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News and Events

February 2025



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Important Dates:

- **Feb. 5** - 2hr Early Release
- **Feb. 11, 13, 20** - Conferences
- **Feb. 17** - No School; President's Day
- **Mar. 5** - 2hr Early Release
- **Mar. 28** - No School; Grading Day
- **Mar. 31** - Apr. 4 - Spring Break
- **Apr. 9** - 2hr Early Release
- **May 7** - 2hr Early Release
- **May 26** - No School; Memorial Day
- **June 4** - Last day of School; **3 Hour Early Release at 12:50pm**

A Note from Mr. Fredrickson

I hope you and your family are well and staying healthy. It has been a wonderful start to 2025! Students have settled back into our school routines and great learning is happening. As we enter the month of February, I want you to be aware of some building-wide experiences your child will experience this month.

At our All School Meeting today, students will be introduced to the February theme of kindness and empathy. During the month, Mrs. Stier will teach lessons on this topic in each classroom. "Spreading the Warmth of Kindness" will be the highlight of Kindness Week, which is February 10-14. Teachers will be planning meaningful opportunities for students to learn about and demonstrate kindness. As a reminder, per our [PLSAS Elementary Handbook](#), classrooms will not be holding specific Valentine's parties. We also ask that families not send in valentines or treats. There will be many opportunities at school to acknowledge and celebrate kindness and friendship. Please watch for more detailed information from your child's classroom teacher.

We also look forward to meeting with families during conferences and celebrating reading with the *HRE March Book Madness* tournament next month!

Students are Busy Learning in Art at HRE



Art in elementary school benefits your child's experience in many ways including promoting creativity, decision making, confidence and self-expression to name a few. Learn more about the lessons in Art at HRE by following the link to [Mrs. Sullivan's Art Newsletter](#).

Also, be sure to check out the featured art projects in the HRE main office. You're sure to be impressed!

It's Performance Season - Check out Music at HRE!

Over the next few months, HRE students will be performing for family and friends. Please follow the link to the [HRE Music Newsletter](#) for dates and times. There are also fun pictures, videos and a recap of the lessons for each grade level!



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Semester 1 Report Cards

Student report cards were sent home in backpacks and posted to Infinite Campus at the end of the school day on **Friday, January 31**. If you need assistance logging into Infinite Campus, please contact the [IT Help Desk](#).

Along with report cards, students in grades 1-5 brought home their FastBridge Learning Assessment Family Report. FastBridge reading and math assessments are one tool used to help teachers improve instruction. The reports show what skills a student has mastered and which ones need to be learned.

Winter Conferences, Feb. 11, 13 & 20

We look forward to seeing families at conferences in February. You are your child's greatest support and advocate. If you haven't already signed up for a conference with your child's teacher, please follow the link to the [PTCFast conference scheduler](#).

Join the Legacy Book Club at HRE!

We're thrilled to invite families to contribute to our library by donating a book. This is a wonderful way to celebrate special occasions, honor loved ones, or simply share the joy of reading!

To participate, please visit our Amazon wish list or Red Balloon Bookshop wish list linked below. Your generous gift will enhance our library for years to come! Don't forget to select the GIFT OPTION at checkout so we can express our gratitude!

Thank you for supporting Hamilton Ridge!

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Scholastic Book Fair: February 11, 4:15-6:15pm February 13, 4:15-7:45pm

[Click here](#) to read more about what's happening in **Media**, such as the upcoming author visit!



Kindness Week is February 10-14

Kindness week is February 10-14! We devote a week to celebrate friendship and kindness. This year, students at Hamilton Ridge will *Spread the Warmth of Kindness*! We will have fun dress up days and opportunities to demonstrate friendship skills throughout the week. Please refer to your child's teacher's newsletter for more information to come.

Hamilton Ridge, along with all elementary schools, celebrate student learning, the seasons, STEM, and special school events. We are committed to ensuring that all students are celebrated, included, and have authentic and meaningful opportunities to share. While we do not hold one-hour parties for Halloween, the winter holidays or Valentine's Day, we provide a variety of celebrations and school events.

Supporting Families = Supporting Kids**25 Questions to Get the Conversation Started**

Some kids come home from school chatting away, ready to tell you everything that happened. Other kids are a closed book, and turning the pages is a delicate task. Here are some questions to help change up the after school conversation and get kids talking.

1. What made you smile today?
2. What was the best thing that happened at school today?
3. What was the worst thing that happened at school today?
4. What made you feel proud today?
5. Tell me something that made you laugh today.
6. What was the book about that your teacher read?
7. Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
8. If you could choose, who would you like to sit by in class? Who would you not want to sit by in class? Why?
9. Did you learn something you didn't understand?
10. What's the biggest difference between this year and last year?
11. Teach me something I don't know.
12. Who did you sit by at lunch today? What did you talk about?
13. Can you show me something you learned today?
14. Did anyone do anything silly to make you laugh?
15. What part of school is your favorite?
16. What was the most interesting/funny thing your teacher said today?
17. What class rules does your teacher say are important?
18. Did you help anyone today?
19. Tell me one interesting fact about your teacher.
20. What's your favorite time of day at school?
21. Rate your day on a scale from 1-10.
22. What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
23. Did you get frustrated with anything at school today?
24. What is your least favorite part of the school building? And favorite?
25. Tell me about a new word you heard today at school.

**Upcoming Meeting:**

The next PTC meeting is on Feb. 6 at 6:30 in the Media Center at HRE [Facebook Event](#)

Restaurant Nights:

- **Nautical Bowls** – Friday, February 7th from 2-7 pm – 20% net sales will be donated to our school. [Facebook Event](#)

**Donuts with Grownups****Schedule:**

- 4th Grade: February 7
- 5th Grade: March 7

Stay Up to Date:

If you want to be in the know with what is happening, you can follow the [PTC Facebook page](#), and check out the [meeting calendar](#), or the [events calendar](#).



As the Hamilton Ridge staff, we believe

... in providing a safe environment where everyone belongs
 ... in building and nurturing strong relationships
 ... that we are always learning
 ... that we are better together
 ... that all our students are all our students
 ... in having fun

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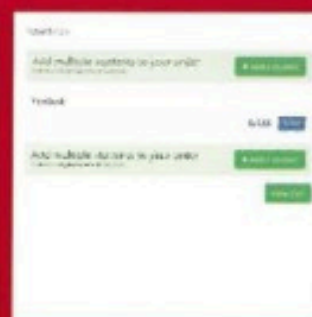
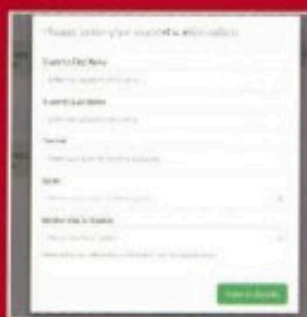
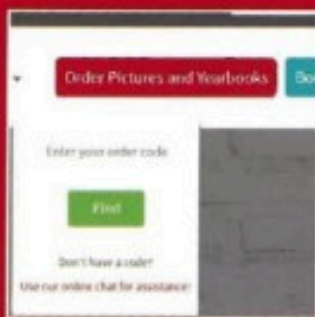
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