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1. End of 1st Quarter Approaching

There are 9 school days left in the first quarter. Please take a moment to view SPAN progress reports or contact teachers to ensure that any make-up or missing work that can still be turned in is before the end of the grading period.

2. Technology Student Association (TSA)

The The Holly Ridge Middle School Chapter of the National Technology Students Association (TSA) will have its first organizational meeting on Friday, October 23rd. We will meet in Room 505 from 2:30PM until 3:30 PM. For additional information, please view the link below *or go to:* www.tsaweb.org, Click on Competitions and then Middle School to view the Competitive events and their descriptions.

<http://hollyridgems.wcpss.net/tsa.pdf>

3. Early, Early Release - Wednesday, October 21

School will dismiss at 11:55am on Wednesday, October 21. Please plan accordingly for student pick-up at dismissal. There will be no student activities after school on Wednesday.

4. 7th Grade Classroom Guidance

Each semester, guidance counselors visit classrooms to provide guidance on a variety of topics. Topics include strategies for being successful in middle school, how to address harassment/bullying, and how to identify and address sexual harassment. During the month of November, Ms. McKenzie will talk 7th grade classrooms on the topic of sexual harassment. This is an important but sometimes difficult topic for some students. Please contact Ms. McKenzie if you have questions (amckenzie@wcpss.net, 577-1339).

5. Safe Routes to School Program

In cooperation with the Holly Springs Police Department, we are participating in a program called "Safe Routes to School." It promotes safe and healthy alternatives to students being transported to school. This coming week, teachers will take about 2 minutes during homeroom to collect information from their class about how many students rode the bus, came in carpool, walked, etc. Parents are also asked to complete a survey and return it to the front office. You can print it from the link below. All information is confidential and will not be associated with any particular student. Questions can be directed to Lt. Will Quick with the Holly Springs Police. Additional information can be found at website for the national Safe Routes to School program. Thanks for supporting this collaborative effort to keep our kids healthy and safe.

http://hollyridgems.wcpss.net/saferoutes_parents.pdf

<http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/>

6. Science Fair

It's never too early to begin considering participation in the 2009-2010 Science Fair. Visit the website below or

talk with your science teacher for more information.

<http://artisandevelopers.com/web/sciencefair/>

7. 7th Grade Writing Test

Seventh graders will participate in the first part of the Writing Assessment process on Wednesday, October 21. This process is very different from the test students took in 4th grade. Student should do their best, but this does not fall into the category of "high stakes" testing. Rather, data collected are simply used to guide the instruction of writing during seventh grade. See the link below for more information. Contact Ms. Livengood (klivengood@wcpss.net) for more information.

http://hollyridgems.wcpss.net/writing_parent.pdf

8. Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Oct. 20 - Football vs. West Lake Middle (home), 3:45pm

Wednesday, Oct. 21 - Early Release at 11:55am

Thursday, Oct. 22 - Soccer & Volleyball @ West Lake Middle (away), 3:45pm

Tuesday, Oct. 27 - Pastries with Pittman, 7:30am

Thursday, Oct. 29 - End of 1st Quarter

Friday, Oct. 30 - Teacher Workday / No School

9. Useful Links

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

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

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

Have a great week!!

Brian Pittman, Principal

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