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

## **Hornet eNews Update, 11/01/2009**

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### **1. Parent Survey**

We are constantly looking for ways to improve our service to you and your students. Please take a moment to complete the online survey at the link below. It should take only 2-3 minutes at most. We appreciate your feedback!

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB229TXCHBR7G>

### **2. Report Card Distribution**

On Thursday, November 5, students will return to their homeroom at the end of the day to receive their report cards. FYI.

### **3. Start of 2nd Quarter Schedules**

On Monday morning, students will begin their new 2nd semester schedules. For most, this means that quarter-long electives for the 1st nine weeks have concluded and new electives will begin for many students. Students received a draft of this schedule on Tuesday of last week and will receive another copy at the beginning of the day on Monday.

### **4. PTA Updates**

Please note the following updates from your HRMS PTA:

- The PTA Fall Fundraiser merchandise will be sent home with students on Thursday, November 5. For larger orders (over \$300), parents must pick up the merchandise in the cafeteria after school on Thursday Nov. 5 or Fri Nov, 6 from 2:30-6:00pm. Thank you to everyone who participated in the fundraiser.
- During the month of November, the PTA Arts Committee will be hosting a fundraiser to support the arts at HRMS. For more information, visit the PTA website.

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

### **5. NC Writing Assessment Information Night - Wednesday, Nov. 4**

On Wednesday, November 4, HRMS will host an informational night for interested parents on the new NC Writing Assessment taken in Grade 7. Parents who attend can pick up their student's report card a day early. Contact Ms. Livengood ( [klivengood@wcpss.net](mailto:klivengood@wcpss.net) ) or Ms. Polk ( [mpolk1@wcpss.net](mailto:mpolk1@wcpss.net) ) for more information. Additional information on the writing assessment can be found at the link below.

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

### **6. Staying Healthy & Happy**

In an effort to keep students healthy, please remember to keep students home until they have been fever free

for at least 24 hours.

### **7. Winter Athletics**

There will be an informational meeting for the boys and girls interested in trying out for basketball this year. The meeting will be next Thursday, Nov. 5 during homeroom. If you have any questions, see Coach Behrend or Coach Jared Smith. Please remember that students must have an athletic physical on file to participate in tryouts.

### **8. Upcoming Events**

Wednesday, Nov. 4 - Football @ Lufkin Road MS, 3:45pm (away)

Wednesday, Nov. 4 - Writing Assessment Information Night, 6pm

Thursday, Nov. 5 - Report Card & Fundraiser Product Distribution

Thursday, Nov. 5 - Soccer & Volleyball vs. Lufkin Road MS, 3:45pm (home)

Wednesday, Nov. 11 - Holiday / No School

Tuesday, Nov. 17 - Band Concert

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

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

Superintendent's Journal: [http://www.wcpss.net/announcements/archives/superintendents\\_journal/](http://www.wcpss.net/announcements/archives/superintendents_journal/)

***Have a great week!!***

**Brian Pittman, Principal**

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