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To: Holly Ridge Middle Parents  
From: Brian Pittman, Principal

## **Hornet eNews Update, 9/27/2009**

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### **1. New Staff Members Hired**

This past week we welcomed Ms. Delores Little, a CTE Teacher, to Holly Ridge teaching Keyboarding. Ms. Little comes to us with many years of experience at FVMS. This coming week, we will also welcome a new science teacher, Mr. Drew Daniel. He's been described to me as highly exciting in the classroom and a technology whiz! He'll be teaching cross-teamed sections of 7th grade science and 8th grade science along with the Science Olympiad and Engineering electives. We welcome them both to the Hornet Family!

8th graders who will have adjusted schedules will be given that information on Tuesday. 7th graders will receive that information at the beginning of next week (as we're still waiting for the new 7th grade social studies teacher to be approved by Human Resources). Please email our lead counselor Sarah Carter ([scarter@wcpss.net](mailto:scarter@wcpss.net)) if you have questions.

### **2. Fall Dance - Friday, October 16**

Our first school dance of the year will be on Friday, October 16. The dance will begin at 6:00pm and end at 8:00pm. Permission slips will be available from homeroom teachers the week of the dance and will be required for students to enter. There is no admission charge and all grades are welcome. Dress is casual but must meet dress code. Students who have demonstrated a pattern of negative behavior choices this year will not be eligible to attend.

### **3. TDAP Vaccinations: An Update**

You are likely to read/see news updates about 6th graders and the TDAP vaccination this coming week. The updates will report some schools with hundreds not having met the requirement. As of Friday afternoon, HRMS had seven students who had not met the TDAP requirement and I truly believe that will be down to zero by Tuesday! Kudos to our nurse, counselor, and especially our data manager on a job well done managing this process!

### **4. Early Release: An Update**

During this past week, we released early on Wednesday for our first early release Wednesday. During this time, we met to discuss school improvement planning, completed required staff development on several topics, and established our process for this year related to school improvement planning committees. We've established a new portion of the school's website devoted to keeping you informed of our use of the additional time that you have given us on Wednesdays. Visit it often!

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

### **5. Fundraiser Update**

Students are entering their very last week of fundraising! Monies and order forms are turned into homeroom teachers next week.

## 6. Interim Reports

Interim reports were distributed in all classes last week. If there is one you did not receive, please contact the teacher. Conferences can be scheduled by contacting the Guidance Office at 577-1339.

## 7. Upcoming Events

Monday, Sept. 28 - Teacher Workday

Wednesday, Sept. 30 - Football vs. West Cary Middle (at home), 3:45pm

Thursday, Oct. 1 - Volleyball & Soccer @ West Cary Middle (away), 3:45pm

Thursday, Oct. 1 - Parent Conferences

Oct. 5-8 - Fundraiser Monies Due

Mon., Oct. 5 - McTeacher Night at Holly Springs McDonalds, 5-8pm

Tues., Oct. 13 - Picture Retakes Day

Fri., Oct. 16 - Fall Dance, 6-8pm

## 8. 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](http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=swebb@wcpss.net&ctz=America/New_York)

HRMS Curriculum Maps: <http://hollyridgems.wcpss.net/academics.htm>

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