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

Meet the Teacher Night will be this Tuesday beginning at 6:00pm. Parents will have the opportunity to walk through their child's schedule. We will make schedules available through first period teachers, but you will need to know your child's first period teacher and their location. Parking will be an issue, so please carpool where possible. PTA will have a general meeting from 5:45 - 6:00pm in the auditorium. Also, an presentation by our AG Coordinator on the Academically Gifted program will be at 5:15pm in the Auditorium for those interested.

2. Fall Athletics Begin This Week

Fall athletic events begin this week. We encourage you to come out and support Hornet Athletics! We do ask that you are mindful of only parking on one side of the service road leading to the back of the campus. When we do this to ensure EMS and other emergency personnel can get to the athletic fields if necessary. Thanks for your help with this.

3. PTA Fall Fundraiser

Students are well into the process of supporting the fall fundraiser for PTA. If you're curious what the money raised is used for, it includes: guitars and other materials to make it possible for HRMS to offer Guitar as a class this year; Academic Incentive Awards and honor roll recognition events; new technology for classrooms and media center; Character Education Students of the Month breakfasts each month; and the list goes on. Please help support these continued efforts to enhance the learning experience at HRMS!

4. Interim Reports Distributed

Just FYI. All teachers will distribute interim reports this week between Monday and Friday. You should get one in each class.

5. SPAN: Parent vs. Student Accounts

We get a number of calls regarding SPAN accounts and passwords. Often the biggest reason for this is that students and parents are using the same username. The best way to avoid this is to be sure that parents request and use their own parent username. (Hint: If you username is only a number and doesn't start with "PARENT_...", then you're using a student account.) What's the difference between a student and parent account? Parents can see more information. To request a parent account, use the forms at the link below.

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

6. Early, Early Release Day - Wednesday, Sept. 23

HRMS will dismiss 2.5 hours early at 11:55 on this Wednesday, Sept. 23. Please plan accordingly. There will be no student activities or practices after school on Wednesday.

7. Wake Wednesdays: An Update

At the beginning of last week, students participated in a project called "Universal Screening." This is a quick (only a few minutes) screening of reading skill taken during their Health class. During our Wake Wednesday time last week, core teams worked together to score the assessment and begin discussing where students may need additional support. Because we are careful not to draw conclusions from one, quick assessment, we are not reporting these results to parents. However, if you have any question about how your student is progressing with reading skills in these first 18 days, please feel free to contact their language arts teacher. They will be more than happy to talk with you.

8. Yearbook Sales

A message from our yearbook advisor, Ms. Cave (jcave@wcpss.net): Buy the 2009-2010 HRMS yearbook for \$37 + tax. Click below to order online or phone your order in at 1-866 282-1516. Order forms will also be mailed home in October, November and December. You may elect to split the cost into two payments, however, Jostens adds \$1.50 to the total for this option. Paying only \$37.00 and leaving out sales tax will incur the additional \$1.50 fee for splitting a payment. NO PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED AT SCHOOL.

<https://shop.jostens.com/yearbook/default.asp?VURL=https://secure3.holdenmss.com/jostens2010/menu.asp?schoolno=97601009&VC=TPL&JUNS=A01093807&CID=270266&A=Y>

9. Upcoming Events

Mon, Sept. 21 - Fri., Sept. 25: Interim Reports Distributed
 Tuesday, Sept. 22: Football vs. Leesville Road MS (at home), 3:45pm
 Tuesday, Sept. 22: PTA Meeting, 5:45 - 6:00pm
 Tuesday, Sept. 22: Meet the Teacher Night, 6:00 - 8:00pm
 Wednesday, Sept. 23: Early Release at 11:55pm
 Thursday, Sept. 24: Volleyball & Girls Soccer @ Leesville Road MS (away), 3:45pm

Monday, Sept. 28: Teacher Workday - No School
 Thursday, Oct. 1: Parent Conferences (call Guidance Office to schedule)
 Tuesday, Oct. 13: Picture Retake Day
 Friday, Oct. 16: Fall Dance, 6-8pm

10. Useful Links

HRMS Curriculum Maps: <http://hollyridgems.wcpss.net/academics.htm>
 Daily Announcements: <http://hollyridgems.wcpss.net/announcements.htm>
 Daily Instructional Agendas: <http://hollyridgems.wcpss.net/faculty.htm>
 HRMS Calendar: http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=swebb@wcpss.net&ctz=America/New_York

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!

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