

HMS Parent Newsletter

OCTOBER 1, 2021

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HMS Families:

At HMS we are proud of our many students who are consistently demonstrating positive behavior and working hard on their learning. Here at school, we teach students that Hornet students should be: **H**onorable, **M**otivated, and **S**afe and Secure. In our HomeBase classes, students have been learning more about these character traits and how each student can be a positive force in our school community by demonstrating HMS behavior.

We are excited to announce that each month we will honor students who consistently demonstrate HMS behavior with an HMS award. Each teacher will select one or two students to receive an HMS award every month. Our first group of HMS award winners will be honored with a certificate next week!

This year, we will also honor students who demonstrate exceptional effort, achievement, improvement, and / or character at a special evening awards ceremony at the end of each semester. We will send home more information about these awards towards the end of the term.

Our office staff is here to help you with any questions or concerns. Please give us a call at 360-448-6440 if we can be of help.

Thank you for your support!

~ Meredith

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FALL STATE TESTING

This week, HMS began our Fall State Testing. Sixth graders worked hard to complete the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science on Thursday and Friday. On Monday and Tuesday, all students will take their English Language Arts assessment in their English classes. Math testing will take place next week.

To help every child succeed, please remind your child to come to school with their Chromebook charged and remind them to get plenty of rest.



GIRLS STEM INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Attention all families of HMS Girls! The technology module for Girls STEM will be starting soon. This year we will be using the Girls Who Code program. I am very excited about this as they have great resources for girls both during and after the program. For more information on Girls Who Code, you can visit: <https://girlswhocode.com/>

There will be an informational meeting for interested students and parents via Zoom on Tuesday, October 5 at 6 pm.

Zoom Link: <https://hocksd.zoom.us/j/84064263951?pwd=T0ZZc3psT0lwMy9YSG1YYnFaWlI5QT09>

Please let Mrs. Lyons know if you have any questions by emailing her at Anna-Melissa.Lyons@hocksd.org.



SCHOOL SAFETY UPDATE

Thank you for your help in reinforcing for all students the HMS expectations for safely wearing masks at school. At all times when students are in the school building, students should be wearing their masks so that they completely cover the student's nose and mouth. Teachers provide mask-breaks throughout the day and students can remove their masks while outside at recess, as long as they are socially distanced.

If you have any questions about our safety plans, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Our HSD COVID Safety Manager, Caleb Millay, can be reached at 360-448-6440.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4 - 5: Grade 6-8 ELA Testing (in English class)

October 5: Girls STEM Informational Meeting - 6 p.m. - [Zoom](#)

October 8: No School - Statewide Teacher In-Service Day

October 11 -12: Grade 6-8 Math Testing (in Math class)

October 25 - 29: Parent-Teacher Conferences - 3 Hour Early Release

November 11: Veterans Day - No School

November 24 - 26: Thanksgiving Holiday - No School



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