

Good Morning HCS Families –

It's Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week! At HCS we celebrate ALL staff members during this week: teachers, paras, cafeteria workers, student services staff, office staff & custodians! HCS is a special place, I'm proud to be part of such an amazing community! I am so appreciative of our teachers and staff! They give their "all" to the kids throughout the school year. The PTO has planned some treats for the staff each day this week. It always means so much to be recognized . . . please take a few minutes to have your child draw a picture or write a note to a favorite staff member this week. It's so nice to get these special surprises!

Here is what the PTO has planned for HCS Staff Appreciation Week: THIS WEEK, May 2nd through May 6th. Let's show our HCS teachers and staff how grateful we are for each and every one of them!

TODAY MAY 1st, 1:30-6:00: Swing 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: Carnations will be available for the students to take at the door on their way into school and hand to ANY teacher or staff member at HCS!

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

Wednesday: Bring in a school supply for your teacher/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!

And thanks to all of you, we are able to treat our HCS teachers and staff to some special surprises this week. THANK YOU!

A HUSKY HUSTLE UPDATE From our PTO !!

Only new donations (including those online) should be filled out on pledge sheets.

Week two did not disappoint! All the students have been busy gathering sponsors for their color run and the classroom race is on! Mrs. Norton's class has remained strong in first place all of week two. Story, Evans and Clark are all moving around between second, third and fourth place! 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! *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 Don't forget to save the date for the Husky Hustle color run-5/14 11:30-2:30. This is an event you won't want to miss. In addition to the color run, there will be a DJ, games, inflatable obstacle course, bungee trampoline, food trucks, silent auction and raffle and much more! A special THANK YOU to our Corporate Sponsors for this event. With their generosity we were about to collect over \$5000.00 in sponsorship donations!

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

We are thrilled to welcome the company High Touch-High Tech back to HCS on Monday, May 2nd for a science program for our 2nd graders all about MATTER! In this fun program students will get a hands-on look at the properties of solids, liquids and gases. They will see how different properties can determine the use of any matter and learn how temperature changes matter. This program is sponsored by the HCS PTO and by you, the families of HCS who make these cool enrichment programs possible by supporting fundraising efforts like the Husky Hustle!

We filled up the dog- house recently and the Dog bone reward will be a STEM project.

There is a SignUp Genius for the Grade 4 Camp Chase
trip: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA8A62BA2FCC43-4thgrade>

Have a great rest of your weekend!

Bob

CALENDAR:

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)

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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