

THE HOWLER

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

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL JONES



HUSKIES,

THIS WEEK AT HOWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL HAS BEEN A POWERFUL REMINDER THAT LEARNING IS NOT JUST ABOUT CONTENT, IT IS ABOUT GROWTH, REFLECTION, AND RESILIENCE. OUR STUDENTS CONTINUE TO SHOW UP EACH DAY READY TO ENGAGE, EVEN WHEN SCHEDULES SHIFT OR ROUTINES ARE INTERRUPTED. WE HAVE TALKED A GREAT DEAL WITH STAFF ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF RITUALS AND ROUTINES, ESPECIALLY DURING SHORTER OR UNUSUAL WEEKS. PARENTS, YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN REINFORCING CONSISTENT ROUTINES AT HOME SUCH AS BEDTIMES, HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS, AND DEVICE BOUNDARIES MAKES A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN HOW PREPARED STUDENTS FEEL WHEN THEY WALK THROUGH OUR DOORS EACH MORNING.

EARLIER THIS WEEK, WE ADMINISTERED THE NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS (NAEP), OFTEN CALLED “THE NATION’S REPORT CARD,” TO A SELECT GROUP OF OUR STUDENTS. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SELECTS SPECIFIC SCHOOLS, GRADE LEVELS, AND STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE, AND WE WERE PROUD OF HOW SERIOUSLY OUR STUDENTS APPROACHED THE OPPORTUNITY. ASSESSMENTS LIKE NAEP HELP PROVIDE A BROADER SNAPSHOT OF HOW STUDENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE PERFORMING AND ALLOW US TO REFLECT ON OUR INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES. WHILE THIS IS JUST ONE MEASURE, WE CONTINUE FOCUSING DAILY ON AUTHENTIC LEARNING EXPERIENCES THAT BUILD CRITICAL THINKING, PERSEVERANCE, AND THE ABILITY FOR STUDENTS TO CHECK THEIR OWN UNDERSTANDING.

AS WE MOVE DEEPER INTO THE SEMESTER, MUCH OF OUR PLANNING IS CENTERED ON FINISHING STRONG THIS YEAR WHILE PREPARING THOUGHTFULLY FOR THE NEXT. OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN CONVERSATIONS AROUND SCHOOL SAFETY, TECHNOLOGY PLANNING, DATA REFLECTION, AND STRENGTHENING COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS TO BETTER SERVE FAMILIES. EVERYTHING WE DO BEHIND THE SCENES IS DESIGNED TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE, AND ENGAGING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. WE ARE COMMITTED NOT ONLY TO ACADEMIC GROWTH BUT ALSO TO CREATING POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS WHERE EVERY STUDENT FEELS SEEN, VALUED, AND CHALLENGED.

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR CONNECTIONS CLASSES FOR THE 2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR WERE SENT HOME ON FEBRUARY 23 TO ALL CURRENT 6TH AND 7TH GRADERS. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET RETURNED THE SIGNED FORM, PLEASE SEND IT IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN BEGIN BUILDING NEXT YEAR’S SCHEDULE. THESE SELECTIONS HELP US ENSURE STUDENTS ARE PLACED IN COURSES THAT ALIGN WITH THEIR INTERESTS AND TALENTS. TAKING TIME TO TALK WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT THEIR INTERESTS AND LONG-TERM GOALS CAN HELP THEM MAKE THOUGHTFUL CHOICES THAT SUPPORT THEIR GROWTH.

WE ARE ALSO EXCITED TO SHARE THAT CHANNEL 41 WMGT HAS NOMINATED HOWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THE VIEWERS’ CHOICE AWARDS 2026 IN THE COMMUNITY CATEGORY OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS. THIS NOMINATION REFLECTS THE HARD WORK OF OUR STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FAMILIES, AND IT SPEAKS TO THE PRIDE OUR COMMUNITY HAS IN OUR SCHOOL. WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO SHOW YOUR HUSKY PRIDE BY VOTING DAILY AT [HTTPS://WWW.41NBC.COM/VOTENOW/](https://www.41nbc.com/votenow/) AND ENCOURAGING FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO DO THE SAME. YOUR SUPPORT HELPS HIGHLIGHT THE INCREDIBLE THINGS HAPPENING AT HOWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL.

I WANT TO CLOSE WITH A MOMENT I WITNESSED THIS WEEK. A STUDENT STAYED AFTER CLASS TO ASK A TEACHER FOR CLARIFICATION, NOT BECAUSE HE WAS FAILING, BUT BECAUSE HE WANTED TO TRULY UNDERSTAND. THAT SMALL ACT REPRESENTS SOMETHING POWERFUL: OWNERSHIP. WHEN STUDENTS BEGIN TO ADVOCATE FOR THEMSELVES, REFLECT ON THEIR LEARNING, AND TAKE INITIATIVE, THEY ARE NOT JUST COMPLETING ASSIGNMENTS. THEY ARE DISCOVERING WHO THEY ARE BECOMING. THAT IS WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW THE PACK...FINDING YOUR PATH. EACH STEP, EACH QUESTION, AND EACH EFFORT TO GROW MOVES OUR STUDENTS CLOSER TO THE PATH UNIQUELY DESIGNED FOR THEM.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT. WE HAVE OPEN HOUSE TUESDAY 5:30 – 7:00.

H2...YOU KNOW!

PRINCIPAL JONES

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOWARD MIDDLE HUSKIES

**OPEN
HOUSE!**

MARCH 3
5PM - 7PM

*Families Welcome to Speak
with Teachers About Their
Student's Progress!*

H2...YOU KNOW!



ATHLETICS

SCHEDULE

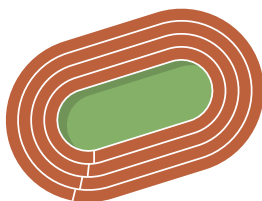


GIRLS SOCCER
3/7/26
@ED DeFORE
11:15AM



BOYS SOCCER
3/7 /26
@ED DeFORE
12:15PM

BASEBALL
3/5/26
@HOWARD HIGH
5:00PM



TRACK
3/4/26
@THOMPSON
5:00PM

HOWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL

HUSKY

CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS!

APRIL 6-10, 2026
4:30 - 6:30 PM @ HMS

Physicals
REQUIRED
in DRAGONFLY
to participate!

MANDATORY PARENT MEETING!
MARCH 26TH @ 5PM



“SPORT”LIGHT

Cheer had a GREAT season this year! Be on the lookout for tryout information coming soon!

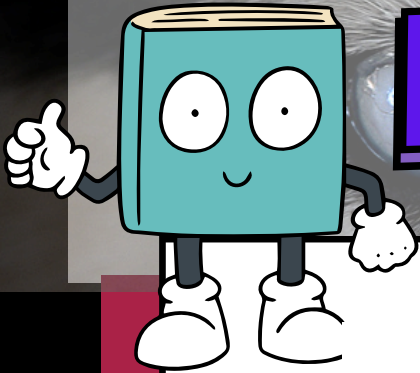
PBIS & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT



Here is criteria
for our
upcoming
PBIS Event
in March!!

Please
encourage
students to
follow the
PACK so they
are eligible to
attend!

MEDIA CENTER MESSAGE



BOOK CHALLENGE



Who is that
mysterious book?
**READING
CHALLENGE**



February 23 – March 23

In this challenge, you must read **TWO** books and pass the AR test with an 80.

What two books, you may ask?

One book from the mystery genre, AND

One book from our set of secret cards.

[How this works:

You choose a card. The card does not tell you what the book is. We go get the book for you and then you read it and take the AR

test on it.]

Fill out the form in
ClassLink



READY - SET - READ



STORY TIME

**HOWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL SKILLSUSA
BROUGHT HOME THEIR 5TH STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP THIS YEAR!!**

**THEY WERE ALSO AWARDED THE HIGHEST
CHAPTER OF DISTINCTION AWARD AND
RECIEVED GOLD STATUS!**



**ALSO BUY A
YEARBOOK
TODAY!!!**

