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Hurricane Intermediate Newsletter

February 2016

Dear Parents, Guardians and HIS Students,

February is a fun month for our counseling departments here at HIS! Our incoming 6th graders, the current 5th graders in the five different elementary schools that come here, will be visiting our school in a 5th Grade Orientation event on Feb 9th and 10th. It is always really fun for our music students to perform for them and our student leaders to show them around the school to explain how school works.

Our current 6th graders will be registering for 7th grade on Feb 11th and 12th, in the computer lab. They will select next year's elective, and an alternative, print it, and take it home for parent signature. We have some outstanding music, art, and theater classes to choose from. Some students may select Office, Media, or Teacher's Aide as an elective, as well, but they are very competitive.

NetSmartz will be coming to our school and talking about Internet Safety in an assembly on Feb. 25th. We have found that it is increasingly important for students to be more careful while on-line, and to know how to protect themselves, and what to do if they are having problems. This group of presenters are fun and knowledgeable and hopefully the student will be safer because of it. Parents are always welcome at our assemblies.

The last day of February, and into the first week of March, is the biggest event of our counseling program. It is RASK week. RASK stands for Random Acts of Service & Kindness. Our Peer Mediators help with the logistics of this week, where we will be having a poster contest, with a Rip Stick, gift cards, and other prizes being awarded to the students that win in one of five categories: Best Use of Color, Most Detail, Most Creative, Best Use of Theme, and Student Choice. The Best of Show will win a Rip Stick, and the other categories will receive various gift cards from our local businesses.

The Peer Mediators are currently preparing a video that explains the contest and gives examples of acts of service and kindness. We will also distribute cards to all students where they will be asked to do an act of service/kindness each day of the week, have an adult here at school initial it, and then their card will be put in a RASK pot for a drawing on Friday.

The Peer Mediators will also read a quote at the beginning of Homeroom about service and kindness. We will also have a Smile Wall, where students can write on a sticky note an act of kindness they saw someone do. The RASK week is our favorite week of the year because it focuses on the rewards of doing for others and promotes feelings of caring about others. The posters show the many different ways of being kind and are inspiring to see. We invite parents to come and visit our school to see the posters and Smile Wall that week.

Ms. Hunter

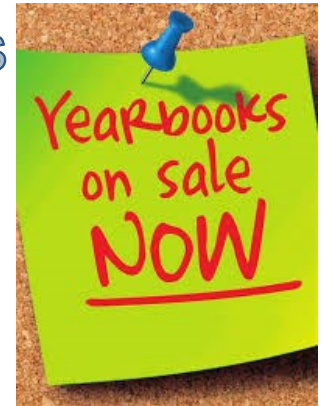
“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.”

~ Henry Ford

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Yearbooks are still on sale! Get yours before it is too late. Price is \$19 until April 1st the price will go up to \$21.



Parents please **DO NOT** use the bus loading zone to drop off or pick up students.



ATTENTION 7th GRADE IMMUNIZATIONS

The following immunizations are required for your child to attend HIS as a 7th grade student.

◆ Tdap ◆ 2 Varicella (chickenpox) ◆ Meningococcal

The immunizations may be done anytime from now until the next school year starts in August 2016.

Click here for more information [Immunization Requirements](#)

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On your mark... get set.... GO! We will be competing against other schools (Washington Elementary, Valley Academy, Hurricane Elementary, Sandstone Elementary). The school that collects the most items for donations wins the trophy!

We will also be having a competition in our school between Home room classes. Bring donations from Feb 1st—Feb 12th. Donations can include:

- Diapers
- Wet wipes
- Toilet Paper
- Other toiletries (tooth brush, tooth paste, soap)
- Canned Food
- Unopened items such as: ketchup, mustard and other condiments

Any type of food that doesn't need to be refrigerated can be donated.

All donations will be given to the Utah Food Bank.

School Activities

February 1—PLC Early Out at
11:45am

February 15—NO SCHOOL
President's Day

February 19—End of 2nd Tri-
mester

February 19—School Wide
Activity

March 7-11—NO SCHOOL
Spring Break

March 25 & 28—NO SCHOOL
Spring Recess

March 29—End of level testing
starts



Cristina Smith—Custodian

Staff Spotlight

I am one of the custodians at Hurricane Intermediate. I have worked here for almost two years and have been with the school district for almost ten years. I have also done farm work and cooking at restaurants and also was an Assistant Manager for a restaurant before working for the school. I have a small but good family, two daughters, one adopted son and one uncle. I like to do crafts and carpentry and love working with power tools. My favorite colors are white and green. My favorite food is rice and salads. My favorite teacher was Mr. Mahoola. I do volunteer work for the less fortunate and help elderly people by cleaning their houses and doing yard work for them. I also serve as a Spanish interpreter for the community.

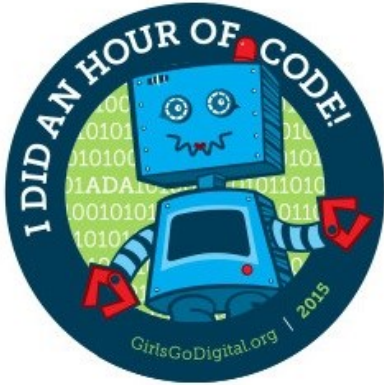


**Great job goes out to
all mindstormers and
Lego Leaguers for
advancing to the
next level of compe-
tition!**

Fun Facts

“I am” is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

Computer Coding and Programming Camps/Workshops are available through Dixie State University for WCSD Students.



Please click on below links for more information:

[Camps](#) [Girls Go Digital](#) [Code Changers](#)

LUNCH CORNER

Click here for [February Menu](#)

If your student does not have the full amount for a meal, they will not be allowed to eat that day. This is district policy. **THERE IS NO CHARGING FOR MEALS.**

February Payment Amounts

Lunch Full Pay	\$50.00
Lunch Reduced	\$ 8.00
Breakfast Full Pay	\$25.00
Breakfast Reduced	\$ 6.00

Payments can be made in the office in the form of check, cash or credit card. You also have the option to pay online at www.paypams.com



[Breakfast Logic-Breakfast is a good thing!](#)

When students need to take achievement tests, schools strongly urge them to eat breakfast first on testing days. Why? Because we know that when student eat breakfast, they perform better and are better able to concentrate. Yet on “normal” days, many students fail to eat breakfast: they’re too busy, too tired, or just don’t know what to eat. Let’s help students to perform better every day, by making sure they eat a healthy breakfast at home or at school.

If your child already eats a free or reduced price lunch, they automatically qualify for a free or reduced price breakfast. Breakfast is served until 7:35am daily.

News from the Office

Office Hours are Monday—Friday 7:10am—2:50pm

ATTENDANCE—If your child will not be at school please call 635-8931 or email jennifer.gray@washk12.org. If you are checking your student out of school, you will need to come into the office and sign them out. You must have I.D. in order to check out a student. We will not release students to anyone who is not on your contact list.

POWERSCHOOL—Just a reminder that your PowerSchool I.D. and password are on your students schedule that they received at registration. If you have problems accessing your student's grades online,

Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our school.

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***BREAKING NEWS FROM HIS MEDIA CENTER!
CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO READ ALL ABOUT IT.***

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Character ED Theme of the Month is:

Habit 5—Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood

In school we're taught how to read, write, and speak. However, listening is one of the most important communication skills of all. Listening with our ears isn't good enough, because less than 10% of communications is contained in the words we use. The rest comes from body language and the tone and feeling reflected in our voice.

Steps to become 100% listeners (words, body language and tone)

1. Try to go one hour without talking. Instead, just watch the people around you and listen o what they are saying. Good luck!
2. Think of someone in your life that is a good listener. What do they do that makes them a good listener?
3. The next time someone around you is sad notice their eyes, or their body language. Tell them you notice they are sad and you want to help.

The mission of Hurricane Intermediate School is to ensure that every student is high-achieving and well-rounded.