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# Hockinson Heights Elementary Newsletter

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## From the Principal's Desk

I would like to thank the Hockinson community for making me feel so welcomed the past few months. I have seen so much support for our students and staff. Every day, I see parents volunteering in classrooms helping students and outside classrooms helping teachers. I have been a part of "show and tell" were a student brought her pony to school to teach her classmates, four foot hot air balloons launched from the back of a truck, a student who brought a full sized tee pee to school, concerts and events full to capacity, and worked with a PWT that never quits. I'm glad I made the choice to return to Hockinson and hope to contribute to this incredible community.

Joshua Robertson

## School Day Reminders

As you know, the winter weather this year has impacted our school year significantly. We want to thank you for making the mid-year adjustment to the longer school day to make up the lost instructional time. As a reminder, our school hours are now **8:00 – 2:35**, except on Wednesday when school hours are **8:00 – 1:35**. Classrooms open at 7:45 a.m. Please do not drop your student off at school prior to this time, as there is no supervision. At the end of the school day, please ensure your child is picked up within 10 minutes of the school day ending.

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## Upcoming Events

### February 16

PWT Book Swap/Community Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm

### February 20

President's Day/No School

### February 23

Multicultural Arts Night – 6:00 p.m.

### March 2

Read Across America Day

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## LOST AND FOUND

Our campus has two Lost and Found locations, and both are overflowing with winter wear and other miscellaneous items. Please check for any items that may belong to your child. You might be surprised at what your child has left at school. We would love to return all items to their rightful owners. Check in at the office for directions to both locations.

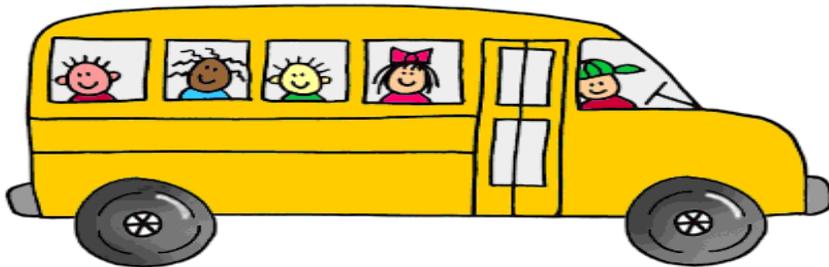
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## School Day Reminders (continued)

Any change in your child's routine or dismissal plan must be reported to the school office. You can either send in a note with your child or you may call the office. The end of the day is generally quite hectic. For that reason, it is important to notify the office no later than 1:45 (12:45 on Wednesdays) when there is a change in your child's after school routine.

It is important for our school buses to stay on schedule. They leave the school ten minutes after school is dismissed. Once buses are closed and moving, we will not be stopping them to put students on or pull them off.



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## Multicultural Arts Night returns!

Thursday, February 23

6 – 8:00 p.m.

Multicultural Arts Night will be back for a second year on February 23.

Students have been learning about cultures around the world and preparing artwork, musical performances, and poetry that reflect our world's diversity.

This special evening is an opportunity for our Hockinson community to come see examples of student learning in the areas of art, music, and poetry. There will also be sample foods and cultural artifacts on display from different continents.

Please contact Mrs. O'Neill-Bratt, Ms. Miles, or Mrs. Ramirez if you have any questions or would like to volunteer for this event.

**We can't wait to see you there!**

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## Child Screenings in Hockinson School District

Child development screenings for children 3-5 years, who have not entered kindergarten, are offered to residents in Hockinson School District.

Children may be screened in speech/language, cognitive and motor development. Appointments are required. Results are confidential and are discussed with parents following the screening. If a family is living in a temporary situation, they may contact the district where they are staying to attend a screening.

Parents are encouraged to call **Jenny Ristau** at 448-6415 for pre-screening appointments.

## A Huge Thank You to our Substitutes!

Hockinson School District set aside the week of Feb. 13 – 17 as an opportunity to acknowledge the service of our substitute educators. We rely on our substitute teachers and paraprofessionals to maintain instructional continuity for our students, and we are grateful for their work in our schools. At HHES, substitutes were greeted with student created signage to

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reinforce our heartfelt appreciation.



## Substitute Opportunities

Have you ever considered helping out at school by working as a substitute teacher, aide or custodian? We are frequently in need of qualified people to substitute for both our certificated and our para-professional staff. This is a great opportunity if you have a flexible schedule and enjoy working with children. If you are interested, please contact Julie Dobbins at the district office (360-448-6400) for more information on how you can apply. Thank you for your consideration!

## Happy National School Counseling Week!

Did you know that the week of February 6 – 10, 2017 is National School Counseling Week? At HHES, we are lucky to have a fantastic team to support our students so they can achieve school success. Our team consists of Mrs. Sumona Gomes (counselor), Mrs. Jenny Berry (counselor), Mrs. Vickie Hermann (social worker), and Jordan Kalliainen (counseling intern). They collaborate with teachers, administrators, students and parents to support our students and help them meet academic and social challenges. We appreciate their hard work!

## It's cold and flu season...

### Guidelines for keeping ill children home from school

Here are some guidelines for keeping ill children at home. These are recommendations from Clark County Public Health and the Washington State Department of Health.

***If your child is ill with any of these symptoms please keep them home.***

**Fever:** over 100.0 F, especially if other symptoms are apparent. Your child should be free of fever for 24 hours (without a fever reducer) before returning to school.

**Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea:** Your child should **not** return to school until 24 hours after the last time they vomited or had diarrhea.

**Rash:** Do NOT send your child to school with a rash until approval from a licensed health provider or the rash has been resolved; especially with other symptoms like itching, fever or appearing ill.

**Known communicable disease:**

**Chickenpox:** Do not send your child to school until all lesions have crusted.

**Impetigo:** Do not send your child to school until treated or unless approval from a licensed health provider.

**Strep:** Do not send your child to school until under treatment for **24 hours**.

**Ringworm:** Do not send your child to school until after treatment has been started.

**Eye Drainage:** Do not send your child to school if there is white or yellow drainage from the eye(s), and/or redness of the eyelid or skin surrounding the eye. This may indicate conjunctivitis, a common infectious eye disease (pink eye). See a licensed health care provider if your child has these symptoms.

**Mild cough/runny nose:** If there is no fever and your child feels fairly good, sending your child to school is fine. Colds are generally self-limiting and disappear on their own without complications. If your child develops ear pain, severe sore throat, difficulty breathing, or symptoms beyond 10 days contact a healthcare provider.

If your child becomes ill at school, symptoms will be noted and you will be contacted to pick up your child. If a parent cannot be reached, the person listed as the emergency contact will be called. Therefore, please make sure that throughout the school year you provide the school with current work, home, and emergency contact numbers.

Please remember that during school, children are in close contact with each other. If children are kept home when the first signs of illness appear, it helps prevent the spread of that illness to other children. Your child will recover more quickly if he/she gets plenty of rest and proper care early in the illness.

[If you have any questions/concerns about your child's health, please contact a licensed health care provider.](#)

