

HMS Parent Newsletter

OCTOBER 29, 2021

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HMS Families:

Thank you to all of our HMS families for making this such a wonderful week. We had students showcase their school spirit by participating in the year's first spirit week (see photos below). We also enjoyed meeting with many families for our parent-teacher conferences.

At HMS, we know that our students take pride in their school and are committed to our making our community an even more amazing place. We want to hear more from our students about their school experience and their goals for the future. Next week, in HomeBase classes, students will be invited to apply to be a part of our HMS Student Advisory Group. The student leaders in the advisory group will meet monthly to share feedback about their school experiences and to brainstorm ideas for making school a better place for learning. The Student Advisory Group will consist of students from each grade level. Students who are eager to work as a part of a team, who want to share honest feedback, and who care about our HMS community are encouraged to apply to be a part of this group.

We have some exciting events coming up at HMS. You can read more about each event below. Next week, our PWT Raise Craze begins. This fundraiser asks students to complete acts of kindness at home and at school. Families of 8th graders are encouraged to submit baby photos for our school yearbook. HMS will host a Virtual Veterans Day Assembly on Nov. 12. If you have a veteran in your family that you would like us to honor, please complete the form below.

Thank you for your support!

~ Meredith

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PINK OUT DAY



TWIN DAY



COLOR WARS



PWT RAISE CRAZE

Our amazing PWT is hosting a Raise Craze Fundraiser. This fundraiser is different than most in that instead of selling items, students complete Acts of Kindness.

The Raise Craze Fundraiser will run from Nov. 1 - 19. Each student will have the opportunity to create a custom website where they can ask family and friends for donations in exchange for acts of kindness performed by the student. This fundraiser is completely optional for HMS students, but we would love to see many participate. Our PWT is using the money raised to purchase school spirit shirts for every child and to fund school requests (such as new recess equipment).

Students can earn prizes for their participation and by completing squares on the PWT provided Raise Craze Bingo cards. Students earn prizes by:

- 1) Registering for Raise Craze
- 2) Completing a bingo line (Min. Complete 3 AOK and collection of \$10 in donations)
- 3) Bingo Blackout (10 AOK and donation of \$100).

PWT will also award a 'kindness prize bag' to two students in each grade level. One will be given to the student that completes the most acts of kindness, the second will be given to the top fundraiser. There will also be prizes for classrooms who have the most participants.

Thank you for supporting our PWT and our school through this event. We are really looking forward to making the school and our community a better place through our acts of kindness!



FOR 8TH GRADE FAMILIES ONLY

8th Grade Families,

It is time to submit a baby picture of your 8th grader for the yearbook.

Please submit ONE baby picture of your 8th grader by December 1, 2021. Late submissions will not be accepted, as our yearbook runs by strict publication deadlines.

<https://images.jostens.com/418345951>

Thank you,
The Yearbook Staff



VETERANS DAY

HMS would like to honor our veterans with a virtual assembly this year and need your help.

Please complete this [Veterans Day form](#) if you'd like us to recognize a veteran in your life. In addition to honoring them in our video presentation, students would like to send them a thank you card if possible. Please include the Veterans address if you would like us to send them a card.

If you'd like us to include their picture in the video, please email one to janice.broten@hocksd.org. Pictures and the form must be received by Friday, November 6 to be included in the video presentation.



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thank you to all of the parents who attended a Fall parent teacher conference or reached out to connect with our teachers. It is always a joy to share each student's progress with their family and to collaborate about how we can work together to make this school year a great one for each student. Please feel free to connect with your child's teacher throughout the school year for updates on their progress or to ask any questions. We appreciate your partnership!

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1 - 19: PWT Raise Craze

November 1: Beginning of American Indian Heritage Month

November 2: Election Day - Remember to Vote

November 5: Hearing Screening - Grade 7

November 5: Healthy Youth Survey

November 6: Veterans Day Form due


November 11: Veterans Day - No School

November 24 - 26: Thanksgiving Holiday - No School



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