

Dear HCS Families,

I hope you can enjoy some time off with your kids over this mini February break! Region 10 staff participated in a full day of professional development on Friday and have the next 2 days off also. We will be back on Wednesday, ready to rock and roll!

Thursday, February 17th was Random Acts of Kindness Day! Our students loved receiving cards from Har-Bur students. What a great way to spread kindness!

Region 10 fourth graders participate in Invention Convention each year. These young inventors are so excited about their creations! If you are interested in being a judge on March 10th, please email our elementary enrichment teacher, Meg Wichert at [wichertm@region10ct.org](mailto:wichertm@region10ct.org) or sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/r/rMHenZMGeX> The deadline is March 1st.

Enjoy the rest of the weekend!

Bob

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**The Great Rainforest Reading Adventure is moving right along! The following classes have the boats to catch in the reading challenge:**

Leading the entire race down the Amazon river is Mrs. Norton's third grade class who has logged an impressive 81 hours! Not far behind is Mr. Murphy's second grade class who has read 59 hours! In an amazing turn of events, the next boat racing down the river is Ms. Duval's kindergarten class. They have read a total of 57 hours. Wow, kindergarteners, you are doing an incredible job!

Ms. Vannini's class is the boat for the fourth grade teams to catch. They have read 43 hours. Mrs. Werner's class is close behind! Ms. Gionfriddo's first grade class has logged 32 hours, which puts them in the lead for the first grade race. Mrs. Urso's pre-k students are doing a wonderful job moving their boat along the river. They have read 9 hours!

Many of the races are close at each grade level. Students are doing a great job with this challenge! The next leg of the race will be trekking on foot through the tall trees of the rainforest. Please encourage your children to keep reading and turning in their reading slips.

Thank you and happy reading!

Mrs. Nelson

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## A message from our HCS PTO:

IT'S BACK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The beloved HUSKY HUSTLE COLOR RUN is coming back to the fields of HCS on Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 11:30-2:30 so mark it on your calendars! There will be student color runs, DJ, Food Trucks, Silent Auction, games and prizes and so much more! Kickoff for the color run campaign will begin in the coming months. We CAN'T wait to see everyone there! This is going to be a BLAST that you won't want to miss!

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## CALENDAR

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

**Friday, February 25-** Make-A- Mark Game Night at Lewis Mills Cafeteria

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

**Thursday, February 24-** Board of Education meeting- 7:00 pm HarBur Media Center

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

**Thursday, March 10-** Grade 4 Invention Convention

**Monday, March 14-Thursday, March 17-**Student Council Theme Days (see flyer below)

**Thursday, March 17-** Grade 4 Field Trip

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

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## Kindergarten Pre-Registration:

[Register a Student - Regional School District 10 \(region10ct.org\)](https://region10ct.org)

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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

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)

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## FLYERS:

# March Madness!

Join Student Council in our March Madness Spirit week!



Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> — March Madness Day! Wear a sports jersey!



Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> — Jogging Into Spring! Wear exercise clothes!



Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> — PAWStively Wild Day! Wear animal print!



Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> — Lucky HCS Day! Wear green for St. Patrick's Day!

# GAME NIGHT

Friday February 25<sup>th</sup>

Lewis Mills Cafeteria 6-9pm

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

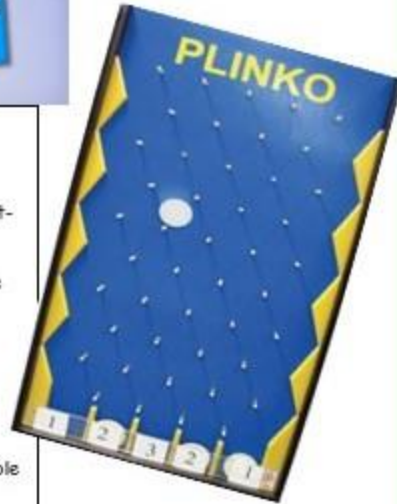
7:30-9 for those who can play the night away.

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




# Field Trips



***Plan a hands-on  
learning adventure!***

**Choose from self-directed or  
facilitated exhibit exploration!**

 61 Main St, Torrington

 [kidsplaymuseum.org](http://kidsplaymuseum.org)

 860.618.7700





**11,000 sf of interactive fun to spark curiosity and motivate learning!**

### **Facilitated Field Trips:**

- EXCLUSIVE use of the Museum
- Available on Mondays or Tuesdays for 25 students or more
- 2 to 3 hours of facilitated programs aligned with literacy, social studies, or STEM standards
- Use of program room for snack or lunch\*

### **Self-Directed Field Trips:**

- EXCLUSIVE use of the Museum on Mondays and Tuesdays for 25 students or more
- Available on Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays during regular museum hours for 25 students or fewer
- 2 hours of self-directed play while exploring our interactive, hands-on exhibits
- Use of program room for snack or lunch\*

\*KidsPlay follows public health protocols and CDC guidelines. Food service restrictions and capacity limits are subject to change.

### **Pricing and Booking:**

- Self-Directed - \$8 per student
- Facilitated - \$10 per student
- Adult Chaperone (18+) admission is free.
- Contact us for availability and facilitated programming options



For more information or to reserve your field trip date, please call  
**(860) 618-7700 ext. 2222** or email  
**groupsales@kidsplaymuseum.org**

