

# THE HOWLER

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

## A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL JONES



Huskies,

As we settle back in after Fall Break, our focus turns squarely to academics and finishing the semester strong. The weeks between now and the holidays are some of the most important for student growth, assessment, and achievement. Teachers are diving deep into essential standards and preparing students for upcoming benchmarks, projects, and end-of-term assessments. Our staff continues to emphasize proactive classroom strategies that recognize and deescalate issues early, ensuring that students remain focused and supported in their learning.

The week before break we celebrated Attendance Awareness Week, but truly, every week is Attendance Awareness Week at HMS. Research shows that students who miss just two days a month, about 10% of the school year, are more likely to fall behind academically. In fact, students with attendance rates above 95% are twice as likely to earn passing grades in all subjects compared to those with frequent absences. When students feel connected to their teachers and peers, attendance naturally improves, and that sense of belonging is something we strive to build every day at HMS.

Continuous improvement isn't just for students. It is part of who we are as a school. Our teachers and staff reflect daily, learn from one another, and seek new ways to strengthen instruction and student support. By modeling growth, we show our students that learning never stops and that success is built through small, consistent steps. Together, we're working to ensure that every student has the tools, support, and mindset needed to reach their full potential.

Red Ribbon Week begins Thursday of next week and continues through the end of October. This national campaign focuses on making healthy choices and living drug-free lives, a message especially meaningful for middle school students as they navigate growing independence and peer influence. Throughout the week, students will participate in themed dress-up days, classroom discussions, and activities designed to reinforce positive decision-making. It's a great opportunity to talk at home about making choices that align with our Husky values: responsibility, respect, and resilience.

Outside the classroom, our student-athletes continue to make us proud. The softball team wrapped up their season with an outstanding third-place finish—their dedication and teamwork were on full display all season long. Our football team also closed the regular season with a big win, earning a spot in the playoffs. They'll take the field tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. at Thompson Stadium against Miller in the first round of the playoffs. Let's fill the stands and show our Husky pride!

Principal Jones

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**OCTOBER 23-31- RED RIBBON WEEK**

**OCTOBER 28- PICTURE DAY**

# ATHLETICS

## SCHEDULE THIS WEEK



**SEASON HAS ENDED**



**VOLLEYBALL  
DISTRICT CHAMPIONS**



**10/18  
FOOTBALL @THOMPSON  
9:00AM**



## “SPORT”LIGHT

Join us this week as playoffs begin for football!  
We are rooting for you Huskies!

# PBIS & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

**OCTOBER 31 IS OUR NEXT PBIS EVENT!**

**THIS WILL BE NOTED BY THE DIFFERENT GRADE  
LEVEL TEACHERS ON THEIR HALLWAYS!  
CRITERIA FOR THIS WILL BE SHARED IN NEXT  
WEEK'S EDITION!**



**P**

*PORTRAY A POSITIVE ATTITUDE*

**R**

*ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY*

**C**

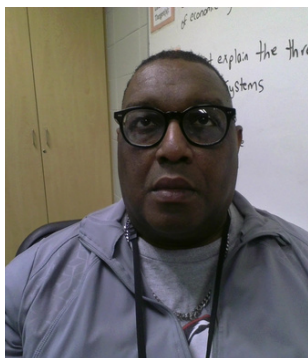
*CHOOSE TO BE RESPECTFUL*

**K**

*KEEP LEARNING FIRST*



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT



**Mr. Burns**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies**

**Q: WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO BE A TEACHER?**

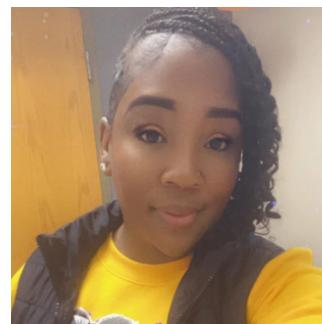
**A: IT'S A GREAT PROFESSIONAL AND I WORK WELL WITH KIDS.**

**Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DO ON THE WEEKEND?**

**A: I LIKE PLAYING GOLF AND PICKLE BALL.**

**Q: IF YOU COULD TRAVEL ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD WHERE WOULD YOU GO?**

**A: IRELAND**



**Mrs. Warren**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science**

**Q: WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO BE A TEACHER?**

**A: I CHOSE TO BECOME A TEACHER BECAUSE I LIKE GIVING BACK AND I LIKE TO SEE THE SMILES ON KIDS' FACES WHEN THEY LEARN SOMETHING NEW.**

**Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DO ON THE WEEKEND?**

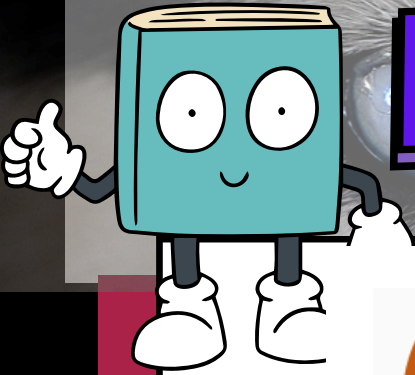
**A: I LOVE CRAFTING AND GOING TO CHURCH.**

**Q: IF YOU COULD TRAVEL ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD WHERE WOULD YOU GO?**

**A: AFRICA**



# MEDIA CENTER MESSAGE



## October Reading Challenge



Read two (2) novels: at least 1  
thriller/horror novel and one other  
of your choice.



Take the AR tests for both and  
score at least 80% on each.

Fill out the form for the October  
Reading Challenge in ClassLink.



**Win a trick or treat bag with goodies.**



# STORY TIME

**GET  
READY**



## **PICTURE DAY IS OCTOBER 28!**

- Order Forms were sent home this week! You can purchase with that form or use the online website listed on the form.
- Please do not send order forms back until Picture Day to ensure they get handed to the camera man.
- Students may wear any top they want, but their pants **MUST** be in school dress code.