



# HORNET HERALD

## Farewell HHES Staff Members

This year, we have several staff members moving on to new adventures. While it is always difficult to say farewell to a member of our staff, we wish the following people the very best in their new roles:

**Nicole Aldridge, Kindergarten teacher**

**Jenny Berry, counselor**

Ms. Berry is moving to a counseling position in Ridgefield in order to go back to work full-time. She will miss her Hockinson family and is grateful for the time she's spent here.

**Emily Chicks, paraeducator**

Ms. Chicks will begin working at the Clark County Sheriff's Office. She is so very sad to leave Hockinson, but is also looking forward to her next adventure!

**Julia Daigneault, fifth grade teacher**

**Jena Leslie, paraeducator**

**Carrie Merritt-Vesely, special education teacher**

Mrs. Merritt-Vesely will be moving this summer and she is looking for employment in the area where she and her family will live.

## HHES Myths and Facts

In a school with 850 students and 100 staff members, there can be a lot of information circulating about our school at any time. While some of this information is true, often times this information is incomplete or untrue. Should you ever have any questions about a school process or procedure, please do not hesitate to contact Joshua Robertson or Meredith Gannon to discuss your question.

One example of this is an online discussion about class placements. The information circulated online said that neither teachers nor parents would have input on students' placements into classrooms for the coming school year. This information is **completely untrue**. We value the strong relationships our teachers have with their students and with our families and are committed to providing every student with a balanced class. Our teachers, counselors, and specialists are all involved in placing students into classes for the coming year. We highly value family input, and while we cannot guarantee a particular teacher, we honor parent feedback about the kind of classroom in which each student would be most successful.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns. We are honored to serve our Hockinson community.

## Registration Reminder

If you know a new student who will be joining our HHES school community next year, please encourage them to stop by the office and pick up a registration packet from Ms. Angie. The office will be open to receive completed packets until Thursday, June 20 and will re-open again on Monday, August 19. We look forward to welcoming our new hornets to school in the Fall.



## Hockinson Heights Happenings

- August 12: Kindergarten Screening (last name A-F from 8 – 10 a.m. and last name G – L from 12 – 2 p.m.)
- August 13: Kindergarten Screening (last name M-R from 8 – 10 a.m. and last name S – Z from 12 – 2 p.m.)
- August 19: Office Re-opens
- August 22: Back to School Night 5 – 7 p.m.
- August 28: First Day of School (Grades 1-5)
- August 28 – 30: Kindergarten Parent Meetings
- September 3: First Day of Kindergarten
- September 26: Picture Day

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

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