11: Grade 5 Concert and Band – 6:30 p.m.
- December 21: Giving Tree Assembly
- December 24 – January 4: No School – Winter Break
- December 7: PBIS Presentations (lunch)
- January 8 – 9: PBIS Parade
- January 21: No School – MLK Day
- January 28: No School – Semester Break
- February 1: Report Cards Sent Home

## Attendance Counts

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. We want to encourage every child to start building this habit in early so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work. We want students to be at school all day, every day. This year we will be tracking the number of days that each classroom has every student present and attending school on time. When you stop in to the office, please take a look at our attendance tracking bulletin board and support your child in attending school regularly and arriving on time.

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