

HMS PARENT NEWSLETTER

APRIL 14, 2023

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPALS

HMS Families:

We hope that Spring Break was full of fun and rest for your family! This week it has been wonderful having our students back on campus and learning!

State Testing

In the month of May, HMS students will participate in state assessments designed to measure each student's level of mastery of grade level standards. The assessment results are used by our teachers to analyze our instruction and to make plans for the coming year. Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will take a state assessment in mathematics and English language arts. 8th graders will also complete a science assessment.

To help every student show what they know on the state tests, HMS will use a special testing schedule May 8 - 24. Students will take their state assessment in their English and math class (and 8th grade science classes). Each class period will be extended to provide students with additional time in class to focus on their assessment. Our state testing schedule can be found [here](#).

You can help your child show what they know on state assessments by planning vacations and appointments outside of the testing window, when possible, and helping them arrive on time to school daily. Thank you, families!

Color Run

Our second annual HMS Color Run will be held on May 5. This event is sponsored by our ASB and will raise funds for HMS sports and activities. Fundraising begins April 24 and our ASB leaders will be sending home additional information about this event soon.

Vancouver Pops Assembly

The Vancouver Pops orchestra will be at HMS on Tuesday, April 18. As is Hockinson tradition, our 8th grade band members will be joining the Pops orchestra for this performance. We look forward to this amazing event!

Track Meet at HMS

Wednesday, April 19 we will have our first home meet of the season. This year, home track meets will be held at HMS, instead of the High School. We are excited to utilize our amazing track at HMS. We hope that you will be able to join us at school to cheer on our track athletes. If you are coming to the event, please bring a chair and stop by our PWT-run concession stand.

PWT Book Swap

Our PWT Book Swap is coming up on May 5. Students can bring in books for the swap starting on Monday. Please see the flyer below for additional information.

Thank you for your support!

~ Meredith and Caleb

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8TH GRADE FAMILIES

Hello, Class of 2027 Families:

It's hard to believe that our 8th graders will be heading to HHS in the fall. But before they leave HMS, we'd like to give them a special send-off! The 8th Grade Promotion will be on Wednesday, June 14th and we need your help with the details. Please join us on **Wednesday, April 19th** and/or **Wednesday, May 17th** at 6pm at HMS to see how you can get involved!

In the meantime, celebrate your student by pre-ordering custom Class of 2027 swag.

<https://hometownprideusa.com/products/hockinson-class-of-2027-hoodie>

All orders must be placed by April 30th.

Questions? Contact: hhsgrad2027@gmail.com



MARCH HMS AWARDS

Please join us in congratulating the HMS award winners for the month of March. Your student was selected by one of their teachers for consistently demonstrating **H**onorable, **M**otivated, and **S**afe and Secure behavior at school.

March HMS Award Winners

Quinn A., Mazin B., Ella B., Hunter B., Paige B., Nikita B., Jayse B., Everett C., Ashton C., Ruby C., Linnea C., Penelope D., Elif D., Ellie D., Peyton H., Kieran H., Sierra H., Kaylee H., Sally J., Jun L., Coen L., Adam L., Addison L., Amelia M., Nora M., Elijah O., Dria P., Joey R., Gunnar S., Lars S., Katelyn S., Laurel S., Addison T., Jack T., and Isabella V.

YOUR HOCKINSON PWT PRESENTS



MAY 5, 6PM-8PM @ HHES
BOOK COLLECTION DATES: April 17 -May 5



What is the Book Swap?

The Book Swap is a used book exchange for students at all three Hockinson schools, Country Friends preschool, and Hockinson Community members. Books collected and exchanged can be from all reading levels and genres. We do ask that materials are in good to fair condition.



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

1. Elementary students can bring in used books in good condition to their classrooms from April 17th through May 5th. 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 High School or the Elementary School in the front office - or can bring books in the night of the Swap.



How do I use my Book Bucks?

Students and community members can bring their Book Bucks to the Book Swap on Friday 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), 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. If you know of a location that is in need of books, please let us know.



Questions about the Book Swap? Please contact Jamie Hebert at jhebert13@msn.com or visit <https://hockinsonpwt.ptboard.com/annlist>



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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



- April 17: Track Meet at Mt. Solo
- April 18: Vancouver Pops Assembly
- April 19: Track Meet at Hockinson
- April 19: HMS Promotion Planning Meeting - 6 p.m.
- April 24: Track Meet at Monticello
- April 25: 8th Grade Band Assembly at HHES - Vancouver Pops
- April 26: Track Meet at Hockinson
- April 30: Final Day to Order Class of 2027 Spirit Wear

May 1: Track Meet at Huntington
May 3: Track Meet at Jemtegaard
May 5: Color Run
May 5: PWT Book Swap
May 10: Track Meet at Woodland
May 14: Mother's Day
May 17: HMS Promotion Planning Meeting - 6 p.m.
May 25: District Jazz Night
May 29: Memorial Day - No School
June 1: 8th Grade Zoo Field Trip
June 1: District Band Festival
June 8: 7th Grade Mt. Saint Helens Field Trip
June 8: HHS Grad Walk
June 8: Semester 2 Awards Night
June 14: Flag Day
June 14: HMS Promotion - 6 - 7 p.m.



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