

THE HOWLER

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

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL JONES



HUSKIES,

AS WE CLOSE OUT THIS WEEK, I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE THE GREAT ENERGY WE ARE SEEING THROUGHOUT OUR SCHOOL. CLASSROOMS ARE ALIVE WITH LEARNING, AND TEACHERS ARE CONSISTENTLY CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO GROW BOTH ACADEMICALLY AND SOCIALLY. IT HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY REWARDING TO SEE HOW RITUALS AND ROUTINES THAT WERE PLANTED EARLY IN THE YEAR ARE NOW STARTING TO SHOW RESULTS. STUDENTS ARE TRANSITIONING MORE SMOOTHLY IN THE HALLWAYS, TAKING OWNERSHIP OF THEIR LEARNING, AND SHOWING PRIDE IN THEIR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. THESE EVERYDAY SUCCESSES ARE A POWERFUL REMINDER THAT WHEN WE SET STRONG FOUNDATIONS, GROWTH NATURALLY FOLLOWS.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM, OUR STUDENTS CONTINUE TO SHINE IN LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK. WE SAW THIS DURING OUR COLLABORATIVE LEARNING SESSIONS, WHERE STUDENTS ARE BEGINNING TO TAKE THE LEAD IN DISCUSSIONS AND PROBLEM-SOLVING. PARENTS SHOULD BE PROUD TO KNOW THAT YOUR CHILDREN ARE NOT ONLY LEARNING CONTENT BUT ALSO PRACTICING THE SKILLS THAT WILL PREPARE THEM TO THRIVE IN HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND. THESE MOMENTS OF GROWTH ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF OUR SCHOOL, AND THEY ARE A DIRECT RESULT OF OUR SHARED COMMITMENT TO CONSISTENCY, EFFORT, AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

THIS WEEK ALSO GAVE US REASONS TO CELEBRATE IN ATHLETICS. LAST SATURDAY, BOTH OUR FOOTBALL AND SOFTBALL TEAMS COMPETED WITH HEART, THOUGH THEY CAME UP SHORT ON THE SCOREBOARD. ON MONDAY, OUR VOLLEYBALL TEAM SHOWED TREMENDOUS DETERMINATION BY WINNING TWO HUGE MATCHES, AND WEDNESDAY BROUGHT AN EXCITING HIGHLIGHT AS OUR FOOTBALL TEAM DEFEATED BALLARD-HUDSON. LOOKING AHEAD, TOMORROW, FOOTBALL TAKES ON BYRON MIDDLE AT 8:00 A.M. AT THOMPSON STADIUM, AND OUR SOFTBALL TEAM FACES TWIGGS COUNTY AT 9:45 A.M. AT ED DEFORE. WE ALSO HAVE A BIG FOOTBALL GAME WEDNESDAY TRAVELLING TO TWIGGS COUNTY AND THE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP IS NEXT SATURDAY. WE HOPE YOU'LL COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR HUSKIES AS THEY CONTINUE TO GROW AND COMPETE.

WHEN WE TALK ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO “LEAD THE PACK,” WE ARE REALLY TALKING ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A HUSKY. IN A HUSKY PACK, EVERY MEMBER HAS A ROLE TO PLAY, WHETHER THEY ARE PULLING IN THE FRONT OR HELPING TO PUSH FROM BEHIND. LEADERSHIP IN OUR SCHOOL WORKS THE SAME WAY. SOMETIMES IT MEANS STEPPING UP TO LEAD, SOMETIMES IT MEANS SUPPORTING A TEAMMATE, AND SOMETIMES IT MEANS ENCOURAGING SOMEONE WHO NEEDS AN EXTRA BOOST. TOGETHER, OUR STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FAMILIES ARE LEARNING THAT LEADING THE PACK IS NOT ABOUT ONE PERSON, BUT ABOUT HOW STRONG WE BECOME WHEN WE MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER.

PRINCIPAL JONES

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

ATHLETICS

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK



**9/13
SOFTBALL @ ED DEFORE
9:45AM**



**9/15 VOLLEYBALL
5PM**



**9/13
FOOTBALL @ THOMPSON
8:00AM**



“SPORT”LIGHT

FOOTBALL DEFEATED BALLARD THIS WEEK!
WAY TO GO HUSKIES!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Mrs. Dolphus

Q: WHAT IS THE BEST BOOK YOU EVER READ?

A: THE HATE YOU GIVE

Q: WHAT MATTERS MOST IN YOUR LIFE?

A: MY CHILDREN

Q: WHAT ANIMAL, WHATEVER ANIMAL IT CAN BE, WOULD YOU HAVE AS A PET?

A: A PIG



Mr. Moore
Band director

1. Q: WHAT IS THE BEST BOOK YOU EVER READ?

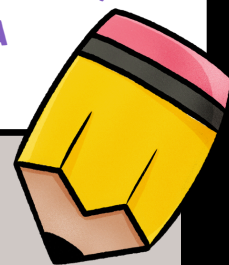
A: THE GREATEST BOOK I HAVE READ IS ANIMAL FARM BY GEORGE ORWELL.

2. Q: WHAT MATTERS MOST IN YOUR LIFE?

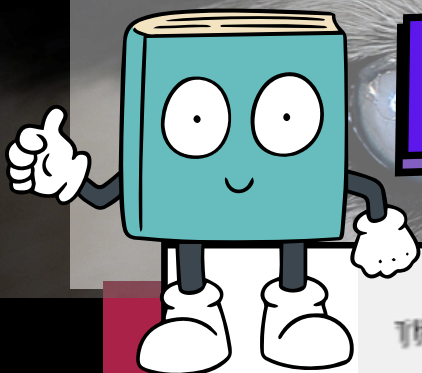
A: TO ME, BEING RESPECTFUL AND KIND TO OTHERS MATTERS MOST IN LIFE.

3. Q: WHAT ANIMAL, WHATEVER ANIMAL IT CAN BE, WOULD YOU HAVE AS A PET?

A: IF I COULD HAVE ANY ANIMAL AS A PET, IT WOULD BE A RED PANDA



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



This week we had our SAT Word Challenge and our students were able to use the word “abrupt” in a sentence and were able to turn it in for a chance to win a gift card!

Congrats to these Husky Winner!