



HORNET HERALD

Principal's Corner

HHES' Self Manager program is part of our broader, research-based Positive Behavior and Intervention System (PBIS). Our goal is to teach students the skills they need to be good citizens in our school community and to reward students for displaying positive behaviors. This is coupled with re-teaching and logical consequences for misbehavior.

Research tells us that students show an increase in on-task behavior and academic performance when they are taught self-management skills (Hudson et al., 2004). Rewards, such as a self-manager badge, following and linked to appropriate behavior are related to both initial and long-term academic engagement and social benefits (Walker et al., 1998). Finally, research indicates that positive interactions between teachers and students increase students' social skills, emotional regulation, motivation, engagement, and following classroom rules and expectations (Walker et al., 1998; Akin-Little et al., 2004; Cameron et al., 2001).

At HHES, each grade level team has developed a list of classroom behaviors that students need to consistently display in order to receive a Self Manager application. These grade specific expectations can be found [here](#). If your child brings home a Self Manager application, please take a few moments to review it with them, to help them complete the prompts, and to congratulate them for their positive behaviors at school.

We look forward to honoring our first group of Self-Managers in the coming weeks.

~ Joshua Robertson, Principal and Meredith Gannon, Assistant Principal

Halloween Costumes

This year, students at HHES will be permitted to wear **school-appropriate** Halloween costumes to school on October 31. We look forward to seeing our students' creativity expressed in this fun manner. To make our school day productive and safe for all, please ensure that your child's costume meets the following guidelines:

1. Costumes, including all make-up and accessories, need to be put on at home. Students will be wearing their costumes all day.
2. Weapons or weapon-like accessories are not permitted at school.
3. Students are not permitted to wear masks or to cover their face during the school day.
4. All costumes should comply with the school dress code.

Thank you for your support in making this a fun-filled day of learning for all students!

Classroom Safe Spaces

In each classroom at HHES, teachers have created a classroom safe space where students can take breaks when needed. Thank you to a generous grant from our PWT, each safe space is stocked with sensory fidgets that students can use to help them get back into the 'green zone'. Classroom teachers have supplemented their fidget boxes with tools that meet their students' needs. Be sure to ask your child about their classroom's safe space and how the students are using it.

Hockinson Heights Happenings

- October 6: PWT Kindness in Chalk
- October 8: PWT Meeting
- October 8: Fire Safety Poster Contest Begins
- October 11: Teacher in Service Day - No School
- October 16: Fire Safety Posters Due
- October 21 - 25: Parent Conferences – 3-hour early release / Spirit Week
- October 26: Great Hockinson Pumpkin Party
- October 29: Picture Make-Up Day
- November 4: Square 1 Art Orders Due
- November 4 - 15: iReady Window #2
- November 11: Veterans' Day - No School
- November 18 - 19: Vision Screening
- November 18: New WIN Groups Begin
- November 22: Hot Air Balloon Launch

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