



Scottie News

September 2018

Principal's Message

Greetings HMS Family/Parents/Guardians:

We are off to a GREAT start this year at the home of the Scotties! Our #1 Goal in the Kennewick School District is to keep our STUDENTS and STAFF **SAFE!** At Highlands we started the year with:

- Safety Lessons in each classroom
- Lessons on KINDESS in every class
- PAWS Rules—Ask your child what each letter means!
- Officer Harris of the KPD housed at HMS
- Anti-Bullying activities throughout October

- 6th Graders reading *WONDER* together October 1-12th

Each family will receive information on how they can log on to Power School to check their child's grades/attendance and assignments. They will also receive information on how to log on to HERO (a tracking system for positive behavior). If you need help—call the office.

It is essential that all families have updated phone numbers, addresses and e-mail addresses in our system. Every year we have had an emergency on campus where we can't get ahold of a family member. This can be very scary for a child. Please call the office and update your child's contacts.

Regular communication with principals (6th Grade—Mrs. McCord/7th Grade—Mr. Elkins/8th Grade—Mr. Naccarato), teachers, coaches and counselors is essential to the success of your child. Remember—we are a TEAM and together we can make sure your child's education at Highlands is FANTASTIC.

Mrs. McCord, Principal

HERO at Highlands

Highlands Middle School is now a HERO school!

HERO encourages positive student behavior choices. When students demonstrate HERO behaviors, they may earn points towards exciting incentives. We invite students and parents to register your own HERO, account so we may keep the lines of communication between home and school open. Once you register online, you may download the HERO app to receive push notifications about your student's HERO behavior throughout the day. Students and Guardians will each have a unique HERO login account. Within the next week you will receive a letter by mail with directions for registering and downloading the HERO app.

A Message from Kennewick School District

KSD's Non-Discrimination Policy:

The Kennewick School District provides equal access to all programs and services without discrimination based on sex, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation, including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or use of trained dog, guide or service animal by a person with a disability, and provide equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

Civil Rights & Equity: Douglas Christensen - (509) 222-5010

(doug.christensen@ksd.org)

Section 504, Title IX: Jack Anderson (509) 222-5004

(jack.anderson@ksd.org)

Privacy Act:

The Federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 permits the Kennewick School District to release certain information known as "directory information," to certain people or institutions, unless parents request, in writing, that such information not be released.

In many cases, requests for this type of information come from news media or the armed forces for recruiting purposes. Directory information may include: 1) student name, address, and telephone number, 2) date and place of birth; 3) participation in officially recognized activities and sports; 4) weight and height of athletic team members; 5) dates of attendance; 6) photographs or other similar information. Photographs may occasionally be taken of students for use in the news media or school district publication.

If you would like to request the Kennewick School District not to release directory information on your student, there is a form to sign either at your student's school or the KSD Administration Building.

Student Safety

Our #1 goal in the Kennewick School District is SAFETY of our students. This means from the time they leave home until they return. Please take note of the following and discuss with your child:

The irrigation canal road just north of W. 4th Avenue that leads westbound from S. Union Street to S. Edison Street is PRIVATE PROPERTY and has NO TRESPASSING signs posted. Officer Harris (our School Resource Officer) has contacted the Kennewick Irrigation District and confirmed no one is allowed on this canal road and they will pursue charges for trespassing. HMS students have been using this route as a "short cut" to school and back home. If your child walks on this private property, the following consequences may occur; the Kennewick Police will be called and students caught trespassing will be cited/arrested and school discipline may result in a one day or more suspension from school.

Get to Know Kennewick Schools

You are invited to attend "Get to Know Kennewick Schools" on Friday, October 5th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. located at the KSD Administration Building at 1000 W. 4th Ave. Kennewick. A complementary continental breakfast will be provided beginning at 8:45 a.m. and lunch will be provided later in the day. This is an interactive half-day session showcasing Kennewick's instructional programs and student safety. If you would like to attend, please e-mail and we will make sure you get a reserved spot. We are hoping to have as many parents possible to represent Highlands. For more information or to register yourself, visit the link below:

[MORE INFO](#)

Healthy Youth Survey

Kennewick School District is participating in the Washington State 2018 Healthy Youth Survey this fall.

The Healthy Youth survey includes questions related to physical activity and diet, unintentional and intentional injury, substance use, risk and protective factors, access to school-based services, and sexual behaviors, abuse and orientation. Survey results are used by schools, communities and state agencies to plan programs to support our youth and reduce the risks.

Participation in the survey is voluntary and the students' answers are anonymous.

Please click the link below to read the Parent and Student Notification Letter for more information about the Healthy Youth Survey.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Other Happenings at Highlands

HIGHLANDS FALL BAZAAR

Come support your Highlands PTO at the HMS Fall Bazaar! Saturday, October 13th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Highlands Gymnasium.

- No entrance fee!
- Handcrafted items!
- Variety of vendors!
- Raffle prizes!

The first 50 shoppers will receive a FREE slice of Belle's Banana Bread!

WEB

WEB leaders will be painting HMS orange in October! Orange is the universal color to recognize Anti-Bullying! Activities such as a pledge, No One Eats Alone as well as Public Service Announcements will all be included in this message to all students!

Look for more information but dates of important school activities are: October 24th, 25th and 26th. Unity Day is observed nationwide on 10/24 and is a day to celebrate together against bullying. WE stand united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion!

SPORTS

Our fall sports season has begun! You can find the game schedules along with practice schedules on our website under [Athletics](#). District busses will transport all athletes to games away from Highlands. Busses will return all athletes to Highlands ONLY from games outside of Kennewick.

VETERAN'S DAY

Highlands Middle School and its student body will be putting together a Military Appreciation Day assembly on November 1, 2018. We are proud to welcome Commander Bill Eaton as our Keynote speaker. Commander Eaton along with the Department of Education, the History Channel, and various local veterans' chapters, will participate in our annual celebration to honor all men and women who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. We would like to pass this invitation to any and all who are currently serving, retired, or reserve military personnel. We would love to have you join us! For more information on this Day of Appreciation or to add your name to the list of attendees, contact Connie Fow at connie.fow@ksd.org or call (509) 222-6700.

Reminders

NO Wednesday Schedule: We no longer have early release Wednesdays. Our class schedule begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 2:35 p.m. every school day.

Highlands PTO: Please consider attending a meeting, volunteering or joining the PTO. Your ideas and support is always needed and greatly appreciated! For any questions send an email to:

HighlandsPTO@hotmail.com

Student Pictures: If your student missed picture day or would like retakes, picture retake day is Thursday, October 11th.

Second Chance Breakfast: We are happy to offer a Second Chance breakfast opportunity to all students at Highlands. Any student that did not get breakfast before school will have the option to get breakfast between 2nd and 3rd period.

Upcoming Events

September 26

Community Vaccinations offered at Highlands. 1:15 p.m.

September 28

School Social 2:45-4:00 p.m.

October 11

Picture Retakes
ATP Math Night

October 13

Highlands Fall Bazaar

October 19

NO SCHOOL - Staff PD Day

November 1

Military Appreciation Day

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