

11/22/21-11/24/21

HRMS

Caregiver News and Information



Short Week

The school year seems to be flying by. I am thankful to be a part of this community and I am proud of all the difficult work our students have done this month. We have a short week leading up to Thanksgiving. Please note that students will be dismissed at **11:35 on Wednesday, 11/24/21**. I hope you all enjoy spending time with the people you care about the most.

Thank You,

Brendan Norton
Principal

School Climate Group

To broaden family and community involvement, I am seeking interested HRMS parents who would like to serve on a committee that would focus on school climate, communication and transparency. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, December 2nd, at 7pm in our MPR. We will plan to meet monthly going forward. If you are interested please email me directly at norton@danvers.org

Improving School Culture

We have done a lot of work over the past two weeks to help students understand the significance of both positive and negative symbols and the impact of hate speech on our community. We have also educated students about the history of the swastika and what it represents. As a result of our efforts, we have had students share with trusted adults in the building information regarding events that occurred in the past. Nothing has been reported that rises to the significance of the incidents of hate speech from November 9th or 18th, but these events have significance to each individual who is sharing them. As these issues currently are of a more individual nature we will be addressing them as such.

I am encouraged by the students' willingness to come forward and report any incident. Improving student self advocacy and increasing adult supervision during unstructured time will help prevent future incidents. Our ability to have these conversations with students, regarding any incident that makes them feel unsafe or unwelcome, is an important part of improving the culture of the Holten Richmond Middle School.

As always, we recognize that collaboration and communication with all of you is critically important in all of this work. Thank you for everything you are doing at home in support of our shared goals

If your child needs support processing the recent events, our guidance counselors and social workers are always available to help all students.

From The Library

It's time to get festive in the Hawk's Creation Station! This month we'd like students to create a cardboard 'gingerbread' house. Students make work alone or in small groups up to 4. Sign-ups are in the library starting 11/22, with a limit of 12 students per grade.

The next meeting of the Warrior Cats Book Club will be on Thursday, December 9th from 2:00-2:45 in Ms. Hillier's art room, Room 331. Students will be working on designing their own Warrior Cat and creating artwork to hang up in the library. All are welcome to attend!

The next meeting of the Anime Club will be on Wednesday, December 15th from 2:00-2:45 in the library. Students will be discussing the Anime episodes we watched last month and continue working on posters for the library. All are welcome to attend!

Chromebook Insurance

If you have not paid your Chromebook insurance for the 2021-2022 school year, please click on the link below to do so.

[ChromeBook Insurance Payment](#)

Student Vaccination Status

If your child has received a Covid vaccination and you wish to share that information with the school, you can email our nurses (meghanpaul@danvers.org and/or nicolewilson@danvers.org) a PDF copy of your child's vaccination card.

Danvers Public Schools COVID Statistics

For the up to date information regarding the COVID-19 statistics for the Danvers Public Schools, please click on the link below.

<https://danverspublicschools.org/covid-19-statistics-2021-2022/>

This Weeks Important Dates

Musical rehearsal begin 11/22 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

(no rehearsal on Thanksgiving or the day after Thanksgiving)

Dismissal 11/24/21 is at 11:35

Upcoming Dates

Early release Wednesday 12/1/21 - school ends at 12:45

Trimester 1 closes on 12/3/21