



HORNET HERALD

Principal's Corner: Welcome Back!

I hope you are enjoying an amazing summer. I also hope you are relaxed, recharged, and ready to start the 2019 - 2020 school year. I am so delighted that you are part of our learning community. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working with you and your children.

All signs point to another incredible and productive school year. Many of our skilled and devoted teachers are already planning and preparing for your child(ren). Our office team is ordering needed materials and updating student files. Our hard working custodians have spent the entire summer thoroughly cleaning the facility, and continue to do so. Our much-appreciated PWT is gearing up to welcome families, provide volunteer opportunities, and offer other exciting events and programs. We are indeed a joyous and caring community with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning.

~ Joshua Robertson, Principal

Class Placements

Classroom assignments for the 2019-2020 school year will be mailed to your home the week of August 12. A great deal of time, effort, and thought has gone into the process of student placement. Our teachers and staff carefully considered input from families as well as student learning styles when determining teacher assignments. Each classroom has been balanced academically and socially. Moving students is not possible as it would cause imbalances and inequities. We are excited to welcome the children back and thank you for your partnership!

Staff Changes and Additions

This year, we are excited to welcome the following new members of our HHES staff:

Amy Weston, first grade teacher
Chelsea Pressler, second grade teacher
Stacey Ruppel, second grade teacher
Laura Schauer, learning support teacher
Christy Bisconer, speech / language pathologist
Hannah Lemieux, paraeducator

The following educators are familiar faces with new last names:

Carrie Hahn (formerly Maloney), first grade teacher
Lauren Nocciolo-Tugaw (formerly Nocciolo), third grade teacher
Hillary Vettrus (formerly Steiner), third grade teacher
Miesha Oxley (formerly Ebacher), speech / language pathologist

The following teachers have made a change of grade level for the coming school year.

Shawn Sears, Kindergarten (formerly second grade)
Jeremy Duggins, second grade teacher (formerly fourth grade)
Katie Heckathorn, second grade teacher (formerly third grade)
Natalia Gai, third grade teacher (formerly second grade)
Dannielle Ledbetter, third grade teacher (formerly second grade)
Rena Skar, fifth grade teacher (formerly second grade)

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
- August 30: PWT Fundraiser – Payback Books Sent Home
- September 2: No School – Labor Day
- September 3: First Day of Kindergarten
- September 6: PWT Family Picnic
- September 10: PWT Meeting 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- September 15: Last Day to order Spirit Wear
- September 26: Picture Day

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