

# HMS Parent Newsletter

MAY 13, 2022

## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HMS Families:

This week, HMS students began state testing. Thank you for all that you have done to help your student arrive at HMS ready to show all that they know. At this point, most students have finished ELA testing. Next week, students will complete math testing and science (grade 8 only). Please remind your student to bring their charged Chromebook, headphones, and a snack daily.

Next week is our school Volleyball-a-thon fundraiser! We are excited to have our players participate in this event. The Volleyball-a-thon will be held on May 20 from 6 p.m. - 12 a.m. 20 teams will compete. Information about Volleyball-a-thon has been shared with students during HomeBase classes. Team captains can pick up a registration packet in the office. Please feel free to give us a call if you have any questions about Volleyball-a-thon.

Monday night is HMS Parent Information night for families of incoming sixth graders. If you have a current fifth grade student, please join us in the HMS cafeteria from 6 - 7 on Monday evening.

Tonight is the PWT book swap! Please see the flyer below for additional information.

Our 8th Grade Promotion is quickly approaching and we are looking forward to celebrating our 8th grade class on June 15 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. A special graduation newsletter for our 8th grade families will be sent home next week.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the students and staff of HMS! We are all grateful to be a part of this amazing community!

~ Meredith

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**YOUR HOCKINSON PWT PRESENTS**  
in association with Hockinson Community Education



# IS BACK!

**BOOK COLLECTION DATES: MAY 1-13**

**SWAP DATES: MAY 13, 6PM-8PM and MAY 14 9AM - 11AM**

**NEW LOCATION! HOCKINSON COMMUNITY CENTER**



### What is the Book Swap?

The Book Swap is a used book exchange for students at the Elementary School and Country Friends preschool that we're expanding to include all three schools, Hockinson Community members AND this year will be held at the Community Center in conjunction with a plant sale on Saturday hosted by Hockinson Community Education at an event we're calling Books and Blooms!



### Where can I drop off my used books in exchange for Book Bucks?

1. Elementary students bring in used books in good condition to their classrooms from May 1st through May 13th. Students then receive one Book Buck coupon for each book turned in, with a limit of ten (10) Book Bucks. Extra donated books are always welcome and needed!

*\*Elementary School teachers usually hand out the Book Buck coupons to students the day before, or the day of the Book Swap. This process helps reduce the loss of coupons.*

2. Middle School and High School students can drop off books in the front office of each school in exchange for Book Bucks. Again, there is a limit of ten (10) Book Bucks, but again, additional books can be dropped off.

3. Hockinson Community Members can drop off books at the Community Center.



### How do I use my Book Bucks?

We encourage students to bring their Book Bucks to the Book Swap on Friday, but they can also be brought on Saturday to pick out new-to-them, used books. Each book is worth one Book Buck coupon.



### When will books be available for purchase?

During the last hour of the Book Swap on Friday (7-8PM), and all day Saturday, books will be available for sale for \$0.50 each.



### Where do leftover books from the Swap go after the event?

Leftover books from the swap are donated first to the school library, then to teachers for classroom use. Remaining books are donated to local charities.

Questions about the Book Swap? Please contact Jamie Hebert at [jhebert13@msn.com](mailto:jhebert13@msn.com) or visit <http://hockinson-pwt.mailchimpsites.com/>



Scan here for more information  
about the Plant Sale on  
Saturday, May 14 from 9AM - 1PM  
or visit <https://www.hockee.org/community-events>





## SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION 2022

On May 25 - 27, HMS students will participate in sexual health education instruction. This year, instruction will focus solely on HIV/AIDS content from the newly adopted G-W Essential Health Skills textbook.

To review this curriculum online, click the link below. Be sure to look at the materials under your child's grade level. These online materials will be available until May 31st, 2022.

If you choose to opt your student out of the HIV/AIDS instruction, please fill out the middle school opt-out waiver. These students will receive an alternate assignment from their science or health teacher and will be supervised in a different location. A new waiver will need to be filled out each year.

<https://www.hocksd.org/Content2/cshe-information>

**n<sup>√</sup>Power Girls**  Cultivating achievement  
and interest in STEM

**nPower Girls STEM Studio**

**Thursday, May 19th, 2022 at 5:30 PM**

5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Girls! Join the fun and find out!

Join other empowered girls to design outdoor spaces with all people,  
wildlife, and the earth in mind.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 9 - 20: SBA Testing - Extended HB Schedule

May 16: Incoming Sixth Grade Parent Information Night

May 25 - 27: HIV / AIDS Instruction

May 30: Memorial Day Holiday - No School

June 1: 8th Graders Visit HHS

June 2: 8th Grade Field Trip

June 2: District Jazz Night

June 4: Hockinson Fun Days

June 7: District Band Festival

June 8: Jr. Rose Parade

June 9: Student Awards Evening

June 14: 7th Grade Field Trip

June 15: HMS Promotion

June 17: Last Day of School



## HOCKINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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