

Good Morning HCS Families –

Teachers appreciated having the opportunity to share information with you at conferences last week. Your children are working hard, we are so proud of them! On behalf of the teachers, I would like to thank our families and PTO for supplying dinner during conference week. Your thoughtfulness helped everyone get through the long days! The teachers expressed their gratitude, and thoroughly enjoyed the snacks and meal provided. They have stated on several occasions how lucky they are to have such a supportive network of families here at HCS!

Thank you to Caitlyn Hyson, Barb Hadley and all the many PTO volunteers who worked to make the spring book fair such a success. Students were so excited to visit the book fair during the week! Thank you to all the parents who donated money for books to be purchased for the library. We are very grateful to be able to add so many wonderful new titles to the HCS Library collection. Thank you to the HCS community for being so generous and for supporting the love of reading!



The HCS Student Council will collect food items for food baskets to give to local families in need. (see flyer below) Food will be collected April 4th- April 8th. All money collected will be used to finish the baskets and any remainder will be given to the Harwinton and Burlington Food Pantries. We hope you'll help your child(ren) participate in this Community Service Project. Thank you in advance for your generous donations and support.

Thank you very much for all the donations that were sent in for the Student Council project! We collected a total of \$1260.00 and will be purchasing gift cards for the healthcare heroes at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital.

Each April, HCS recognizes Autism Awareness Month. **We will start things off by wearing BLUE on Friday, April 1st.** On April 8<sup>th</sup> we will have a Sensory Awareness day (more info to come.)

Parents in CT with children grades K-12 can register for a free science kit from Eversource and be entered in a drawing to win an iPad. See this link for details: <https://mailchi.mp/78522afded1b/make-saving-energy-fun-for-students-14136683?e=695b3d2f9b>

The office needs your help! If your child is staying after school for an activity or if you need to pick up your child from school, please send a note with your child to hand in.

Grade 3 and Grade 4 announced students that won the Fire Prevention Poster Winners last week- Congrats!!

## **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

A number of families have asked if after-school care could be provided at HCS. We reached out to EdAdvance to see if they would be able to provide a program. They will offer after-school care for the 2022/2023 school year **if there are enough families that register for the program during the registration window.** The program would be open to students in grades K - 4. **Registration is now open through April 1st.** You will use this link to register: <https://www.bases.edadvance.org/>

## **2022-2023 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Do you have a child who is turning 5 in 2022? If so, you have a future HCS kindergartener!

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!

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

Have a great rest of the weekend!

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## **CALENDAR**

**April 1st - Wear Blue in Recognition of World Autism Day**

**April 11-15** – No School, Spring Break

**Friday, April 29** – 1:00 pm dismissal 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

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**

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