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1. PTA Fundraiser Kick Off

The HRMS PTA will kick off the fall fundraiser on Monday. Students will attend a brief assembly where materials will be given and explained to them. Money raised will help the PTA to continue to provide services and resources to the teachers and students of Holly Ridge Middle! We will post information from the Fundraiser packet on the HRMS website on the PTA page later in the week. While we very much want them to be energetic about fundraising, we want even more for students to be safe. Please help us to reinforce that door-to-door sales are absolutely prohibited.

2. Meet the Teacher Night - Tuesday, Sept. 22

On Tuesday, September 22 from 6-8pm, parents will be able to walk through their student's schedule and hear from teachers. There will be two other meetings for those interested prior to Meet the Teacher Night. At 5:45pm, there will be a general meeting of the PTA. At 5:15pm, Ms. Putnam (AG Coordinator) will hold a session in the auditorium to provide an overview of and answer questions about the AG program.

3. SPAN & Interims: Keeping Up With Student Progress

All students should have access to SPAN, an online system for monitoring student grades, absences, etc. If any student does not, they should let their homeroom teacher know. Parents can also request a username and password. If you are using SPAN to monitor grades, I remind you that we have found in recent years that when SPAN recalculates the average, it is not always exact. Please use SPAN as a way of keeping up with specific assignments and grades. All teachers will send home interim progress reports next week (Sept 21-25). Please remember that you can always schedule a parent conference through the Guidance Office (577-1339) on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

4. Afternoon Carpool

During afternoon carpool, we set up traffic cones to block the staff parking lot in the front of the building. We do this for student safety as we have experienced a number of close calls in the past with students nearly being hit when parents pick up students in the parking lot to avoid the front circle. We will not set up these cones on Thursdays when parent conferences are scheduled. Please contact me if you have questions or concerns.

5. Early Release - Wednesday, Sept. 23

Just a reminder that we will have a 2.5 hour early release on Wednesday, September 23. Our release time will be 11:55. Please plan accordingly.

6. Upcoming Events

Monday, Sept. 14 - PTA Fundraiser Assemblies
Wednesday, Sept. 16 - Wake Wednesday / 1 hour early release

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

Tuesday, Sept. 22 - Meet the Teacher Night, 6-8pm / PTA Meeting at 5:45pm (Note: The start time is 6pm, not

6:30pm as reported before).

Wednesday, Sept. 23 - Early Release Day

Monday, Sept. 28 - Teacher Workday

Note: One other correction is that our Fall Dance on Friday, Oct. 16 is from 6-8pm.

7. Useful Links

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

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

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

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