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HRMS

Caregiver News and Information



The Week Before

It is a very exciting time for students and staff. Everyone looks forward to this first extended break of the year. As we head into the last week before break, we also realize that this can be a difficult time for our students and families. Please reach out to us if your family or your child is struggling with anything as we head into break. We would be happy to offer support to all the members of our school community who might need it. .

Thank You,
Brendan Norton
Principal

From Student Council

This week, on Monday and Tuesday, the student council will be hosting their annual candy cane fundraiser. Candy canes will be sold at all 3 lunches and will be 50 cents each. There will be a limit of 6 candy canes per person, per day! Proceeds will be given to help local families through the Danvers Food Pantry.

Coat Drive

The HRMS Coat Drive did not make it into last week's Caregiver Newsletter. However, the drive has been extended until Tuesday of next week. We are seeking donations of new winter coats, gloves, mittens, hats, warm sock and scarves.


Backpacks

Following the break students in 6th and 8th grade will use their backpacks to carry their belongings during the school day. Students will no longer use their lockers between classes. Students may use their lockers for storing their coats and lunch at the beginning of the day. They may get items from their locker at lunch and then again at the end of the day. This program was piloted in 7th grade during the 1st trimester. The 7th grade teams found it helped students spend less time in the halls between classes and it almost totally eliminated the need for students to leave during class to retrieve an item. Due to the success with 7th grade we decided to expand the

use of backpacks to the entire school. If your child does not have a backpack and you need help getting one, please let me know.

Screenings

Beginning in January the health office will conduct their screenings. Grade six and grade eight will have postural screenings. Seventh grade students will have BMI (Body Mass Index), vision/hearing and postural screenings. If you wish to opt your child out of any of the screenings please email the school nurses (meghanpaul@danvers.org or nicolewilson@danvers.org). Make sure to specify which screening(s) you want to opt out of with your child's name. Below is the link with the information regarding the postural screenings. Please call or email the nurses, Meghan Paul or Nicole Wilson, with any questions or concerns.

 [Copy of Postural Screening Letter for Parents.doc](#)

From The HRMS PAC

Spiritwear that was not picked up on Wednesday can be picked up between 2:15 and 4:00 any day next week. If the items are not a surprise gift, I would also be happy to give them to responsible students.

Lost and Found Last Call

Please be sure to encourage your student to check our overflowing Lost & Found for any missing items such as coats, sweatshirts, water bottles, or lunch boxes. **The Lost & Found will be emptied and all items donated during the holiday break.** Pictures of the lost and found items are [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

Bike Safety

Bike safety has been an issue for many of our students. Officer Skane, our SRO, wanted me to share this information with our families. You can read his letter [here](#).

Yearbook Information

Holten Richmond Middle School is thrilled to partner with TreeRing yearbooks this school year. You can create a free account, take a look at the website, and easily purchase your copy. <https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1016643834104458>

Art Show Information

The Art Department will be collecting artwork submissions on the last Wednesday of each month, now through April 2023. Artwork can be 2D or 3D and all sizes and mediums are welcome. Work must be original and school appropriate. Artwork Information must be completed and attached to work. For the flier click [here](#).

CORI Form

If you need to fill out a CORI for HRMS you can access the form [here](#). Once you have filled out the form you may take it to Janet Ingraham in the Superintendent's Office. They will need to take a copy of the front and back of your license, so please make sure you have it with you

Substitute Teaching

If you have ever been interested in being a substitute teacher or are interested in exploring teaching as a career, please consider signing up with ESS to be a sub in the district. You can follow the [link](#) to look into the opportunity.

Frequently Asked Questions/Parent & Student "How To" Guides

Ever wonder if your student needs a note to be dismissed for an appointment? Do you need to walk them in if they're coming in late? Find answers to those and other Frequently Asked Questions in our HRMS Parent & Student "How To" Guides, available on our website [here](#).

Important Dates For This Week

Monday December 19th - Student Council Candy Cane Sale

Tuesday December 20th - Student Council Candy Cane Sale

Tuesday December 20th - HRMS Coat Drive Ends

Important Dates Coming Up

Tuesday January 17th - 6th Grade Band and Chorus Concert 6:30 pm

Wednesday January 18th - 7th Grade Band and Chorus Concert 6:30 pm

Thursday January 19th - 8th Grade Band and Chorus Concert 6:30 pm

Important dates can also be found on our HRMS calendar at <https://danverspublicschools.org/holten-richmond/calendar/>
and more information on our HRMS website at <https://danverspublicschools.org/holten-richmond/>