

Dear HCS Families,

Report cards will be sent home with your kids tomorrow. We are all life-long learners and the report cards that your children receive during the course of the year (and all of their years in elementary school) reflect this. Your children have progressed in their skills and knowledge since school started in September and will continue to make growth! Our teachers look for evidence of growth over time to determine the progress that children have made. You can get information about that learning by reviewing the report card, and you can gain a deeper understanding about the progress that your child has made by conferencing with your child's teacher. Conferences are scheduled on 11/16, 11/18 & 11/19. The Pick A Time link previously sent out has now closed. If you did not sign up for a conference but would like to meet with your child's teacher. Please contact the teacher directly. **Students will be dismissed at 1:00 pm on Friday, November 19th, (elementary schools only) to allow for afternoon conferences.**

Class photos this year will be in collage format again where individual pictures of each student are grouped by classroom on one photo sheet. Every family, whether you order photos or not, will receive a class (collage) photo. We have a retake day scheduled on this Tuesday, November 16 for any students who were absent or whose photos did not come out the way families hoped. Any student wishing to have a retake simply returns their old package to the photographer on retake day (Nov. 16). They will re-photograph the student for a new package. If your child missed picture day in September, you can order pictures online, <https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/> **Retake Picture Day ID: EVT3CD6JN**

Students participated in various Veterans day activities. Be sure to check out the Wall of Heroes and other beautiful artwork when you come to conferences.

HCS continued the yearly tradition of working with our community partners to supply Thanksgiving dinners for local families. The Bronc Callahan Community Fund is the group that primarily runs this project. Between staff and students at HCS, we gave The BCCF \$1,709.00 this year! Thank you for all your help in making this a success!

Sparky made a special appearance to congratulate the students for filling the dog house on Friday morning for stuffed animal day. The kids loved it!

Our teachers are looking forward to seeing you next week at conferences! Thank you for all of the meal donations. With those donations, the PTO is planning a dinner for the teachers on Tuesday during conferences. Thank-you!

Enjoy the rest of the weekend!

Bob

A Message from the PTO:

Today is the last day to order HCS Spirit Wear! <https://www.harwintongraphics.com/> (Please include student name **and** teacher name)

Book Fair: Coming this week to HCS is the Scholastic book fair! It has been over a year and a half since we had an in-person book fair and we are very excited for the students to be able to have the fair back in the school! Your child will be able to shop at the book fair during the school day. You should have received a flyer about your child's book fair visit day and some of the great books that will be here.

eWallet is an easy way to prepay by credit card to give your child book money for their visit at the book fair. Please visit the link below if interested in signing your child up for eWallet. Cash and check will also be accepted.

Checks payable to HCS PTO. Thank you!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/harwintonconsolelemschool>

We are also looking for volunteers to help set up the fair and help run the fair during the day. If you are interested, please visit the link below.

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/686990999253160070/false?popup=true#/invitation>

***Unfortunately this Fall fair we will not be able to have parents accompany their child at the fair during their classroom visit and the fair will not be open during evening conferences so the only opportunity to purchase books is during your child's scheduled classroom visit time.**

TODAY, November 14- Deadline to order HCS Spirit Wear ([link above](#))

Tuesday, November 16 – HCS Picture Retake Day ([link above](#))

Tuesday, November 16 –Thursday, November 18 - PTO Bookfair ([info above](#))

Tuesday, November 16 (4:00 pm -7:00 pm) **or Thursday, November 18** (4:00-7:00 pm) **or Friday November 19** (1:30-4:00 pm) Home/School Conferences

Friday, November 19- 1:00 pm Dismissal for Home/School conferences (Elementary schools only)

November 24, 25, 26 - No School, Thanksgiving Recess

Wednesday, December 1- 1:00 pm Dismissal for Teacher Professional Development

Thursday, December 23 – 1:00 pm dismissal for students

December 24-31 – Winter break

Monday, January 3 – First day back from break

COVID ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

The nurse's office has a bunch of items in lost and found. If your child is missing something, please check lost and found in the nurse's office. We will also have the items on a table during conferences to help get the items back to the correct owners.

Friendly reminder if your child is going to be absent or tardy, please call our school nurse to report the absence/tardy.

(860) 485-9029 ext. **12103**

We appreciate everyone's adherence to the guidelines below. It is essential that students do not come to school if:

They have had close contact (at least 15 minutes, within 6 feet) with a person that has tested positive for COVID-19 and are quarantining for the required number of days
They, or a member of your household, has been tested for COVID-19 because of symptoms and/or potential exposure and you are awaiting results
You screen them in the morning before school and they have any of the symptoms below:

- fever of 100.4 or higher
- chills
- a new uncontrolled cough
- difficulty breathing
- a sudden loss of taste or smell

If your family has traveled, we recommend testing upon returning. Please be vigilant and check for any symptoms daily for 14 days after travel. Even mild symptoms can be the first sign of COVID. If the traveler, family member or student, develops any symptoms, keep all family members home from school until the traveler has been tested.

In all cases, we ask that you always err on the side of caution. If your child has any signs of illness, please keep them home and contact our school nurse, Kristen Sullivan, sullivank@region10ct.org or by phone at (860) 485-9029 ext. 12103

Flyers:

HCS Spirit Wear



How to Order:

- 1.** Go to harwintongraphics.com
- 2.** Choose Online Order at top of page
- 3.** Click on "HCS Spirit Wear"
This will bring you to the store to order apparel being offered

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