

Good Morning HCS Families –

Our PTO has been BUSY! We are so appreciative of everything they do! They planned enrichment activities this past week. Here are more details:

We were excited to welcome back the company High Touch-High Tech to HCS on Thursday, April 21st for a hands-on science program for our 3rd graders all about the laws of motion! In “Newton’s Day at the Park”, students experimented with the effect of multiple forces on an object, saw how gravity affects motion, and even built their own pendulum and predicted its movement, just like an amusement park ride! Hopefully they came home and were able to tell you how those roller coasters stay on their tracks, even when they go upside down. We were also ENERGIZED to welcome back the scientist from the company High Touch-High Tech for a hands-on enrichment program for our 4th graders on Tuesday, April 19th and Friday, April 22nd! In “Engineering Energy”, students learned all about renewable & nonrenewable energy sources. They built a solar fan, saw how a water wheel works & much more! We would like to show our gratitude to the HCS PTO for sponsoring this unique activity and also thank YOU, the families of HCS, who make these programs possible with your generous support of fundraisers like the Husky Hustle!

Speaking of the Husky Hustle, here is a [HUSKY HUSTLE UPDATE \(from the PTO\)!!](#)

Week one has been awesome! All the students have been busy gathering sponsors for their color run and the classroom race is on! Mrs. Norton's class worked hard all week and finally outran Mrs. Hedrick's class to grab first place in the school. Friday we announced students who collected donations this week (Through Wednesday) in the cafe during lunch time. Pre-K had their prizes delivered to their rooms. One classroom per grade with the most donations will win a popsicle party so keep coming with the donations to keep the race going strong for your classroom!

NEW THIS YEAR-Husky Hustle tshirts! Grab a white tshirt for your students for the big event! A white tshirt is key for a color run! Purchase details are below. **Tshirt orders are due this week on 4/28-order soon!**

*Reminder that the next pledge sheet is due Thursday, April 28th in order for your student to collect rewards on Friday. Only NEW donations should be entered in the next pledge sheet. Any sheets handed in after Thursday will count towards the following week. Please see cheat sheet below that was sent out earlier this week for the reward breakdown.

Site for fun run donations: www.harwinton.myfunrun.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Husky Hustle will soon be here. We are officially putting out the call for **VOLUNTEERS!!** In order for this event to be a success we need your help! Volunteer for an hour or for the day-the choice is yours! But either way you are guaranteed to bring smiles to many faces including yours by helping! Can't volunteer the day of the event but want to help? NO PROBLEM! We also need bakers to bake items for the bake sale. Sign up link for that is below as well!

Volunteer sign up-
<https://signup.com/go/mmcaDiH>

Bake sale-<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ba5ab2fa5fac70-husky>

A message from our Yearbook Advisors:

ORDER A 2021-2022 HCS YEARBOOK FOR YOUR CHILD

An update from our Yearbook Advisors . . . You can create two or more customized pages to make your child's yearbook unique and individual. Photos can be added from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more. You can also help your child answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year. The two customized pages are free and are printed ONLY in your child's yearbook.

Price: \$14.50 (4th grade families – the HCS PTO has purchased a yearbook for your child. You still need to create an account to customize their pages.)

Deadline: April 30, 2022

Go to www.treering.com/validate

Enter the HCS passcode: 1016027963471664

Questions? Go To <https://help.treering.com/hc/en-us> or Call 877-755-8733

Enjoy the rest of your weekend!

There are a lot of important dates and deadlines coming up. Be sure to check out the Calendar section below.

Bob

A message from HCS PTO:

HCS Staff Appreciation Week is coming up on May 2nd through May 6th. Let's show our HCS teachers and staff how grateful we are for each and every one of them!

SUNDAY MAY 1st, 1:30-6:00: Stop by HCS anytime in the afternoon to write a chalk message to our teachers and staff on the sidewalk so they see it Monday morning when they arrive. Chalk will be out and available on the upper AND lower entrances. Let's make it great!

Monday: Bring in or draw a flower for your teachers or staff member.

Tuesday: Wear one of your teacher's or staff member's favorite colors!

Wednesday: Bring in a school supply for your teacher or staff member or one of their favorite treats.

Thursday: Write a note or poem or draw a picture for HCS teachers and staff!

Friday: Our teachers and staff have superpowers! Dress like a superhero to be just like them!

CALENDAR

Thursday, April 28 - Spirit Day, wear your blue and white

Thursday, April 28- Deadline to order Husky Hustle T-Shirts

Thursday, April 28- Pledge Sheets due (every Thursday)

Friday, April 29 – 1:00 pm dismissal for students, teacher professional development

Friday, April 29- Deadline to order Plants from PTO

Friday, April 29 -Deadline for Grade 1 and Grade 2 field trip permission slips

April 30- Yearbook order deadline

Monday, May 2nd – Friday, May 6th – Staff Appreciation Week

Monday, May 2nd – BOE Annual Budget Meeting, Har-Bur Media Center

Tuesday, May 3rd- Proposed Referendum Date- Town Halls

Thursday, May 5th- Pick Up Mother's Day Flowers from PTO Sale

Friday, May 6th- HCS Family Playground Meet Up, 4pm (hosted by the HCS PTO)

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Monday, May 9- BOE Meeting, Har-Bur Media Center

Wednesday, May 11th – National School Nurses Day

Friday, May 13 – 1:00 pm dismissal for students, teacher professional development

Saturday, May 14- Husky Hustle

Thursday, May 26 – HCS Art Show, 5:00-7:00 pm

Friday, June 3 – HCS Field Day

Thursday, June 9 – Moving Up Ceremony for Fourth Graders

Friday, June 10- 1:00 pm Dismissal

Monday, June 13- 1:00 pm Dismissal, Last Day of School

Monday, June 13- BOE Meeting, Har-Bur Media Center

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 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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Contact Information for HCS Staff: http://harwinton.region10ct.org/staff_e-mail_and_webpages

