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From the Principal WELCOME BACK HPES FAMILIES!

Reminder there is NO SCHOOL Friday, August 30th and Monday, September 2nd.

Please be sure to see the flyer for the BBQ (coming home next Tuesday!) to be held on Friday, September 6th. We will need a “head count” for the guests who will be joining us that day. We will do a “lunch count” for students in the building.

Thank you for your continued support of our HPES learners and staff!

Some notes from the Office:

-If you have not yet returned your First Day of School Paperwork - PLEASE do so ASAP!!!!

-PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MAIN PHONE # IS 521-5400. YOU MAY ALSO CALL ALL EXTENSIONS DIRECTLY by dialing 521-54xx. Please refer to our extension list on our website for the last two digits. The automated message at 521-5400 is set up so that you Press 9 for attendance and end of day changes, Press 8 to get the name directory, Press 0 for Karen Aither (front desk), Press 1 for Principal Reilly, Press 2 for Rose Baraw (Admin Asst.), Press 6 for the Library, and Press 7 for the Health office. Please note all of this info is in the automated message!

-If there IS a change in your child’s end of day plans - Please send a NOTE. If you have forgotten to send a note and need to use the phone system we are asking you to please NOT leave two days’ worth of changes in your message. If there is a change today and they will be doing that same thing tomorrow, then tell us about the change today and then send in a note with them tomorrow. Remember along with our phone system, we have an Attendance email. If you have forgotten to send in a note with your child and need to change their end of day plans, you may call and leave a message OR you can email

attendance@hpes.org - by 1:00 pm would be greatly appreciated! It would be a wonderful idea to cc your child’s teacher and Karen Aither in that email!

Meet Our Guidance Counselor!

Hello! My name is Kaitlyn Morrissey and I'm so excited for my first year at HPES. Being from Burlington, I love to get outside and appreciate the woods. I can often be found running on the rail trail with my dog. I have always had the most fun working with children, and look forward to getting to know your student.



Meet Our Behavior Specialist!

First off, I am so thankful to be a part of this wonderful community once again! My name is Camron Colston and I am the new Behavior Specialist at HPES. You can find me in the Student Support Room, along with Ms. Laurie. I have been a member of the Hyde Park community on and off since 2014. My last position at HPES was an educator on the 5/6 team. I left in 2017 to do a little hiking and exploring on the Appalachian Trail and I couldn’t be happier that my journey has led me back to this magical place. After school hours, you can typically find me near a body of water or deep in the woods adventuring with my chocolate Labrador, Jameson. My wish for this school year is that every one of our scholars has a magical year! Thank you for taking the time to read a little bit about me. - Mr. Camron



PE News

What a great start to the new school year in Physical Education! The weather is beautiful, and students have been ready to move.

Initially in PE, every grade level Pre K through 6th focuses on expectations around safety, respect, and responsibility. As we dive into our first units of the year at each grade level, I would like to tell you about a couple of other things we're doing in PE.

First, FITNESS CHALLENGES. Although I've been doing fitness challenges for the past couple of years, I would like to let you know that we will be doing several throughout the year that lead up to major breaks. This is a challenge by choice which means students don't have to participate, but are welcome to try. Our first challenge is the PLANK challenge. Each grade level has different requirements and if a student accomplishes the feat, their name will go into a drawing for a chance to win lunch from a local restaurant on me for (s)he and two of their friends.

Second, I will be introducing FITBITS to students for use throughout the school day at first, and hopefully, to bring home during weekend trials eventually. My goal will be to get a Fitbit on every student at HPES throughout the first trimester for at least one full school day in order to give them an idea of how much they move, and how much energy is used throughout this process.

For more information about fitness challenges, Fitbit work, or PE in general, please contact Shawn Clough at HPES ext. 5426 or sclough@hpes.org.

6th Grade Parents

There is a quick fundraising meeting for 6th grade parents on Monday at 6:30pm in the HPES gym.

Upcoming Events

NO SCHOOL

Friday, August 30th and Monday, September 2nd

Family BBQ

Friday, September 6th

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