



# HORNET HERALD

## Principal's Corner

We were so excited to welcome students and families back to HHES this week. With the new year, comes a new opportunity to help students succeed. Our staff is working with students to set new academic goals for themselves and to create plans to achieve their goals. Please speak with your child about their personal and academic goals for the year and encourage them to keep striving to achieve them.

~ Joshua Robertson, Principal and Meredith Gannon, Assistant Principal

## Highly Capable Program Testing

Highly Capable students are students who perform or show potential for performing at significantly advanced academic levels when compared with others of their age, experiences, or environments. Outstanding abilities are seen within students' general intellectual aptitudes, specific academic abilities, and/or creative productivities within a specific domain (WAC 392-170-035).

The nomination process for the Highly Capable Program will be open from **Friday, January 10 through Thursday, January 23, 2020**. During this time parents, teachers, or community members may nominate a student for assessment. The screening process uses a wide variety of information from various data sources to determine if a student is a good match for the Highly Capable Program services. This process has been designed to assure that no one score or piece of data should prevent a student's eligibility. Conversely, no one score or piece of data will ensure a student's placement. The CogAT assessment will be administered to provide the screening team with additional information about each student's strengths and areas for growth. This testing will take place between **February 3 and 13, 2020**.

Hockinson School District will provide **one** screening opportunity for each student, typically when a student is in grade 2 or when a new student enters the district. If you would like your second grade or new to HHES student (in grade 3-5) assessed for potential placement in the program, please complete the nomination form, permission to test form, and parent rating scale found at our website (below) or in our school office and return them to school by **January 23, 2020**.

Should you have any questions, please contact Meredith Gannon at 360-448-6430 or [meredith.gannon@hocksd.org](mailto:meredith.gannon@hocksd.org).

<https://www.hockinsonsd.wa.schools.bz/Content/highly-capable-program>

## Science Fair

Students in grades 3-5 are hard at work preparing for this month's science fair. Projects should be completed and returned to school on January 31. Families are welcome to visit their child's classroom to see the students' projects on display. Classrooms will be open to visitors on Jan. 31 at the following times:

**Grade 3: 9:15 – 10 a.m.**

**Grade 4: 10 – 10:45 a.m.**

**Grade 5: 8:30 – 9:10 a.m.**

## Hockinson Heights Happenings

- Jan. 14: PWT Meeting
- Jan. 16: Temperance and Good Citizenship Day
- Jan. 20: No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 21 - 31: iReady Window #3
- Jan. 24: No School - Semester Break
- Jan. 27: Franz Bakery Visits 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
- Jan. 31: Science Fair
- Jan. 31: Report Cards Sent Home
- Feb. 3: New WIN Groups Begin
- Feb. 3 – 7: CogAT Testing for Highly Capable Program
- Feb. 11: PWT Meeting
- Feb. 11 – 12: Valentine Grams Sold
- Feb. 13: Valentine Grams Delivered
- Feb. 28: Opera Quest Assembly – Grades 3-5
- Mar. 2: Dr. Seuss' Birthday
- Mar. 2-6: Classified Employee Appreciation Week
- Mar. 9-13: ELPA Testing

Hockinson School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employee(s) has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

**Civil Rights Coordinator & Title IX Officer:** Steve Marshall, Superintendent [steve.marshall@hocksd.org](mailto:steve.marshall@hocksd.org)

**504 Coordinator:** Keila Dean, Director of Special Education [keila.dean@hocksd.org](mailto:keila.dean@hocksd.org)

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