

September 17, 2009

Hidden River Headlines

Monroe Public Schools
Hidden River Middle School
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Principal's Message...

Hello Hawk Families,

The dust is settling and all our Hawks are forming their new routines. I always enjoy the beginning of a school year but this one is particularly excellent. Our classes are full of joyful students ready to learn. And, my faculty and staff are eager to take them to the limits of their potential. Here are a handful of notes worth consideration:

- 1) **Electronic Newsletter** – This is the best resource for most information that pertains to all students. Starting in October, we will publish this newsletter in electronic form only. We are planning on emailing all families with the link to our newsletter each week when it is published. If we do not have your accurate email, please take a moment to share that with our office staff.
- 2) **Teacher Teams** – You may have noticed a number of changes this year. One of the biggest is teacher teaming. In our model, your student's "core" (Humanities, Math, Science) teachers have time built into their day to collaborate with one another. The goal of this time is to improve student learning by focusing on common strategies promoting student success. This element is unique to Hidden River and the teachers are already using that time in very productive ways. My staff, parents, students, community members and District administrators all played a role in bringing this element to our school – we should be proud our collaboration
- 3) **ASB/PTO Fundraisers** – Please look for ASB and PTO fundraising information to have come home for all grades this week. The ASB is selling magazine subscriptions and the PTO is selling Entertainment Books. The funds raised go to support all students in some way or another. We are all thankful for your support!
- 4) **Athletics** – Academics play a very important role in the development of young adolescents. But, there are certain lessons best learned on the playing field. I would like to encourage parents of 6th grade parents to seek ways for their students to get involved in community athletics. For parents of 7th and 8th grade students, please take some time to discuss the sports we have at Hidden River. While some students are involved in four sports seasons each year, I try to push all students to choose at least one. These are the sports we offer:

Sept – Nov: Fastpitch (girls), Football (8th only), Cross Country
 Nov – Jan: Volleyball (girls), Basketball (boys)
 Jan – Mar: Basketball (girls), Wrestling (boys)
 Mar – May: Track and Field (girls and boys)

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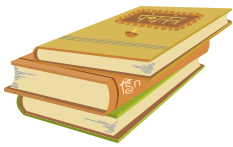
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Calendar of Events...

- September 24th** School Picture Day
- October 12th** School Improvement Day (non-student day)
- October 1st** Curriculum Night (6:00-7:30)
- October 26th-30th** **Parent Teacher Conference Week**
Students dismissed at 11:50



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 Please call our 24 hour
 attendance line at
 360-804-4101,
 or use Family Access.



Librarian's Corner

Welcome to a new year at Hidden River Middle School. My name is Brian Saulsman and part of my job includes managing our library. It is my goal to have our library be a central part of your student's learning experience. Here's some information that you might find helpful:

1. You can easily access our online catalog at <http://www.hiddenriverlibrary.com>. Your child can use their student access user name and password to view their library account. Once logged in, they can place holds, check when their books are due, and write book reviews, all from home. They will also find links to websites that support their learning needs. Check it out!
2. **Celebrate your student's birthday or other special event!** If you go to our library homepage, you will find a link to an Amazon wish list that displays books that we'd love to add to our collection. It's a simple, fast and easy way to donate a book to our library. We will gladly put a bookplate in the book commemorating the event.
3. There will be some **important circulation changes coming soon**. Students in 6th and 7th grade will need parent permission to read books listed as YA selections. This is a policy that grew from the work of our HRMS Library Steering Committee. Look for upcoming information about these changes.
4. Once again I am looking for interested parents to join the **Hidden River Library Steering Committee**. It's an easy way to be an active part of our school's library. Last year we met monthly, just before PTO meetings. We also have an online wiki where we discuss book selection, and other important library policy decisions.

I am looking forward to another exciting year of school. If you'd like to contact me regarding any of the above information, please call 360-804-4140, or email me at saulsmanb@monroe.wednet.edu.

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YEARBOOK CLUB

Those students interested in participating in Yearbook Club this year should attend a meeting next week. We will be having an informational meeting Tuesday morning, September 22nd, **BEFORE SCHOOL**, in the library at 7:00. We will be discussing the schedule for this year, when meetings will be held and the expectations for students who would like to participate. Please have your student attend if they have an interest in this club. Mr. Saulsman and Ms. Brady will be the yearbook advisors for the 2009-2010 year.

Are you interested in helping/volunteering in your child's class/school?

If so there are exciting opportunities to help in the "docent" program. This is a district wide program that allows parents, grandparents, college students, etc. to volunteer in any of the following areas; art, science, technology and culture. You do not need any previous experience, only the willingness to learn and to teach. If you or anyone you know are interested please contact Tess Thompson at 360-804-2575 or thompsonst@monroe.wednet.edu to find out how you can become a docent. The following dates are provided for learning more about the docent programs. If your interested in Technology please contact Tess Thompson directly at the number listed above.

*Sept: (All Meetings will be held at the District Administration office located at 200 E. Fremont St.)
Tues 22nd 10:30 am -12 pm Docent Coordinator Information Meeting (New & Returning Coordinators)
Tues 29th 10:30 am -12 pm Docent Coordinator Information Meeting (New & Returning Coordinators)
Oct: (All Meetings will be held at the District Administration office located at 200 E. Fremont St.)
Wed. 7th 10:30 am -12 pm & 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm Docent Information Meeting for Returning Docents
Wed. 14th 10:30 am -12 pm & 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm Docent Training *Art
Wed. 21st 10:30 am -12 pm & 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm Docent Training *Science
Thurs. 22nd 10:30 am -12 pm & 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm Docent Training *Culture*

Student Directory Order Form

Student Name _____

Quantity (\$1 each) _____ Order Deadline is October 9th!!

