

THE HOWLER

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

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL JONES

HHuskies,



Welcome back from the Thanksgiving Holiday Break! I hope each of you enjoyed time with family, rest, and a chance to pause before we enter this final stretch of the semester. As we settle back in, I want to remind everyone that we have two full instructional weeks, 10 school days, before our next break. While the excitement of the season is certainly in the air, these next ten days are incredibly important for teaching, learning, and finishing the semester on solid footing. Your support in helping students be at school, arrive focused, stay all day, be prepared, and ready to do their best each day is truly appreciated.

Next week, HMS will administer the Georgia Climate Survey to students on Monday. This annual survey gives us valuable insight into how our students feel about their school experience. As a school, we use that feedback to guide decisions throughout the year. Thank you in advance for encouraging your child to take the survey seriously and answer thoughtfully.

We also kicked off our winter sports season this Wednesday with our first basketball games of the year, and what an exciting start it was! Both our girls and boys teams earned strong wins over Ballard-Hudson and represented HMS with pride, sportsmanship, and energy. This Saturday, our teams travel to Twiggs County, and we'll host another home game next Wednesday. We hope to see our families filling the stands and cheering on our Huskies! In addition to athletics, next week brings one of our favorite celebrations of student talent, our Band and Orchestra Winter Concert on Tuesday evening. Our musicians have put in exceptional work this semester, and we look forward to a wonderful night of music.

I'll close with a moment from this week that captured what it means to Lead the PACK...Find Your Path. During afternoon dismissal, a student noticed a classmate sitting alone, looking frustrated after a tough day. Instead of walking past, the student stopped, checked in, and offered to walk with them to the bus. It was a simple act, but you could see the shift: shoulders eased, breathing slowed, and a difficult day became a little lighter. Leadership isn't always loud or public; sometimes it's choosing kindness in an unplanned moment. Those quiet decisions help our students discover who they are and the positive path they want to follow.

Thank you for your partnership and for helping us finish these next two weeks with purpose and positivity.

Have a wonderful weekend! H2...You Know!

Principal Jones

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 15-19- Husky Holiday Theme Days

December 19- PBIS Event

December 22-January 6- Winter Break

ATHLETICS

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK



**GIRLS
BASKETBALL VS. APPLING**
12/8/26
5:30PM
@APPLING



**BOYS
BASKETBALL VS. APPLING**
12/8/26
FOLLOWING GIRLS GAME
@APPLING



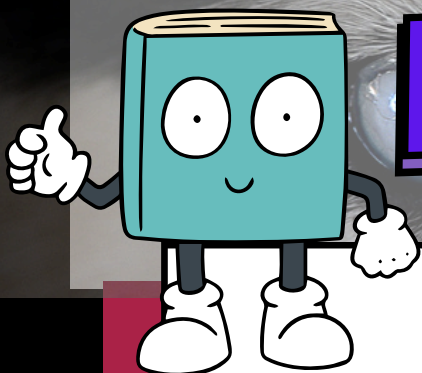
WRESTLING
12/9
5:00PM
@HOWARD MIDDLE



“SPORT”LIGHT

BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL HAD A GREAT OPENER
BOTH DEFEATING BALLARD THIS WEEK!

MEDIA CENTER MESSAGE



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER BOOK CHALLENGE

Students pick up a bingo card from the media center and complete a row of five reading challenges (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal).

NOV-DEC BOOK BINGO READING CHALLENGE

November 3 – December 17

B	I	N	G	O
Read 1 "thriller" book and pass the AR test (at least 60 pages)	Read 1 non-fiction book and pass the AR test (at least 60 pages)	Read 1 "historical" book and pass the AR test (at least 60 pages)	Read 1 poem and create an illustration based on it. Bring it with you when you turn in this paper.	Read the lyrics from a song written before 2000. Write the song title and your favorite line on the back of this paper.
Read 1 "mystery" book and pass the AR test (at least 60 pages)	Read any fiction book over 60 pages and pass the AR test.	Create your own AR-style test for a book you've read. Bring it with you when you turn in this paper.	Read 1 "science" book and pass the AR test (at least 60 pages)	Read the Declaration of Independence and have your SS teacher initial here _____
Write a 3-paragraph summary of a book you've read. Bring it with you when you turn in this paper.	Read 5 poems. Write the title and author's name on the back of this paper. Put them in order of your favorite.	This box is FREE IF you can say "I Love Books!" and convince Doc you mean it.	Read the short story "Runners" written by Doc. Type "runners" in ClassLink and look for the icon 	Read 1 printed non-fiction book and pass the AR test
Read "The Gettysburg Address" and have your SS teacher initial here _____	Create a timeline for a book you have read and bring it with you when you turn this paper in.	Read 1 nonfiction article and pass the AR test for it.	You get this box once you've read a 150 page (min) book and passed the AR test.	Read 1 graphic novel and pass the AR test on it.
Read 1 fiction story and pass the AR test (at least 60 pages)	Read 10 math word problems. Solve one on the back of this sheet. Have your math teacher initial here _____	Read 1 printed book (150 page min) and pass the AR test	Read 1 nonfiction article and pass the AR test for it.	Create a decorative bookmark that illustrates a book you've read. Bring it with you when you turn in this paper.

PICK UP YOUR READING CHALLENGE BINGO CARD IN THE MEDIA CENTER



STORY TIME

HOWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADER LEILANI LESTER WAS A REACH SCHOLAR WINNER THIS PAST WEEK! SHE WAS AWARDED A 10,000 DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP!

WE ARE SO PROUD OF HER!



LASTLY,
PICTURE DAY RE-TAKES ARE RESCHEDULED
FOR DECEMBER 10, 2025!

