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To: All Holly Ridge Middle Parents
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1. New Teachers After 10th Day

Tuesday, September 8 will be our 10th day of school. In North Carolina, a school's funding of staff and resources is based on the number of students enrolled on the 10th day of school. Our enrollment will be about 1,225 which will give us the opportunity to hire an elective teacher starting 2nd quarter and bring down those class sizes. We are also hiring a science teacher for 7th and 8th grade. We are already interviewing and counselors will work with students as we adjust schedules for some over the next two weeks. No student will be switched from their present team. However, some students will be asked to take science with a teacher who serves multiple teams within the same class. Please see your counselor if you have questions.

2. PTA Membership & Newsletter

All parents are encouraged to join the PTA. Annual enrollment is \$5. Forms can be located on the website or in the front office.

<http://hollyridgems.wcpss.net/pta/membership0910.pdf>

And, just in case the most recent PTA newsletter never made it out of the bookbag, you can view it at the link below.

<http://hollyridgems.wcpss.net/pta/newsletter-aug2009.pdf>

3. School Picture Day

School pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 9. Students will be given order forms through their homeroom (first period) teacher. Students will have their picture taken during their Health/PE class. The photographers to require the order form and payment when the photo is taken. No student is obligated to purchase pictures, but we do encourage all to take a photograph so that we can include their picture in the yearbook. Contact the front office with questions (577-1335).

Parent volunteers are needed on Wednesday!! Please contact the front office if you are a Level III or IV volunteer and can help!! We need three additional parents for morning shift (7:20 until 10:30) and one more for the afternoon shift (10:15 until 1:30).

4. Meet the Teacher Night - September 22

On Tuesday, September 22 from 6-8pm, HRMS will host its annual Meet the Teacher Night. This is a "walk the schedule" event where parents are able to move through their child's classes. For those interested, there will also be a presentation on the AG program at 5:15 in the auditorium and a general PTA meeting in the gym at 5:45pm.

5. Wake Wednesdays

We have now participated in two "Wake Wednesdays" at Holly Ridge this year. We greatly appreciate the work of parents to have students picked up in a timely manner. This past week, teachers continued their discussion of how you define mastery and what you do when students do or do not master essential skills. Now two

weeks into the school year, teachers are beginning to collect grades and get to know their new students. If you have any questions as to whether your student is mastering the essential skills listed on the curriculum map for their grade level (link below), please contact teachers.

<http://hollyridgems.wcpss.net/academics.htm>

6. Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Sept. 9 - School Picture Day

Wednesday, Sept. 9 - Wake Wednesdays - 1 hour early release

Monday, Sept. 14 - Fundraiser Kick-off Event

Thursday, Sept. 17 - Parent Conferences (contact Guidance Office to schedule, 577-1339)

Mon., Sept. 21 - Fri., Sept. 25 - Interim Reports Distributed

Tuesday, Sept. 22 - Meet the Teacher Night, 6-8pm

Wednesday, Sept. 23 - Early Release (2.5 hours early)

Mon., Sept. 28 - Teacher Workday

7. Useful Links

HRMS Daily Instructional Postings: <http://hollyridgems.wcpss.net/faculty.htm>

HRMS Daily Announcements: <http://hollyridgems.wcpss.net/announcements.htm>

HRMS Calendar: http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=swebb@wcpss.net&ctz=America/New_York

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