

# HMS Parent Newsletter

**OCTOBER 14, 2022**

## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HMS Families:

This week, we had our first HMS Band concert of the school year. We were treated to songs performed by our beginning band, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands, and the Jazz band. Thank you to Ms. Ritenburgh and our student musicians for this exceptional music performance!

### Spirit Week

Our first Spirit Week of the school year is next week. Details about our spirit days are below.

### Unity Day

Next week is Unity Day, where HMS students and staff come together to stand against bullying and to celebrate a culture of kindness. Students are encouraged to participate in our Unity Day spirit day and show their commitment to kindness by wearing orange. We will have a contest for the HomeBase class with the highest number of participants and for the individual students. Our Unity Day Poster contest has been extended until Monday. Please encourage your students to turn in an anti-bullying poster for the contest.

### HMS Sports

Registration for wrestling and girls' basketball is now open for our 7th and 8th grade students and practices / try-outs begin on October 24. See the sports section below for more information on how to register your child.

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

We look forward to seeing you at parent teacher conferences October 24 - 27. Please see the information about our upcoming conferences below.

Thank you for your support!

~ Meredith and Caleb

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**Hockinson PWT & Community Ed Present:**

# UNITY DAY POSTER Competition

**October 1 - 17, 2022**

**ANY PAINTING, DRAWING, COLLAGE, BE CREATIVE!**

**SIZE 8.5"X 11" PAPER TO POSTER BOARD SIZE.**

**Deadline:** *Friday, 10/17 (Turn in your completed poster : To your school office)*

**Winners Announced:** *Unity Day, 10/19*

*We are looking for artwork entries that will help raise awareness against bullying and encourage positive behavior such as inclusion, kindness and acceptance .*



## HMS SPIRIT WEEK

Next week is our first HMS spirit week of the year. Please encourage your Hornet student to show their school spirit by participating in the following spirit days:

Monday, Oct. 17: Twin Day

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Country or Fancy Day

Wednesday, Oct. 19: Unity Day - Wear Orange

Thursday, Oct. 20: White Lie Day (white tee shirt)

Friday, Oct. 21: Class Colors Day (6th - purple, 7th - red, 8th - yellow)



## HMS FALL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The staff of HMS is looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming parent-teacher conferences. We will be using the [three-hour early dismissal schedule](#) for the entire week of October 24 - 28, 2022.

Fall arena conferences are being held during the day, Monday October 24 through Thursday, October 27th from 1:40 p.m. - 3:40 p.m. Evening arena conferences will be available on Monday, October 24th from 6 p.m. - 7:40 p.m. Families who are unable to attend a conference during the day, can attend on Monday evening. *Please note that Monday evening conferences tend to be the busiest and it may not be possible to visit with every teacher.*

For all conferences, please bring your student with you as they are an important part of the conversation.

**Parents are invited to attend arena conferences on their scheduled day:**

**Monday October 24: Families with last names A - I**

**Tuesday, October 25: Families with last names J - R**

**Wednesday, October 26: Families with last names S - Z**

**Thursday, October 27: Any family unable to attend on their scheduled day**

Arena conferences are limited to a few minutes and will be held in the HMS gym. Because our teachers see around 140 students per day, it may not be possible for every parent to meet with every teacher. Parents will be able to select which teacher or teachers they'd like to meet and can wait until that teacher becomes available. This process gives the greatest number of parents the chance to meet and have a short discussion with the teachers.

If you are unable to attend the Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences or have a question you'd like to discuss with a teacher, you can reach out to our teachers at any time via email or by calling us at (360)448-6440.



## BULLYING PREVENTION AND UNITY DAY

During the month of October, HMS staff are spending extra time focused on helping students learn about anti-bullying and being an upstander and to celebrating the culture of kindness we are working towards at HMS.

On Wednesday, October 19th, Hockinson Middle School Staff and PWT will celebrate Unity Day. On this day, students and teachers all across the United States come together to send one large **orange** message of support, hope, and unity to show that we are united against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

**Poster Contest:** Be sure to have your students submit their Unity Day poster contest entry today!

**Anti-bullying pledge and banner:** This week, PWT volunteers were on site to encourage students to sign an anti-bullying pledge and add their name to our HMS anti-bullying banner. The banner will be hung in our cafeteria on Unity Day.

**Unity Day is October 19:** We invite all students and staff to wear **orange** in support of anti-bullying / Unity day. We will have special prizes for the HomeBase class with the highest percentage of students wearing orange and for the individual student showing the most spirit through their orange attire. During lunch, we will have anti-bullying videos playing and will display our anti-bullying pledge banner.



## FALL / WINTER SPORTS

Seventh and Eighth grade students are eligible to participate in school sports. Our next season of sports begins soon. Our Fall / Winter sports are: wrestling (co-ed) and basketball (girls). Boys' basketball falls in our next season and registration will open later this winter. Registration information for wrestling and girls' basketball can be found [here](#).

Please contact our HMS Athletic Director, Caleb Millay, or Athletic Secretary, Karen Johnson, at 360-448-6440 or [caleb.millay@hocksd.org](mailto:caleb.millay@hocksd.org) with any questions.

Go Hornets!





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## PWT

Connect with our PWT, learn more about volunteer opportunities and upcoming events, or make a PWT donation at: <https://hockinsonpwt.ptboard.com/home>

## UPCOMING EVENTS



- October 14: No School - Statewide Teacher In-Service Day
- October 14: Final Day to Purchase Trailblazer tickets for PWT Fundraiser
- October 17: Unity Day Posters Due
- October 18: Vision Screening - Grade 7
- October 18: HSD Community Tour
- October 19: Unity Day - Wear Orange Spirit Day
- October 20: Hearing Screening - Grade 7
- October 21: Student Advisory Meeting
- October 24-25: Parent-Teacher Conferences - Show Early Release

October 25: PWT Chipotle Fundraiser Night  
October 26: HSD Grading Committee Meeting  
November 1: First Day of American Indian Heritage Month  
November 6: Daylight Savings Time Ends  
November 8: Election Day - Remember to Vote  
November 10: HMS Veterans Day Assembly  
November 11: Veterans Day - No School  
November 23 - 25: Thanksgiving Break - No School  
November 29: Sixth Grade Wetlands Field Trip



## HOCKINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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