

THE HOWLER

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

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL JONES



HUSKIES,

AS WE WRAP UP ANOTHER BUSY WEEK AT HOWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL, IT HAPPENS TO BE FRIDAY THE 13TH, A DATE THAT OFTEN CARRIES A REPUTATION FOR BAD LUCK. FORTUNATELY, HERE AT HMS WE PREFER TO FOCUS ON THE POSITIVES AND THE MANY GOOD THINGS HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. EVEN WHEN THE WEEK BEGINS WITH CHALLENGES, SUCH AS SEVERE WEATHER OR UNEXPECTED SCHEDULE CHANGES, OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF CONTINUE TO SHOW RESILIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY, AND COMMITMENT TO LEARNING. MOMENTS LIKE THESE REMIND US THAT SUCCESS IS NOT ABOUT AVOIDING CHALLENGES, BUT ABOUT HOW WE RESPOND TO THEM TOGETHER AS A SCHOOL COMMUNITY. WITH THAT SPIRIT IN MIND, I'D LIKE TO SHARE A FEW HIGHLIGHTS AND IMPORTANT UPDATES FROM THIS WEEK AT HOWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT.

I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO HIGHLIGHT HOW PROUD I AM OF THE RESILIENCE AND COMMITMENT SHOWN BY OUR HOWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF. THURSDAY WE HAD SEVERE WEATHER AND TORNADO WARNINGS THAT REQUIRED US TO DELAY THE START OF SCHOOL. EVEN WITH THOSE UNEXPECTED CHALLENGES, OUR STAFF WORKED QUICKLY TO ENSURE A SAFE AND SMOOTH START TO THE DAY ONCE STUDENTS ARRIVED. MOMENTS LIKE THESE REMIND US THAT SCHOOLS ARE NOT ONLY PLACES OF LEARNING BUT ALSO COMMUNITIES THAT MUST RESPOND CALMLY AND RESPONSIBLY WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE. WE APPRECIATE THE FLEXIBILITY AND SUPPORT FROM OUR FAMILIES AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP STUDENTS SAFE AND LEARNING CONTINUES.

ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT THIS WEEK WAS THE DISTRICT PBIS (POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS) WALKTHROUGH. OUR PBIS PROGRAM CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF THE STRENGTHS OF HOWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL BECAUSE IT FOCUSES ON TEACHING AND RECOGNIZING POSITIVE BEHAVIORS WHILE CREATING A SUPPORTIVE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS. THE VISITING TEAM WAS ABLE TO SEE FIRSTHAND HOW OUR STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, AND READINESS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL DAY. PROGRAMS LIKE PBIS HELP US BUILD A CULTURE WHERE EXPECTATIONS ARE CLEAR AND STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE POSITIVE CHOICES. FAMILIES PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THIS WORK AS WELL BY REINFORCING THESE VALUES AT HOME AND CELEBRATING THE GROWTH OUR STUDENTS SHOW EVERY DAY.

WE ALSO HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WELCOMING SEVERAL VISITORS TO OUR CAMPUS THIS WEEK, INCLUDING COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND DISTRICT LEADERSHIP WHO SPENT TIME OBSERVING CLASSROOMS AND LEARNING ABOUT THE WORK HAPPENING AT HMS. OPPORTUNITIES LIKE THESE ALLOW OTHERS TO SEE THE DEDICATION OF OUR TEACHERS AND THE ENGAGEMENT OF OUR STUDENTS IN ACTION. OUR GUESTS LEFT WITH A STRONG IMPRESSION OF THE POSITIVE CULTURE AND HARD WORK TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING. IT IS ALWAYS ENCOURAGING WHEN OUTSIDE PARTNERS CAN SEE THE COMMITMENT OUR STAFF AND STUDENTS BRING TO SCHOOL EACH DAY. EXPERIENCES LIKE THESE ALSO STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS THAT BENEFIT OUR STUDENTS IN MEANINGFUL WAYS.

FINALLY, I WANT TO ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO CONTINUE CELEBRATING THE "SMALL WINS" WITH YOUR STUDENTS. ACADEMIC GROWTH, IMPROVED EFFORT, POSITIVE BEHAVIOR, AND PERSEVERANCE THROUGH CHALLENGES ALL DESERVE RECOGNITION. MIDDLE SCHOOL IS A TIME WHEN STUDENTS ARE DEVELOPING CONFIDENCE, INDEPENDENCE, AND RESPONSIBILITY, AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM BOTH SCHOOL AND HOME MAKES A TREMENDOUS DIFFERENCE. WHEN WE RECOGNIZE PROGRESS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, WE HELP STUDENTS STAY MOTIVATED AND FOCUSED ON THEIR GOALS. THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US AS WE CONTINUE LEADING THE PACK...FINDING THE PATH FOR EVERY STUDENT AT HOWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL.

H2...YOU KNOW!

PRINCIPAL JONES

ATHLETICS

SCHEDULE

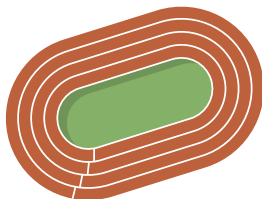


GIRLS SOCCER
3/21/26
@ED DEFORE
9:00AM

BOYS SOCCER
3/21/26
@ED DEFORE
10:00AM



BASEBALL
3/14/26
@CENTRAL
10:00AM



TRACK
3/18/26
@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

TRACK HAD THEIR FIRST MEET THIS PAST WEEK AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT SEASON!

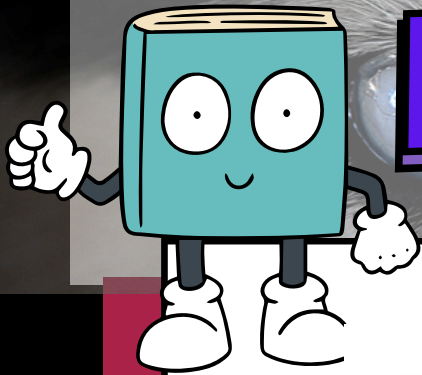
PBIS & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT



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

THIS WEEK WE HAD SOME COMMUNITY PARTNERS FROM BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS HEART OF GEORGIA IN WITH US FOR OUR PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY!

WE ARE SO EXCITED FOR THEIR FEEDBACK AND ENTHUSIASM WHILE VISITING OUR SCHOOL, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH THEM ON SOME AWESOME UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS!

