

THE HOWLER

“LEAD THE PACK, FIND YOUR PATH, & HOWL WITH PURPOSE”

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL JONES



HUSKIES,

THIS WEEK WAS A SHORTENED ONE, BUT IT WAS FULL OF ENERGY AND POSITIVE MOMENTUM! WITH MONDAY BEING A HOLIDAY AND TUESDAY SERVING AS AN ASYNCHRONOUS LEARNING DAY, STUDENTS RETURNED WEDNESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY READY TO WORK AND GROW. INSTRUCTION WAS FOCUSED AND PURPOSEFUL, EFFORT WAS HIGH, AND STUDENT BEHAVIOR WAS TRULY COMMENDABLE. THE SHORT WEEK REMINDED US THAT WHEN HUSKIES ARE IN THE BUILDING, WE MAXIMIZE EVERY MOMENT OF LEARNING TOGETHER.

ATHLETICS ALSO GAVE US REASON TO CHEER! OUR SOFTBALL TEAM EARNED A BIG WIN TO START THE WEEK, SETTING THE TONE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW. VOLLEYBALL CAME THROUGH WITH EXCITING VICTORIES OVER RUTLAND AND MILLER, SHOWCASING TEAMWORK AND PERSEVERANCE. LOOKING AHEAD, BOTH FOOTBALL AND SOFTBALL TAKE THE FIELD TOMORROW, AND WE KNOW THEY'LL CONTINUE TO REPRESENT HOWARD MIDDLE WITH PRIDE.

ONE OF THE MOST INSPIRING MOMENTS THIS WEEK CAME FROM A STUDENT WHO INITIALLY STRUGGLED WITH COMPLETING ASSIGNMENTS DURING ASYNCHRONOUS LEARNING. INSTEAD OF GIVING UP, THE STUDENT SOUGHT HELP FROM A TEACHER, CAME IN WITH A PLAN, AND TURNED THE CHALLENGE INTO SUCCESS. THAT DETERMINATION REFLECTS EXACTLY WHAT WE WANT ALL HUSKIES TO EMBRACE—FINDING A WAY FORWARD EVEN WHEN THE PATH FEELS TOUGH. PARENTS, THESE SMALL VICTORIES ARE POWERFUL REMINDERS THAT GROWTH IS NOT ABOUT BEING PERFECT, BUT ABOUT PUSHING FORWARD WITH EFFORT AND COURAGE.

HUSKIES TRULY LEAD THE PACK EACH DAY: WHETHER IN THE CLASSROOM, ON THE FIELD, OR IN THEIR PERSONAL GOALS. THANK YOU FOR ENCOURAGING YOUR CHILDREN TO SHOW UP READY TO LEARN, LEAD, AND CONTRIBUTE TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. TOGETHER, WE ARE BUILDING HABITS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND RESILIENCE THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME. WE ARE PROUD OF THE DIRECTION OUR STUDENTS ARE MOVING AND CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT THEY ACHIEVE NEXT!

PRINCIPAL JONES

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER 23- OPEN HOUSE 5:00PM-7:00PM
OCTOBER 6-10 - FALL BREAK

ATHLETICS

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK



**9/6
SOFTBALL @ ED DEFORE
11:30AM**



**9/8
VOLLEYBALL @ HMS
5PM**



**9/6
FOOTBALL @ THOMPSON
11:00AM**



“SPORT”LIGHT

We had our first sports Pep Rally today, and we are so excited to officially kick off the fall sports season!

PBIS & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

OPERATIONAL

BIG CONGRATULATIONS!

Howard Middle School was named an Operational Status PBIS school this week!

We could not have done this without our wonderful Huskies who come to school every ready to follow the PACK!

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PORTRAY A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

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ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY

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CHOOSE TO BE RESPECTFUL

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KEEP LEARNING FIRST



STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Mrs. Newton
8th Grade ELA

Q: WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT BEING A HUSKY?

A: I LOVE MY COWORKERS AND THE SUPPORT THAT THEY GIVE

Q: WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR FREE TIME?

A: SHOP AND TAKE CARE OF MY FRENCH BULLDOG

Q: IF YOU COULD ONLY EAT ONE FOOD FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE WHAT WOULD IT BE?

A: BARBECUE WINGS



Coach Cameron
PE Coach

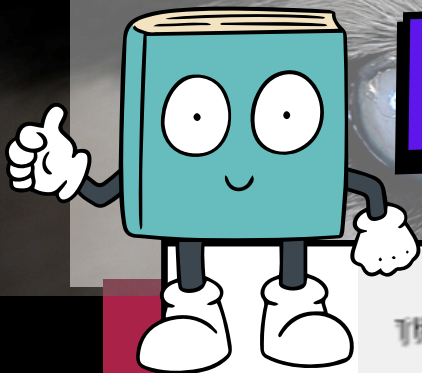
Q: WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT BEING A HUSKY?
SHOWING HUSKY PRIDE EVERY SINGLE DAY, ALONG SIDE ALL THE STAFF AND STUDENTS WHO SHOW THEIR HUSKY PRIDE AS WELL.

Q: WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR FREE TIME?
SPEND TIME WITH MY WIFE AND KIDS, AS WELL AS OUR DOGS. WE HAVE TWO DOGS, AND I LOVE TO GOLF.

Q: IF YOU COULD ONLY EAT ONE FOOD FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE WHAT WOULD IT BE?
PIZZA WITH RANCH WITH IT.



MEDIA CENTER MESSAGE



THE 2025-2026 hms

Bazillion word challenge

Rules

A "bazillion" is defined as a huge, unspecified number. Some kids may not read a million words, but that doesn't mean they shouldn't read. We will have prizes at each of the following milestones:

100,000 words, 250,000 words, 500,000 words,
750,000 words, 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 million words

You may count any kind of book as long as you read OR listen to it cover to cover. (As in the dictionary *only* counts if they actually read it cover to cover). Graphic novels, picture books, religious texts, and audiobooks, etc., are all fair game - EVEN IF IT DOESN'T HAVE AN AR TEST!

You must finish the book for it to count. No counting books that are abandoned halfway through! There are two reasons for this:

Reason #1: Word counts are only supplied for the book as a whole, not broken down by the chapter.

Reason #2 We don't promote or encourage students to book hop. We want to reward you for completing a book.

The Bazillion Word Challenge starts when the school year starts. Books read over summer break don't count unless it's a book you are still reading. This challenge will last for the whole school year. The challenge wraps up May 11, 2026

Stop by the media center for more info.

YES, the



Is open

September Challenge:

New Year-True Year Reading Challenge

Read two nonfiction (true) books that have at least 50 pages and pass the AR tests with an 80% or higher.

Prizes for this challenge & the words count for the bazillion word challenge

STORY TIME



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL LITERACY MONTH. SUPPORTING DR. SIMS' PUSH TOWARDS EXCELLENCE FOR EVERYONE AND GEAR UP'S COLLEGE FOCUS, CISCG WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE A SAT WORD CHALLENGE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

Each Monday during September beginning Monday, September 8th CISCg will provide a poster for placement in a location with heavy student visibility. The poster will have the SAT Word, its definition and an example of its use in a sentence. Students will submit their entry (ies) in a box located by the poster (or in the Empowerment Coaches office).

Rules: Students in all grades may submit entries throughout the week until the end of school Thursday. Each entry must have the student's name, signature, date of birth and grade along with a sentence using the SAT Challenge word correctly in an original sentence. Entries without all required information will be disqualified. On Friday morning, the Empowerment Coach will retrieve the entries and check them for appropriate SAT word usage.

Entries will then be separated by grade level and a drawing for each grade level will take place. Winning submissions will be announced on Monday mornings before the new week's SAT Challenge word is presented. **One winner from each grade will receive a \$10 gift card (food or store) each week during September.**