



Jaguar News

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"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new."

~Socrates

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Dear Jaguars,

Don't you just love the fall weather? Warm days and cool nights. I watch the leaves begin to change in color and can't help but be reminded that these are what have filled our memories when we think of the beginning of each school year.

The demands of school change quite a bit now that your students are at the intermediate school. Study skills have to adapt and change. Students now rely on reading to learn instead of learning to read. Preparation for benchmark tests becomes more challenging.

Now that we are a month into our school year, it is helpful that you as parents provide the optimal atmosphere for your students to study each and every day as they arrive home. To help your student meet the challenges of the new school year, allow me to offer a few helpful points which should yield the best results.

- **Set the stage for learning.** Pick a comfortable and quiet location for studying. Make sure you remain nearby so that you can give encouragement as your student works.
- **Pay attention to timing.** Have you ever thought about what part of the day does your student focus the best? How often are breaks needed? Some students perform best right after school when their memories of instruction are fresh while others have a need to decompress after school with exercise or talking to a parent about their school day.
- **Plan ahead.** Be aware of the calendaring for each class. Know when large projects, reports, or tests are due. Create deadlines with your student and write them on a calendar. Success comes from systematic planning.
- **Practice.** Confidence can be built by taking practice tests. Such tests can also relieve anxiety. Review the material with your student and share your experiences.

We, at Hurricane Intermediate encourage you as parents to work with our faculty in attaining our goal for your student to be successful in all aspects of education. We will strive to emphasize learning. What we can accomplish together now will be the foundation for success in the upcoming school years.

Kevin Pedersen

Assistant Principal

REMINDERS

RED RIBBON WEEK OCTOBER 24TH—28TH

Get ready for some fun dress up days and education on being Drug Free. We will end the week with a school wide dress up Halloween Activity! Please read the rules below for costumes.

School Activity participation such as the Halloween school wide activity, are based on citizenship and tardies during the semester. Please remind your student that it is important they are here at school on time and arrive to each class during the day on time. Excessive tardies excused or not, as well as poor citizenship, may prevent a student from attending the activity.



Each year, Halloween presents a challenge for schools as students want to dress into their intended costumes and wear them at school. We allow students to dress in costume remember that our dress code still applies.

COSTUMES: Students should be neat, clean, and safe. Avoid apparel that is offensive, risqué, or threatens student safety. Any writing on clothing should be in good taste (avoid profanity, suggestive slogans/images, etc) Shorts and skirts must be modest.

To ensure school safety, **masks or extreme face paint are not permitted.** We ask parents to wait until after school to apply elaborate face paint. We need to be able to easily identify our students.



The 30 day grace period for free or reduced lunch status for 2016-2017 school year has now expired. If you have not gone online to complete a new application, then your child has automatically been moved to full pay status.

To check if you qualify for free or reduced status for the remainder of this year, please complete the online application ASAP.

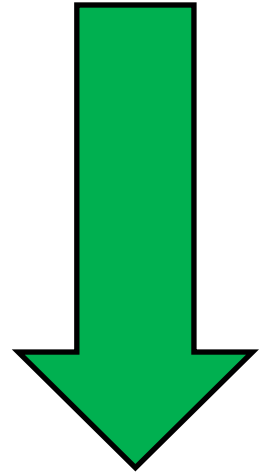
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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

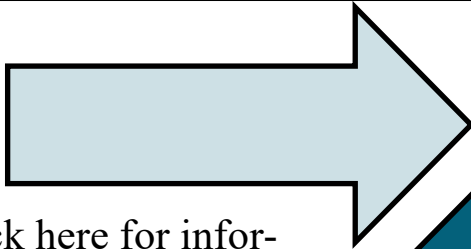


Hui Hui—Chinese

I am the new Chinese Teacher this year at Hurricane Intermediate. I like to drink hot water everyday and I don't like cold air conditioning! This last week during Spirit Week, we had so much fun. We don't have these kind of activities back in China. I love new experiences, and new things. New things keep life fresh! Being a Chinese teacher I enjoyed a lot while I dressed up myself. I really enjoy teaching at Hurricane Intermediate. I'm so glad to be here, Hurricane Intermediate is the best!



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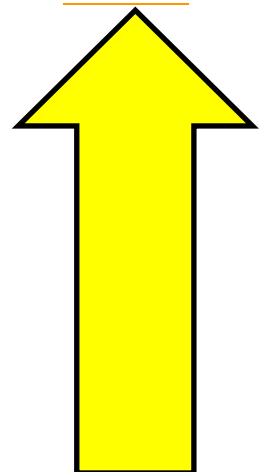


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School Activities

Oct 5th—Picture Make up day
Oct 6th—Parent/Teacher Conf 2:30pm—5:30pm
Oct 12th—7th Grade Field trip to DXATC and DSU
Oct 13-14—No school (Fall Break)
Oct 24th—PLC Day out at 11:45am
Oct 25th—Band Concert 6pm
Oct 26th—Orchestra Concert 6pm Gym
Oct 26th—Choir Concert 7pm Little Theater
Nov 2nd—Piano Concert 6pm

Click here to find activities at the Washington County Community Center
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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 ID in order to check out a students. We will not release students to anyone who is not on your contact list.

Character Ed

Habit 2—Begin With the End in Mind

We will be doing several activities to help students realize the importance about thinking about the immediate future as well as long term future.

I love a quote by Dr. Shad Helmstetter, “It is the BIG choices we make that set our direction. It is the SMALLEST choices we make that get us to the destination.” Everything that we do has an impact on our lives. It is our every day decisions that will get us where we want to be.

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



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