



HENNIKER COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER January 23, 2015

*** School Budget Public Hearing - 2/11/15 @ 7PM (HCS Library)**

*** Annual School District Meeting - 3/11/15 @ 7PM (HCS Café)**

Note: At the March 11th meeting, Henniker teachers will be providing activities & supervision of students.

Message from the Principal:

Dear Families,

Extreme winter weather is here! Please remember winter gear is needed for outdoor play here at school. Thank you for continuing to send in appropriate outdoor clothing as well as dry shoes and socks for use inside the building.

Friday, February 6th is the annual Family Valentine's Day Dance sponsored by the PTA. It will run from 6:30pm - 8:30pm in the café. This is always a great night of dancing, raffles, and a cakewalk. We hope to see many families there!

Have a great weekend.

Katherine McBride

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

UPCOMING EVENTS -

- 1/24 Henniker Hot Chocolate 5K & 10K (8-Noon)
SNOW DATE: 1/25/15
- 1/26 **Spelling Bee (Grades 5-8)(8:30-10am) (Café)**
SNOW DATE: 1/27/15
- 1/26 Taekwondo (3:05-3:50pm) (Gym)
- 1/27 **8th Grade Parent Night at JSHS (6:30pm)**
SNOW DATE: 1/28/15 (6:30pm)
- 1/28 **EARLY RELEASE DAY - Dismissal at 12:45**
- 1/29 Grade 3 - Science Club (3-4:30pm) (RM 209)
- 1/29 **Literacy Night (Grades 2 & 3) (5-6:30pm)**
(Café & Library)
- 2/2 Taekwondo (3:05-3:50pm)(Rm 059)
- 2/2 Wrestling Home Meet (4:00-6:30pm) (Gym)
- 2/4 Kid Games(Grades 3 & 4)(3-4pm) (Gym)
- 2/5 Grade 3 - Science Club (3-4:30pm) (Room 209)

UPCOMING EVENTS (Continued) -

- 2/6 **PTA Sponsored Family Valentine Dance**
(6:30-8:30pm) (Café)
- 2/11 **School Budget Hearing Meeting (6:00pm)**
(HCS Library)

"CAF" FLASH -

We have been receiving many market bulletins about how the extreme weather in areas that grow greens, broccoli, cauliflower, and green onions is affecting supplies. Many of the available lettuces/greens are of bad quality due to freezing and drought. This is driving the price of those products up. As an alternative to salads during this time, consider serving cooked veggies instead. Eating a variety of veggies supplies many valuable nutrients too.

Almost everyone likes roasted vegetables and they are easy to prepare. Cut veggies such as onions, carrots, potatoes, beets, brussel sprouts, winter squash, mushrooms - or any others you like - into a uniform size. Toss with olive oil, some garlic, a sprinkle of herbs (rosemary and thyme are yummy), salt & pepper to taste. Roast in a shallow baking pan at 375-400 degrees until tender, stirring once or twice, about 30 minutes. (Bonus: when you make an oven supper the house smells great and the oven helps warm the house.) This dish is good hot but can also serve as leftovers cold or at room temperature or pureed with chicken broth into a simple soup.

Notices have been sent home this week with students who owe money on their foodservice accounts. Please monitor your student's account by going to the "Pay for School Lunch" link on the HCS web page.

Thank you for supporting the HCS Foodservice Program.

HCS TO HOST 3RD ANNUAL LITERACY NIGHT -

If you are a parent of a Henniker Community School 2nd or 3rd grade student you are cordially invited to attend this event to be held at HCS on Thursday, January 29th from 5:00-6:30PM. Bring your second and third grade students. We will serve pizza to start, and at about 5:30, children will be supervised by staff members who will engage them in fun activities. While these students are at play, parents will learn about and practice simple and fun literacy activities that they can do at home. This event is sponsored by the Literacy Intervention Team. Parents will leave with literacy strategies to use with their children. Look for an informational flyer with a tear off RSVP portion to come home with your child as this event nears. An RSVP is necessary to ensure that enough pizza and materials are

available. For questions, please email Michele McMurphy at michele.mcmurphy@sau24.org.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE FOR FOOD PANTRY -

A group of 4th grade girls are running a canned food drive from January 20th to January 30th to help support our local food pantry in Henniker.

If you would like to bring in canned food items, we would greatly appreciate any donation that is made. Thank you!

HCS YEARBOOK IS STILL FOR SALE

A yearbook is a fabulous memento of your child's time here at HCS. The cost of the yearbook is \$20.00 per book. Deadline for all yearbook orders will be Friday, March 20, 2015.

Personal Ads & Congratulations:

Personal ads offer you the opportunity to recognize the achievements of your special student! You can be as creative as you like in wording your personal message to your son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandson, granddaughter, students, etc.

Your personal ads go a long way in supporting our yearbook and we thank you for your support! Have fun creating your very own personal ad! Ads are an additional \$5.00 per ad -- **DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 13, 2015.**

HENNIKER YOUTH ATHLETICS -

Baseball, Softball, and T-ball sign ups for the 2015 season are going on now! Please go to www.hennikerathletics.org to register your son/daughter.

TUCKER FREE LIBRARY -

The Tucker Free Library invites you to Take Your Child to the Library Day on Sat., Feb. 7, 2015, 12-5pm. There

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will be games, crafts, & the Xbox will be available until movie time at 2pm. For more information call 428-3471.

The Tucker Free Library friends and trustees are working together to survey the community to determine if ATTRACTION PASSES are a service we might offer in 2015. Please spend a few moments to complete the survey either on our website at the link below or at the circulation desks at Tucker Free.

ATTRACTION PASSES are expensive to purchase so we want to guarantee that they will be used by our community. In most cases, ATTRACTION PASSES DO NOT PROVIDE FREE ADMISSION, and once travel and parking are taken into consideration there are expenses associated with all the passes.

The survey below provides you with the cost of the experience for a family of four with and without the pass. Please indicate the likelihood of your family using the TUCKER FREE LIBRARY ATTRACTION PASS with all of the expenses.

<http://tuckerfreelibrary.org/attractionpasssurvey.html>

Lynn M. Piotrowicz, M.A., M.L.S.

Director

Tucker Free Library

HENNIKER FOOD PANTRY -

It has been a busy year for the pantry serving an average of 140 people a week. The needs have been great but the wonderful people of Henniker have shown their commitment to feeding the hungry of our community.

The pantry would like to say a special thanks to all the organizations and businesses in town who have donated money or goods to help the pantry.

We are grateful for the continuous efforts of the transfer station crew. Their year-round support is invaluable!

To the many volunteers that give their time and energy to the pantry please know that you are critical to the success of this organization and your work is very much appreciated!

And to all our donors of food and money, your generous gifts this past year provided the financial and moral support needed to continue our mission of hunger relief. You are all the real heroes!

The Henniker Food Pantry is looking for some strong volunteers! Currently the pantry is getting much of its food from the Manchester Food Bank. We are looking for people with a van, SUV or a truck who would be willing to help pick up food once a month. It is a 35 minute drive and you would have to load food into your vehicle and transport it to the pantry and unload it. A current

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food pantry volunteer is willing to go along to help. The pantry saves considerable money by getting food at the food bank. We just need help getting it! If you are interested, please contact either Christine Barr (731-8144) or Denise Getts (494-9675).

JSRHS EQUESTRIAN TEAM "SPIRIT" MEMBER -

For any 7th or 8th grade student, the Coach of the JSRHS Equestrian team invites you to participate as "SPIRIT" members of their team. If you are interested in horses and would like to become a full-fledged member of the team, even with no prior horse experience, they would love to welcome you to join. (SPIRIT members do not ride horses but do support the team and riders with many engaging and fun activities. The Equestrian team meets monthly through April and the season culminates with 3 competitions - 2 in April and 1 in May. The next meeting is scheduled for February 9th in Weare. Signups must be completed by Feb. 15th.

For more information, please contact Coach Susan Russell at WMS or call 759-4192 or email smrussell@comcast.net.

PATS PEAK LEARN TO SKI AND RIDE PROGRAM

Sign-ups for the Pats Peak Learn to Ski & Ride Program are underway. Applications are available on-line at Pats Peak's website www.patspeak.com. Go to "Weekday Learn to Ski and Ride" to register. **All applications MUST be made on-line.**

All lessons are on Thursday for 5 weeks. The dates are: Feb. 19, March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2015. There are no lessons the week of Feb. 23-27, 2015.

Note: Pats Peak has a \$25.00 late fee for all applications received on & after January 14, 2015. Payment plans can be arranged through Pats Peak (428-3245).

Enter the appropriate username and password for your child's grade. (Please note username and password are case sensitive!)

KINDERGARTEN: Lesson time: 2:30pm

Username: Kindergarten Password: Henniker

GRADES 1-4: Lesson time: 3:30 p.m.

Username: HCS1-4 Password: SNOWY

GRADES 5-8: Lesson time: 5:30 p.m.

Username: hcsmiddle Password: aok

CHAPERONES: We need chaperones. Please consider signing up to help.

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COORDINATOR CONTACT INFO:

Kindergarten: Krisha Dubreuil; email: krishadubreuil@gmail.com; phone: 494-6400

Grades 1-4: Lisa Lamphere; email: lisa.lamphere@comcast.net; phone 491-0715 & Sarah Nelson; email: Sarahn7@comcast.net; phone 801-9098

Grades 5-8: John Helfrich; email: john.helfrich@sau24.org; phone 428-3476

Reminder: Submissions to the Newsletter should be directed to dale.ford@sau24.org

Deadline: Wednesday by NOON for all entries.

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