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*Preparing all students for lifelong success*

**Spring 2023 Newsletter**



### Hockinson hosts honor band

Hockinson High School hosted North County Honor Band, a prestigious opportunity for 150 middle and high school students across the county, this year. "It's like an all-star team for band," said Hockinson High School Band Director Corey McEnry.

**SAVE THE DATE** 

**HSD District Band Festival, June 1 at 6pm:** Watch our middle and high school bands in the HHS Auditorium.

### Middle school reduces waste

A new compost and recycling program at Hockinson Middle School, spearheaded by student leaders, will divert several thousands of pounds from the landfill each year. Levy funds for after-school clubs made this project possible.

**SAVE THE DATE** 

**HSD Earth Day Clean Up, April 22, 9am-1pm:** Join us at the Hockinson Community Center!

### HHS expands its College in the Classroom offerings

Three courses will be added to the menu of College in the High School (CiHS) classes at Hockinson High School. In the 2023-24 school year, HHS students will be able to choose from five CiHS courses to earn up to 35 university credits in high school.

### Elementary students get their hands dirty

This spring, Hockinson School District partnered with Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership to champion hands-on environmental science education opportunities for students at Hockinson Heights Elementary School. Students participated in classroom activities with Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership educators, then applied the learning to hands-on native shrub planting at Burnt Bridge Creek Greenway.

"These plants help to make a healthy habitat for fish and birds," said Charlotte (Charlie) O'Donnell Munson-Young, 4th grade student at Hockinson Heights Elementary School. This program exposes young students to scientific careers while making a difference in the community.



**ABOVE:** Charlotte O'Donnell Munson-Young plants native shrubs along Burnt Bridge Creek Greenway with her Hockinson Heights Elementary School classmates.

**MASTHEAD PHOTO:** Hockinson's Transitional Kindergarten program has an incredible impact on preparing students for kindergarten success.



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## Superintendent's Message

Dear Hockinson Community,  
Like many of you, I am ready to  
move on from the snowy days of  
winter and transition to spring.



Springtime is synonymous with  
growth. This is true in nature and it's true in our  
schools. Spring is when we begin to plan for next  
fall, but it is also a time to look back on all that  
we've accomplished. The contents of this news-  
letter represent just a sliver of the academic and  
athletic opportunities that ignite our students'  
learning, provide them with an outlet for their  
interests, and make them - and all of us - aware of  
what's possible now and in the future.

Spring is also a time to measure how much our  
students have grown academically. In the next  
few months we will be checking in with our early  
learners to see how well they are mastering foun-  
dational skills while older students take iReady,  
state, and Advanced Placement assessments.

In education, opportunities and support are to  
students what rain and sun are to plants. Hock-  
inson's students thrive with your volunteerism,  
involvement, and levy support. These investments  
enable us to fulfill our motto of preparing all stu-  
dents for lifelong success.

Thank you again for the role you play in help-  
ing our students learn, grow, and achieve great  
things.

With gratitude, Steve Marshall

## Student Achievements

**We're proud to have these students represent  
Hockinson at state and national competitions!**



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:**

**Hockinson High School boys swim athletes advance to state competitions.**

**Members of Future Business Leaders of America at Hockinson High School progress to the Washington State Business Leadership Conference in April.**

**Jonah Charles, Abby Hansen and Alex Gutridge (L-R) qualify for national drama competitions. Fourteen Hockinson High School students were honored at the State Thespian Festival this year.**

**HHS wrestlers Jake McKee, Teagan Trendera, and Liam McKee (L-R) at State Mat Classic this spring.**

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