

Parent Newsletter

September 4, 2020

Note from the Principals

HHES Families:

We were delighted to see the children back in school this week. Whether students are participating in remote learning or HVA, we are so happy to have the kids learning and working with our HHES staff. As with any first week, some things have been a success and we have found some problems that we need to address. We want you to know that our entire staff is committed to supporting families and students. If you are having an issue with accessing apps, using school technology, or would like to chat with us about your experience, please give us a call. We appreciate the many families who have reached out with kind words and positive thoughts. Thank you for all that you do to support learning at home and for extending patience and grace to our HHES staff.

We care deeply about the children of Hockinson Heights Elementary and look forward to a wonderful year of learning.

~ Josh and Meredith

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Spirit Week - September 8-11

Next week, we will have our first school spirit week. We encourage all students to participate in the spirit days by wearing their spirit wear in their class Zoom meetings and / or sharing a picture on our school Facebook page. Our school spirit days will be:

Tuesday, September 8: Dress up for School Day (wear a fun back to school outfit)

Wednesday, September 9: Hat Day

Thursday, September 10: Sports Day

Friday, September 11: HHES colors (blue and yellow) or Spirit Wear



September Character Trait: Responsibility

This month, our staff will be teaching students about the character trait of responsibility. Each teacher will look for students who:

- attend school regularly
- complete assignments without reminders
- actively participate in synchronous instruction

The teachers will honor one or two students from each class who go above and beyond demonstrating responsibility this month with a character award.

School Garden

Thanks to family volunteers, community members and HHES Staff our Legacy Garden is doing exceptionally well, even during these uncertain times. Each Tuesday and Thursday, over the summer, Hockinson Families have volunteered to water and weed our school garden. Staff volunteers have maintained the garden on the off days. As a bonus, everyone has had access to the tasty produce that is being produced by our garden. Delicious strawberries, blueberries and sugar snap peas have topped the list. Everyone has practiced safe social distancing and protocols when working with our school garden.

An added bonus of our garden is our gorgeous outdoor learning space. Picnic tables and a gazebo are already present and ready to use in this outdoor learning environment.

Many of our State Next Generation Science Standards (across the grade levels) can be explored and experienced with hands-on learning in our school garden, also. These Standards are too numerous to list but you can check them out by clicking on this OSPI Link: [Next Generation Science Standards Plants](#)

We are so excited and proud of our HHES Legacy Garden. If you are interested in donating time, supplies or expertise please contact the Elementary School. By the way, thanks to Hockinson Families and staff who have donated many garden supplies, seeds and plants. Most recently an entire soaker hose system was donated and installed. Go Garden Team! Happy Gardening! Nancy O'Neill-Bratt, Nathan Tracey and Megan Miles



Pumpkins



Sunflowers



Raised Beds

Upcoming Events

September 7: Labor Day - No School

September 8: First Day of Kindergarten

September 8 -11: Spirit Week

September 9: PWT Meeting - Zoom 7 p.m.

September 12: PWT Donut Fundraiser Pick Up

September 14 - 18: iReady testing - math and reading

September 15: PWT Payback book sales - 5 - 7 p.m.

September 17: Constitution Day

October 1: Disability Awareness Month Begins

October 2: Custodial Worker's Day

October 9: Teacher In-Service Day - No School



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