HMS Parent Newsletter

= NOVEMBER 10, 2022 =

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HMS Families:

This week, we honored veterans with a HomeBase Veterans Day video and presentation. Students viewed photos of veterans from our community and honored those who served by learning more about Veterans Day. Thank you veterans for your service to our country!

During last month's HSD Tour, we shared information with our community about HMS students' progress on state assessments last spring. Students in grade 6-8 take the Smarter Balanced Assessment in English Language Arts and 8th grade students also complete the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science. While these state assessments are only one measure of student progress, they do provide our staff with important information about how our learners are mastering the content we teach and making progress towards state standards. We are proud of our HMS students and their academic progress. Some key takeaways from state testing are:

- HMS performed better than the state average in each grade and subject area.
- HMS students had an exceptional growth rate. The HMS growth rate (52.5% ELA and 52.2% Math) was higher than the state average (33.6% ELA and 33.7% Math) and higher than the average from other Clark County districts (Camas SD 35% ELA and 39.1% Math).
- HMS students performed 2nd highest in Clark County, when compared to middle school peers.
- HMS students performed highest in the subject area of English Language Arts

Additional information can be found in the charts below. Well done, Hornets!

We are excited to formally kick of our HMS Food Drive on 11/18. Last year, we had a <u>record-breaking food drive</u> and were able to donate thousands of canned food items for those in need. More information about this year's Food Drive bonus items, bombing days, and goals

can be found below. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity in supporting those in our community who are in need of help.

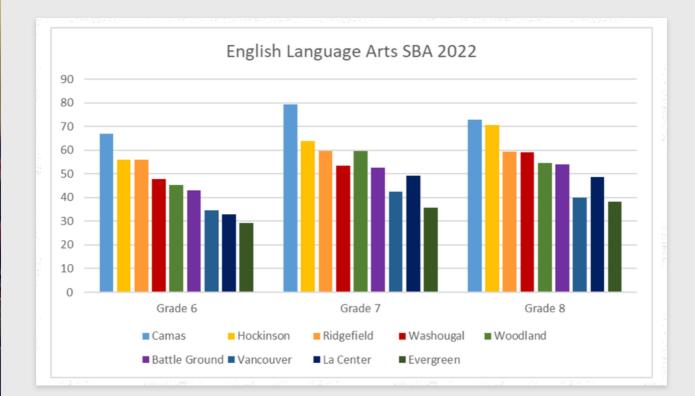
Thank you for your support! ~ Meredith and Caleb <u>meredith.gannon@hocksd.org</u> / <u>caleb.millay@hocksd.org</u>

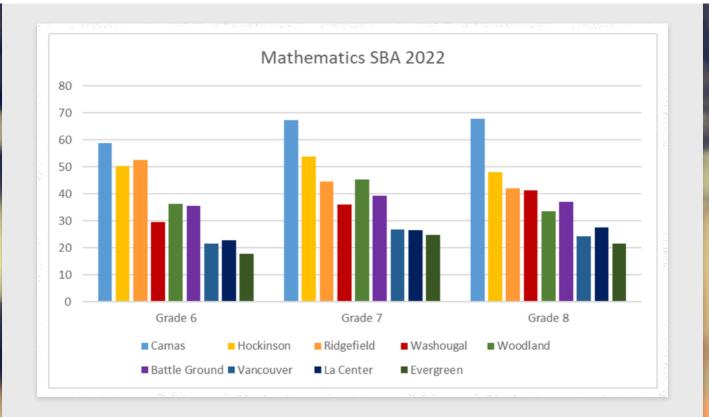
Smarter Balanced / WCAS Scores

Spring 2022

ELA			Math		
	HMS	State		HMS	State
Grade 6	55.9%	43.9%	Grade 6	50.3%	34.2%
Grade 7	63.8%	51%	Grade 7	53.9%	35.4%
Grade 8	70.6%	49.2%	Grade 8	48.1%	32.1%

	Grade 6 Science	HMS - 56%	State - 40%
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HMS HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Our Hockinson Middle School Food Drive kicks off next week! We are excited to help our community by collecting donation of nutritious, non-perishable food items. Our food drive will run from Friday, Nov. 18 through Thursday, Dec. 15. On Friday, Dec. 16, the students from the HomeBase class who has brought in the most food will help deliver the food items to the Fire District 3 and the Clark County Food Bank where they will be distributed to families in need.

In 2022, HMS brought in over 8,000 food items for local families and we are hoping to do even better this year!

There will be a friendly school-wide competition for HomeBase classes during the Food Drive. There are three categories for the HomeBase competition: HomeBase Food Drive Points, Grade Level Total Items, and HomeBase Total Donation.

Points Competition

All non-perishable food items donated are worth one point. There are special bonus items that can be turned in for additional points on special Bonus Days.

Bonus Point Food

Pasta and/or Pasta Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Rice (no ramen, no sauce packets or mixes, no single serving pasta meals/chefboy-r-dee) "CARB DAY" Friday, Nov. 18, 2 points

Stove Top Stuffing (only STOVE TOP brand) Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2 points

Chili, Boxed Cornbread Mix, Canned Beans, Dry Beans Tuesday, Nov. 29, 3 points

Pancake Mix and Syrups and Cereals Friday, Dec. 1, 3 points

Canned Meat (tuna, shrimp, spam, clams, chicken, etc.), Crackers Tuesday, Dec. 7, 3 points

Condiments, Salad Dressings, (usually these are in bottles or jars, no packets) Friday, Dec. 9, 4 points Cooking Oils Tuesday, Dec. 13, 4 points

Peanut Butter and/or Jellies, Potatoes (5lb or 10lb unopened bags of potatoes, no single potatoes, peanut butter substitutes, such as Nutella, will be accepted) Thursday, Dec. 15, 4 points

There are also three Combo Points Days. On these days, 2 extra points will be earned for each combo pair (above and beyond bonus points).

Food Drive Combo Dates

Day 1 - Friday, Nov. 18th Pasta and Pasta Sauce

Day 4 - Friday, Dec, 2nd Pancake Mix and Syrup

Day 8 - Thursday, Dec. 15th Peanut Butter and Jelly

Double Points will be awarded to each HomeBase class that has at least 10 regular food items in their basket and 40 extra points will be awarded for at least 20 regular items in their basket on any pick-up day (Tuesdays and Fridays).

Bombs (negative points)

All Campbells Soup products are affectionately known as 'bombs'. Bombs can be delivered on Mondays during the food drive. These will count for negative points and can be placed in the basket of any HomeBase class during the first 5 minutes of HomeBase. Products less than 20 ounces will count for two negative points. Products greater than 20 ounces will count as four negative points.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!







8TH GRADE BABY PHOTOS FOR YEARBOOK

8th Grade Families:

Please submit ONE baby picture of your 8th grader for the yearbook in the link below. All pictures need to be submitted by December 1, 2022.

Late submissions will not be accepted, as our yearbook runs by strict publication deadlines.

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Thank you, The Yearbook Staff



YEARBOOKS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11: Veterans Day - No School November 14: Girls Basketball vs. La Center November 14: Wrestling @ Mt. Solo November 16: Girls Basketball @ Monticello November 16: Wrestling vs. Castle Rock and Mt. Solo November 21: Girls Basketball @ Mt. Solo November 21: Wrestling va. Woodland, Monticello, and King's Way November 23 - 25: Thanksgiving Break - No School November 28: Wrestling @ View Ridge November 29: Sixth Grade Wetlands Field Trip November 30: Girls Basketball vs. King's Way November 30: Wrestling @ Monticello December 1: 8th Grade Baby Photos Due December 3: Donuts with Santa Event December 5: School Board Visit to HMS December 5: Girls Basketball @ Jemtegaard December 5: Wrestling va. La Center, Woodland, and King's Way December 8: Wrestling Round Robin @ Woodland December 10: Wrestling League Championship December 10: Band Movie Fundraiser @ BG Cinema December 12: Girls Basketball Vs. Castle Rock December 14: Girls Basketball @ Canyon Creek December 19 - Jan. 2: Winter Break - No School



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