

Good Morning HCS Families –

We celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on Thursday, February 3, 2022. Students dressed as if they were 100 years old and Sparky made a special appearance! (See photos below)

We have extended the Kindness Shirt order deadline to **tomorrow, Monday, February 7th (flyer below)** since there was no school on Friday.

The school store returned to HCS last week and will be here again this week. (See flyer below) Grade 2 and 1 will visit the store this week.

February is *I Love to Read Month* at HCS. Please see flyer below from Mrs. Nelson, HCS School Librarian for more information.

Friday, February 11th is the 9th Annual HCS Souper Bowl! Students can “vote” for their favorite football team by bringing in a can of soup or other non-perishable donation item to benefit the Harwinton Food Pantry. This is a favorite yearly event and we hope everyone will participate. Don't forget to wear your favorite jersey!

A friendly reminder that our school nurse, Kristen Sullivan is out on maternity leave. There will be a substitute nurse covering each day. You can still leave messages for the nurse, and email if needed. If your child will be tardy or absent for any reason, please notify HCS. Please send health related emails to [HCS.Nurse@Region10ct.org](mailto:HCS.Nurse@Region10ct.org)

Please continue to help spread the word! Pre-K and Kindergarten registration. Do you have a child who is turning 5 in 2022? If so, you have a future HCS kindergartener! Please go to HCS website and complete the pre-registration form. Please share this information with your neighbors/friends that don't currently have children at HCS. Thank you for helping us get the word out!

February is black history month. Here are a few links to watch with your children.

[Black History Month \(nationalgeographic.com\)](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/black-history-month/)

[PBS LEARNING MEDIA | Black History Month | PBS KIDS - YouTube](#)

[Celebrating and Learning About Black History and Culture | Reading Rockets](#)

The Region 10 Make a Mark committee will be hosting a Family Game Night on Friday, February 25th in the Lewis Mills Cafeteria from 6-9pm. There will be two game shifts 6-7:30 for the young and young-at-heart, and 7:30-9 for those who can play the night away. Players are welcome to play the entire night. Prizes will be given each round! \$5 per session - \$2 per additional card. Snacks & beverages will be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit Region 10 Make a Mark.

Enjoy the rest of the weekend!

Bob





## CALENDAR

**Monday, February 7-** Kindness Shirt order form (new deadline) Board of Education Meeting, LSM Auditorium

**Tuesday, February 8th- Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** - See School Store Schedule below (grade 1-4)

**Friday, February 11-** "Souper Bowl" can drive

**Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**- Valentine's Day card exchange (no food products of any kind, please)

**Friday, February 18** – No school for students, teacher professional development

**Monday, February 21 & Tuesday, February 22** – No school, Presidents' Day break

**Friday, February 25-** HCS School Spirit Day – wear your blue and white!

**Tuesday, March 8-** PTO Meeting, 7 pm

**Friday, March 18** – No school for students, teacher professional development

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## COVID ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

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 cough**
- **difficulty breathing**
- **a sudden loss of taste or smell**
- **shortness of breath**
- **sore throat**
- **congestion**
- **extreme fatigue**

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, [hcs.nurse@region10ct.org](mailto:hcs.nurse@region10ct.org) by phone at (860) 485-9029 ext. 12103

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**FLYERS:**



## *The Great Rainforest Adventure Reading Challenge!*



February 1, 2022

Dear HCS Families,

February is *I Love to Read Month* at HCS. As part of our reading celebration, we will be rolling out a reading challenge for students. Our theme will be exploring the Amazon rainforest. To bring our reading challenge to life, the large bulletin board outside the HCS library will display a map and images from the Amazon rainforest. Every class will be represented as a backpack on the board to symbolize an explorer journeying through the forest. As students read and turn in their reading log slips, their class explorer will travel over water ways and land passages on the bulletin board. Students will work together as a class team to see how many miles they can cover and how many rainforest animals they can spot. The classes that read the most will earn an extra recess or Makerspace fun in the library! There will be one winning class at each grade level.

Students will be given reading slips to log their reading hours. Any reading done outside of school may be entered on the slips. **Once a student has logged one hour** these slips may be turned in to his or her teacher. This includes homework as well as recreational reading. Magazine and newspaper articles also count. Parents and younger students may read together. There will also be an option to log reading hours online. Sunday, February 6 will start our reading challenge. Monday the explorers will begin the first leg of their journey! The contest will finish on Friday, March 4. Winning classes will be announced on Monday, March 7. Pack your backpacks and get ready to explore!

Happy Reading, explorers!

*Mrs. Nelson*

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HCS School Librarian

**The Great Rainforest Adventure  
Reading Challenge**

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Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

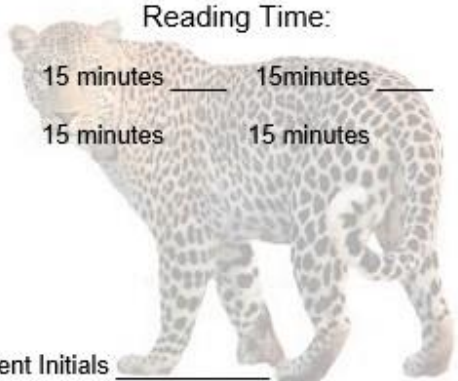
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Reading Time:

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Parent Initials \_\_\_\_\_



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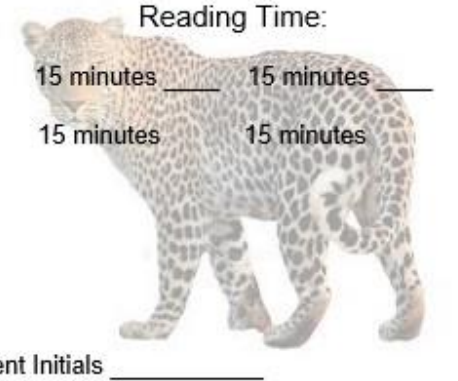
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# GAME NIGHT

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Lewis Mills Cafeteria 6-9pm

6-7:30 for the young and young-at-heart crowd

7:30-9 for those who can play the night away.

Prizes awarded each round!

\$5 per session - \$2 per each additional card

Snacks & beverages will be available for purchase

All proceeds benefit Region 10 Make a Mark



# T-SHIRT SALE!

Student Council is selling HCS Kindness T-shirts! They are \$15 each. Join us in our mission to spread kindness in the school

with our monthly Kindness Days! If you would like to purchase a shirt, please return the attached order form to school with a cash payment by **Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**.

Proceeds go to the HCS Student Council. Any questions, contact the student council advisors, Miss Mattiello & Miss Morgan! GO HCS!

Contact Info:

[mattielloa@region10ct.org](mailto:mattielloa@region10ct.org)

[hulinm@region10ct.org](mailto:hulinm@region10ct.org)



Shirts are light blue with black ink!

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## Order Form

Available in youth and adult sizes XS-2XL

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Size: \_\_\_\_\_

# Sparky's School Store

The school supply store is back at HCS!

Students in grades 1-4 will have the opportunity to make purchases, while practicing their math skills and shopping for fun school supplies. The school store will come to students in their classrooms 3 times throughout the school year. Each item is priced in 25 cent increments to encourage students to pay using only quarters, which is helpful for both students and teachers. Please see the schedule below and start saving up those quarters!

If you have questions, please contact Kelly Pergola at [pergolak@region10ct.org](mailto:pergolak@region10ct.org)

## February 2022 Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>1</b> Adams Carr	<b>2</b> Vannini Werner	<b>3</b> Mattiello Norton	<b>4</b> Parkhouse Pirota
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Clark McIntire	<b>9</b> Murphy Sperandio	<b>10</b> Evans Gionfriddo	<b>11</b> Hedrick Pergola

Sparky's School Store will be visiting classrooms again in May.

We want all students to participate in school store if they would like. If you are in need of financial assistance for your child(ren) for them to participate, please reach out to [pergolak@region10ct.org](mailto:pergolak@region10ct.org)