

HMS Parent Newsletter

February 4, 2022

A Note from the Principal

HMS Families:

This week, we had the chance to honor students with the HMS Awards for Academic Excellence for semester 1. Students who received this award were selected by their teachers for demonstrating overall academic achievement, growth, and / or effort. We are so proud of the accomplishments of these students who have worked hard to make academic gains. Our staff created a special video (see below) to share with you. Our award winners are:

Semester 1 Award Winners

Gavin J., Paisley S., Laurel E., Aubrey H., Grant H., Ava D., Liana N., Christina C., Grayson R., Margot C., Tori M., Hunter B., Ryder H., Danielle T., Nathan B., Ellie D., Mya E., Jesse R., Hazel S., Marco S., Levi B., David V., Bostin H., Elijah O., Lillian R., Daria P., Layson H., Lyla T., Cyrus H., Xavier A., Sarah B., Ryker S., Kate B., Reuben S., Lilah H., Danna T., Austin C., Evelyn M., Lizzie R., Joey B., Barrett R., Winter M., McKenna T., and Gabe M.

We look forward to celebrating again when we announce our winners for semester 2 later this school year.

As a reminder, if you have not already done so, please take a moment to complete the HMS [parent survey](#). Today is the final day to submit your response. We will be using this information to plan for the coming semester and thank you for sharing your perspectives with us!

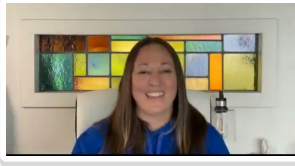
Next week is School Counselor's Week. We look forward to honoring our amazing counselor, Ms. Schneider and thank her for all that she does for our HMS community! If you have a positive message you'd like to share about Ms. Schneider, please email me at meredith.gannon@hocksd.org. I will be compiling messages from our staff, students, and families and sharing them with her 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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HMS Awards for Academic Excellence



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Remember to Vote by Feb. 8

We encourage all community members to vote by February 8. Every vote and voice is important in our community. Click [here](#) to learn more about the Hockinson School District Replacement levy and how it supports students. Thank you!

<https://www.hocksd.org/Content/2022-levy-information>



PWT Update

HMS PWT needs volunteers and donations for the concession stand at the upcoming home basketball games. Use the attached links to sign up. Contact Julie Ruhl at: hmsevents@hockinsonpwt.org for more information.

Adult/HMS & HHS Student volunteer to work at the concession stand:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA8AE2AA0F9C52-hmsbasketball>

Sign up to donate items for the concession stand:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA8AE2AA0F9C52-hmspwt>

Our next PWT Doughnut Day is February 11. Students can purchase a doughnut after school for \$1.

PWT is also sponsoring a special 'TWOsday' HomeBase activity on 2/22/22.

You can see flyers for all of these events below.



Spirit Week

Our next HMS School Spirit Week is Feb. 14 - 17. Here are our Spirit Days:

Monday, February 14: Valentine Color War (sixth grade wear pink, seventh grade wear white, eighth grade wear red)

Tuesday, February 15: Crazy Hair Day

Wednesday, February 16: Mismatch Day

Thursday, February 17: Country v. Fancy (wear country themes or dress up clothes)

There is no school on Friday, February 18 due to the Presidents' Day holiday.



Hornet Hang Out

Today, Hockinson Middle School started a new school-wide group called Hornet Hangout.

Last semester, we sent out a survey to students to gather interest in this group and learn more about what students are looking for.

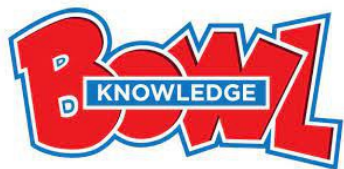
Across each grade-level, we received a number of responses from students wanting to find others with similar passions and students stating that they want to help others find positive connections.

Students who expressed interest in the group have been given an invitation to come attend. Due to restrictions on how many students can be present in the space due to Covid protocols, attendance will be invite only for now. There will be games, movies, and staff available to help facilitate friendship connections.

If you have any concerns about your child attending or do not wish for your child to participate, please let me know as well and we will respect your wishes. If you are interested in your student joining this group please let me know and we'll make sure your student is invited to one of our first sessions.

~ Nicole Schneider

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Knowledge Bowl

❖ Knowledge Bowl is a competitive activity in which students respond to timed verbal and written questions. Questions range from topics such as geography, math, history, science, sports, current events, and others. Students work in teams of four to answer the oral and written questions.

❖ Our first practice will be on Monday, February 7th after school until 4:30.

❖ Our teams compete every Thursday beginning February 17th (both home and away matches which include two other schools). The final match of the season is on Thursday, March 17th. Meets begin at 4 pm and end around 6 pm. For away matches, we typically return to school around 6:45 pm.

❖ You need to register to compete through the Family ID portal and pay the ASB fee.

❖ Sign up before Tuesday, February 15th to join the team!

❖ See Ms. Parker in room 203 or Ms. Shinn in room 204 with any questions. The practice and match schedule is below!

2022 SCHEDULE (Subject to change)

Practice 3:30 - 4:30 Feb. 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 16, 22 & March 1, 8, 15

Matches: Feb. 17, 24 & March 3, 10, 17



Girls In STEM

The Girl's STEM Engineering Module will begin on Monday February 14th after school in room 117. The purpose of Girls STEM is to help increase female participation in STEM classes and eventually STEM careers. This is a 6 week module that focuses on engineering and design challenges. Meeting times will be Mondays 3:30 - 4:30 Feb. 14th through March 21st (with one Tuesday on 2/22 due to no school the day prior). Any 6-8 grade girls interested in joining should email heidi.hoiland@hocksd.org or see Mrs. Hoiland (room 117). A club/activity permission slip and ASB membership are required to be on file in the office.



Have You Ever Thought About Teaching?

Hockinson is a great place to work and we are currently looking for certified and classified substitutes.

If you are a teacher already, we are very interested in talking to you about getting your application reviewed as quickly as possible. If you hold a Bachelor's Degree and are interested in obtaining an Emergency Substitute Certificate to cover teachers please email Julie.dobbins@hocksd.org. There is a process we can enter into with the state that takes a little bit of time, but it would allow you to serve as a teacher.

Not interested in being a teacher, but want to help? We have a significant need for classified substitutes as well. These subs cover our general duty aides at recess/lunch, para-educators in classrooms, secretaries, security, and custodial staff. Basic requirement is a high school diploma or GED.

Rates:

Fully Certificated Substitute Teachers: \$173.00/day \$108.00/half day

Emergency Certificated Substitute Teachers: \$163.00/day \$101.00 half day

Classified Substitute (Various/non-custodial): \$16.00/hour

Custodial Substitutes: \$18.00/hour

Fees:

Fingerprinting: \$82.00 Payable to ESD112

Emergency Sub Application: \$63.00 Payable to OSPI

To begin the application process please visit our website www.hocksd.org and click on the employment icon. This will take you to a module in our system called "Fast Track". Here you will create a user profile and apply for the appropriate position. If you are applying for "Emergency Cert Sub" please apply for the certificated substitute. It will require you to upload a certificate – here you can override by uploading a letter simply stating "I wish to apply for Emergency Cert Sub".

Upcoming Events

February 1 -11: ASB Carnation Sales

February 4: Final day to complete [parent survey](#).

February 7: Sixth Grade Wetlands Walking Field Trip

February 7: Knowledge Bowl practices begin

February 7 - 11: School Counselors' Week - Thank you Ms. Schneider!

February 8: Election Day - Please remember to vote!

February 9: Band Pictures

February 14 - 17: Spirit Week




February 14: Girl's STEM Starts

February 17: Math Counts Competition
February 16: Final Day to Purchase a Yearbook
February 18 - 21: Presidents' Day Break



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