

Moments at the Middle School

From Dr. Lux and Mr. Rice

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As we finish the first quarter at Hampton Middle School, we feel it is important to let you all know how wonderful our students have been so far this school year. They are all very respectful and welcoming to their classmates and teachers. They are committed to “doing the right thing” and they know they can lean on us if they make a mistake. Thank you for being a large part of their success and working with us! We appreciate all of you!

Halloween & Costumes

Our students may dress up for Halloween on Monday. :) However, masks and look-alike weapons are not allowed in school. Costumes should also be school appropriate and fall in line with our dress code.

End of Grading Period/No School

Just a reminder, the end of the first quarter is tomorrow, October 28th. The second quarter will begin on Monday, October 31st, and 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.

Parent Seminar with Mr. Philip Little - TONIGHT! October 27th from 6 - 7 pm

Tonight, October 27th, we will welcome Mr. Philip Little, Safety Specialist from the PA Attorney General's Office. He will be presenting to our middle school parents on the important topics of cyber safety, specifically how to keep your children safe while online and on social media. He will begin tonight at 6:00 pm. He will be presenting to our parents in our middle school library. If you are interested in attending this parent session and have not yet signed up, please RSVP using the link below to reserve your spot.

[Social Media 101: Parents/Teachers Signup](#)

Last week, Mr. Little presented to our students on this topic. Following his presentation, Dr. Lux, Mr. Rice, and Officer Good pulled the students together, by grade level, to revisit these topics and answer their questions.

Please enter through Door #10, the Library Entrance, at the back of our school. The presentation will take place in the library. We hope to see you tonight!

Halloween Party - Thursday, November 3rd from 6 to 8 pm

Save the date!!

Our PTO will be hosting a dance for our students on Thursday, November 3rd from 6 to 8 pm (our students have the day off on Friday, November 4th). Here is some info below:

Don't get rid of your Halloween costumes! Save them for the Halloween Party on 11/3. Tickets will be \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Concessions will also be available. Please note: students are encouraged to dress up in their Halloween costumes. However, face masks and look-alike weapons are not permitted on school property.

Our PTO is also in need of parent volunteers for the Halloween Party. Please click on the link below to volunteer.

To sign up to help check out this Sign Up! (Remember, clearances are required.)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ea9ab2da0fac52-hmspto3>

To sign up to send in donations you can see this Sign up. (Full sized chocolate candies are the most needed donation.) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ea9ab2da0fac52-hmspto2>

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.

Morning Enrichment - Studios!

Our **Robotics Studio** is equipped with many different cutting-edge robotics for your children to explore and learn, including but not limited to Bolt, Ollies, Cue, Cosmos, and Bloxels. The Robotics Studio is located next to the library - room C311!

Our **Print Studio** is adorned with screenprinting technologies. If your child loves to create art and make wearable art, then the Print Studio would be a wonderful space for your child to visit for enrichment. The Print Studio is located in one of the art classrooms - room B208.

Our **Maker Studio** is equipped with a Cricut Maker, 3D Printer, and many recycled materials to create and make! The Print Studio is located in the main hallway - room D409.

If your child is interested in attending these enrichment offerings, please encourage him or her to visit the Studios in the morning from 7:25 to 7:50 am. If your child is unable to attend these enrichment offerings in the morning, rest assured that we will be offering tutorial workshops and teachers will also be signing out these spaces for their classes, when applicable to their curriculum.

Punctuality Matters

Please help and guide your student to arrive on time to school each day. Buses typically arrive at school by 7:40. Walkers and drop-offs should arrive between 7:25-7:45. If students arrive after 7:50, they are considered tardy, and must be checked in at the office. Parents/Guardians may write notes to excuse their student from three tardies each semester. All late arrivals after are considered unexcused.

Tutorial Changes - starting 2nd Quarter

Beginning the week of October 31st, we will begin transitioning students' Tutorial period into an academic "What I Need" (WIN period). Many students may be shifting to work with another teacher on their team, based on their current needs. Some students will receive more direct and intentional math support from one of their teachers during this time. Some students will utilize an adaptive math practice program we are piloting called "Freckle". Other students may work with their ELA teacher on reading and/or writing skills. Some other students may be directed to work on homework or read. Students will also find that some days, they may be given time to study or complete independent work, while on other days, they will have more structured activities to address a specific skill or need. The purpose of this change is to use student data and performance to help support all students to become more successful. We discussed this with parents at Open House, and we also informed our students last week of the upcoming change. Teachers and administrators have worked over the past few months to plan ways to use this instructional period most effectively and strategically to support students' academic needs.

Upcoming Reminders for October & November:

- **End of Quarter 1** - Friday, October 28th
- **Halloween** - Monday, October 31st (students may dress up for school - no masks or look-alike weapons are allowed)
- **Hampton Heroes** - Thursday, November 3rd from 10-11 am at Fridley Field (HHS Students only)
- **PTO Halloween Party** - Thursday, November 3rd from 6 to 8 pm
- **No School for Students** - Friday, November 4th
- **HMS Book Fair** - November 14th - 18th (more details to come)
- **HMS Musical** - Thursday, November 17th - Saturday, November 19th
- **Be the Change Day (7th grade)** - Tuesday, November 22nd

Club Meetings for October & November:

- **Homework Club** - M-Th, 2:45-3:45 pm
- **Math Lab** - M-Th, 2:45-3:45 pm
- **American Sign Language Club** - October 27th & November 10th, 2:45-3:55 pm, F609

- **Cooking Club** - October 28th, 3:15 pm, C308
- **Talbot STEAM Girls** - October 27th, enrichment workshop, periods 7 & 8, Maker Studio
- **HMS Wisdom Squad** - October 27th, enrichment workshop, periods 7 & 8, TBD
- **Chess Club** - October 31st, enrichment workshop, periods 7 & 8, Maker Studio
- **Newspaper Club** - November 1st, 2:45 - 3:45, F603
- **Student Council** - November 2nd, 2:45 - 3:30, G704
- **Yearbook Club** - November 22nd, 2:45 - 3:30, G703