

THE HOWLER

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

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL JONES



HHUSKIES,

AS WE MOVE CLOSER TO THE END OF ANOTHER MONTH, AND SPRING HAS SPRUNG, OUR FOCUS AS A SCHOOL COMMUNITY IS SHARPENING AROUND PREPARATION FOR THE GEORGIA MILESTONES ASSESSMENT. OVER THE PAST WEEK, OUR STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN A SECURE PRACTICE TEST, ALLOWING US TO IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE WE CAN REFINE PROCEDURES AND ENSURE A SMOOTH AND SUCCESSFUL TESTING EXPERIENCE. TEACHERS ARE CONTINUING TO EMBED MILESTONES-STYLE QUESTIONS AND STRATEGIES INTO DAILY INSTRUCTION SO THAT STUDENTS ARE CONSISTENTLY PRACTICING THE SKILLS THEY WILL NEED. THIS STEADY, INTENTIONAL PREPARATION HELPS BUILD BOTH CONFIDENCE AND FAMILIARITY, REDUCING ANXIETY AS WE APPROACH TESTING AFTER SPRING BREAK.

PARENTS, YOUR PARTNERSHIP IS CRITICAL DURING THIS TIME. ENCOURAGING CONSISTENT ATTENDANCE, ENSURING STUDENTS GET ADEQUATE REST, AND SUPPORTING NIGHTLY REVIEW OF CLASSROOM CONTENT CAN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN STUDENT PERFORMANCE. SIMPLE ACTIONS LIKE ASKING YOUR CHILD WHAT THEY LEARNED EACH DAY OR HAVING THEM EXPLAIN A CONCEPT BACK TO YOU CAN REINFORCE UNDERSTANDING IN POWERFUL WAYS. WITH SPRING BREAK BEGINNING AT DISMISSAL ONE WEEK FROM TODAY, WE ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO MAINTAIN LIGHT ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT DURING THE BREAK SO STUDENTS RETURN REFRESHED AND READY FOR SUCCESS ON THE GEORGIA MILESTONES.

WE ARE ALSO PROUD TO KICK OFF MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK STARTING MONDAY. OUR DISTRICT AND SCHOOL HAVE SHARED DAILY THEMES AND SPIRIT DAYS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE POSITIVITY, CONNECTION, AND OVERALL WELL-BEING. WE ENCOURAGE ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF TO PARTICIPATE AS WE HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER. LET'S COME TOGETHER TO SHOW OUR HUSKY PRIDE BY ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING AND DEMONSTRATING THAT WE VALUE AND SUPPORT A HEALTHY MIND AS MUCH AS ACADEMIC SUCCESS.

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM, OUR STUDENTS CONTINUE TO SHINE IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. THIS WEEK, WE LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING OUR BASEBALL AND SOCCER TEAMS TOMORROW. OUR TRACK TEAM AT MONDAY'S MEET. AND WE WILL BE CHEERING ON OUR JLC CADETS AS THEY DEFEND THEIR TITLE AT THEIR DRILL COMPETITION SATURDAY MORNING. THESE EVENTS SHOWCASE THE DISCIPLINE, TEAMWORK, AND DEDICATION THAT MAKE OUR STUDENTS EXCEPTIONAL. WE ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF THE WAY OUR HUSKIES REPRESENT OUR SCHOOL BOTH ACADEMICALLY AND BEYOND.

AS WE CLOSE THE WEEK, I AM REMINDED THAT SUCCESS IS NOT JUST ABOUT REACHING A DESTINATION BUT ABOUT THE JOURNEY EACH STUDENT TAKES TO GET THERE. WHETHER IN THE CLASSROOM, ON THE FIELD, OR THROUGH PERSONAL GROWTH, EVERY STEP MATTERS. WHEN OUR STUDENTS COMMIT TO PREPARATION, SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER, AND TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR EFFORTS, THEY TRULY BEGIN TO DISCOVER WHO THEY ARE AND WHO THEY CAN BECOME. THAT IS WHAT IT MEANS TO LEAD THE PACK...FIND YOUR PATH.

H2...YOU KNOW!

PRINCIPAL JONES

UPCOMING EVENTS

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

March 23 - 27, 2026

More Good Days, Together

MONDAY - MARCH 23: MINDFUL MONDAY - BE INTENTIONAL

Start the week by setting a positive, mindful tone for mental health. Wear green to highlight mental health awareness & advocacy and why this week is important.

TUESDAY - MARCH 24: TOGETHER TUESDAY - CONNECTION BUILDS RESILIENCE

Try new coping strategies and discover what works best for you - together. Share ideas, learn from one another, and support a friend as you explore healthy ways to handle stress. Wear your favorite tie-dye or another vibrant color or pattern to symbolize growth, connection, and the strength we build when we try new things side by side.

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 25: WELLNESS WEDNESDAY - MAKE THE CONNECTION WITH PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH

Physical and mental health are deeply connected. When we stay active, connect with others, and support our teams, it boosts our overall well-being. Rep your team by wearing your favorite school, district, or sports gear or colors!

THURSDAY - MARCH 26: THOUGHTFUL THURSDAY - BE KIND TO YOURSELF & OTHERS

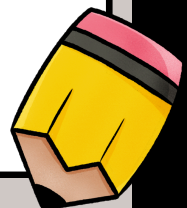
Participate in Compassion, Thoughtful Acts & Random Acts of Kindness - starting with yourself. Wear a school-appropriate outfit that makes you feel positive and confident in who you are.

FRIDAY - MARCH 27: FEEL GOOD FRIDAY - RELAX & RECHARGE

Taking time to recharge helps us have more good days. Dress comfortably in school-appropriate cozy clothing to celebrate the importance of rest and self-care.

Please join us
next week as
we start off
Mental Health
Awareness
week in our
District!

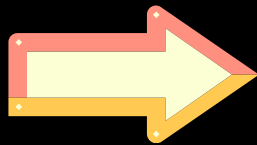
There are
dress up days
and activities
and we look
forward to this
week with you!



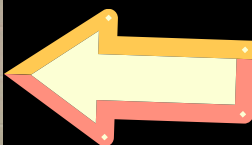
LET'S CELEBRATE!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TEACHER
OF THE MONTH AND STAFF MEMBER
OF THE MONTH!

OUR TEACHER OF
THE MONTH IS SGT
MERRITT. HE IS OUR
JLC INSTRUCTOR!



OUR STAFF MEMBER
OF THE MONTH IS
OUR INSTRUCTIONAL
COACH, KIM
HERNANDEZ!



ATHLETICS

SCHEDULE

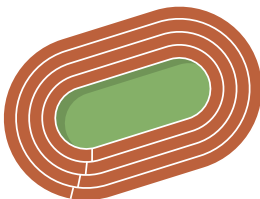


GIRLS SOCCER
3/21/26
@ED DEFORE
9:00AM



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

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



TRACK
3/23/26
@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

A cartoon husky mascot wearing a red and white cheerleader outfit with a large 'H' on the chest, holding red and white pom-poms. A red megaphone with 'HMS' on it and a black sneaker with a white star are also shown. The background is red with white confetti.

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!

STORY TIME

BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. ROLLY GARCIA, OUR 6TH GRADE SCIENCE TEACHER ON WINNING THE CHERRY BLOSSOM DOOR DECORATING CONTEST!

HE HAS A SPECIAL VISIT FROM PETALS THE POODLE AND HIS CLASS WAS AWARDED AN ICE CREAM PARTY TO CELEBRATE!

