

Moments at the Middle School

From Dr. Lux and Mr. Rice

November 3, 2022

We hope you all enjoy the three-day weekend with your family. This is the first week of the second quarter for our students. We have a Halloween Party tonight; please see the details below.

Halloween Party - TONIGHT, 6 to 8 pm

We are very excited to host a Halloween Party/Dance for our HMS students this evening, 11/3, starting at 6 pm. This event is being hosted by our PTO. Please see a message from our PTO below, in addition to very important student pick-up details.

Are you ready for a ghoulishly good time? Tonight at 6 pm is the PTO's Halloween Party/Dance! Drop off your students starting at 6 pm at the cafeteria door with their tickets. If they still need to purchase a ticket, there will be a table set up for them to purchase at the door. Tickets at the door will be \$6. Remember, there will be prizes for costumes, as well as plenty of concessions available for sale! We even have a few Halloween games planned if they want to play. Thank you to everyone who has helped support this PTO event!

Important Pick-up Procedures:

*Please have a sign to hold up with your child's name written on it (we use this system for vehicle pick-up daily). We have staggered the pick-up times to help with the flow of traffic. If you happen to be carpooling across grade levels, please let the children know to exit together for the carpool, despite the grade levels. All drop-off and pick-up will occur at the cafeteria entrance in the back of the school (door #11).

***6th grade students – pick up at 7:30 pm at the cafeteria entrance (door 11)**

***7th grade students – pick up at 7:45 pm at the cafeteria entrance (door 11)**

***8th grade students – pick up at 8 pm at the cafeteria entrance (door 11)**

*For safety reasons, students must be picked up from the cafeteria entrance and will not be released to go meet a parent parked elsewhere.

Report Cards/No School

Remember, first quarter report cards will go live on Infinite Campus on November 10th. Also, please remember that there is no school for students on Friday, November 4th due to teacher professional development.

HMS Book Fair: 11/14-11/18

The PTO Fall Book Fair returns to HMS during the week of November 14! Keeping in theme with the fall musical production of Newsies Jr, "The Stories Behind the Stories" event will be a great time for all! For details about the **Book Fair**, please view the infographic here:

[PTO FALL BOOK FAIR @HMS \(2022\)](#)

Student Council Food Drive - Hearts Give Hope

The Student Council is sponsoring a food drive for Hearts Give Hope through November 11th. This organization helps feed families for the holidays. Drop your donations in the school lobby or in the cafeteria. Each donation will give you a raffle ticket and a chance to win a prize.

Safe2Say/ALICE Training

Our yearly Safe2Say Something and ALICE training for students will occur on November 10th and November 11th. We will be leading this training with the help of Officer Good, our School Resource Officer.

Please see an explanation of Safe2Say Something and ALICE below:

“Safe2Say Something” is a youth violence prevention program run by the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. The program teaches youth and adults how to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, from individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others and to “say something” BEFORE it is too late. With Safe2Say Something, it’s easy and confidential to report safety concerns to help prevent violence and tragedies.” (source:

<https://www.safe2saypa.org/>)

ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. All administrators and teachers receive yearly training on these widely adopted and research-based strategies to use in the event of a school concern. Students are then trained by our school resource officer and administrators using age-appropriate language to inform students about what to do if an unfortunate event were to occur.

Upcoming Reminders for November:

- **PTO Halloween Party** - Thursday, November 3rd from 6 to 8 pm
- **No School for Students** - Friday, November 4th
- **HMS Book Fair** - November 14th - 18th
- **HMS Musical** - Thursday, November 17th - Saturday, November 19th
- **Be the Change Day (7th grade)** - Tuesday, November 22nd

Club Meetings for November:

- **Homework Club** - M-Th, 2:45-3:45 pm
- **Math Lab** - M-Th, 2:45-3:45 pm
- **Creative Writing Club** - November 3rd, 2:45 - 3:45 pm
- **Green Team** - November 3rd, 2:45 - 3:15
- **Chess Practice / Enrichment** - November 7th, periods 7 and 8, Maker Studio
- **Rube Goldberg Enrichment Workshop** - November 8th, periods 7 and 8, Learning Pavilion
- **BUILD Prototype Challenge** - November 8th, periods 7 and 8, Maker Studio
- **Helping Hands Club** - November 8th, 2:45 - 3:30 pm, G706
- **Student Council** - November 9th, 2:45 - 3:30 pm, G704
- **Spanish Club - Cooking Event** - November 10th, 2:45 - 3:45 pm, C308 (kitchen)
- **American Sign Language Club** - November 10th, 2:45 - 3:55 pm, F609
- **French Club - Cooking Event** - November 11th, 2:45 - 3:45 pm, C308 (kitchen)

- **German Club** - November 15th, 2:45 - 4 pm, D408
- **Yearbook Club** - November 22nd, 2:45 - 3:30, G703