

	<h1 style="text-align: center;">Husky Happenings</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Hamilton Heights Middle School</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">420 West North Street PO Box 609 Arcadia, IN 46030 317-984-3588</p>	<p>Vision Statement <i>Our vision is to help all students become the best version of themselves. HHMS empowers great kids to do great things.</i></p> <p>Mission Statement <i>HHMS is a bridge between elementary and high school, preparing all students to be successful. We accomplish this by connecting students with outstanding teachers, caring for each child, engaging students in meaningful curriculum, challenging students beyond their comfort zone, and inspiring them to rise and learn from their failures.</i></p>
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<p><u>A Note from the Principal, Bret Bailey</u></p> <p>With spring quickly approaching, ISTEP+ testing is around the corner. On Wednesday, March 1, our Huskies will begin the first round of the 2017 ISTEP+ test. The second round will begin April 24. Teachers have worked to prepare their students for their next grade level and these exams, and it's important that each student does his or her best. Last year we had many students who were within a few correct answers of passing this more rigorous exam, and we will be encouraging them to not be intimidated because we believe in them and know they have done what it takes to be successful. You can help your child get ready for the exams by talking to them about the test and its importance, ensuring that they are attending school regularly, helping them get adequate sleep, providing them with a healthy breakfast before school, and reviewing the ISTEP+ online experience with them at https://goo.gl/FpQKCO or utilizing other resources at https://goo.gl/UZGvPr. The HHMS team understands that the school's service to students involves more than improving ISTEP+ scores and that students celebrate significant academic, personal, and developmental victories throughout the year. While this is true, school grades, school funding, local school control, and other important decisions are based partly on our students' growth and performance on the upcoming ISTEP+ tests. My goal is that we see all students do their best. Have a great February. Go Huskies!</p> <p><u>Important Dates & Deadlines</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-Year STAR Reading & Math Assessment Results Were Mailed Home Yesterday We mailed home the mid-year STAR reading and math assessment results yesterday, and you should receive them soon. Please look for this envelope so you may review the important assessment results. Even though there is a place for you to sign on the form, please keep the reports at home so you may refer to them as needed. If you have questions regarding the results, or did not receive a copy of the results, please contact your child's teacher. Again, the reports should NOT be returned to school. • Washington, D.C. Trip for 8th Grade Students, LAST DAY is January 26 (EXTENDED DEADLINE) We currently have over 80 people who have signed up for the D.C. Trip. Tomorrow is the last day to sign up for this trip. We are excited to take two full buses of students on the trip this year! • Fundraiser to Help 8th Grade Students Attend the Washington, D.C. Trip February 24 We will be hosting stand-up magician David McCreary Friday, February 24 at the high school auditorium. Come out and have a fun night of laughter with your friends and family for \$5. The show starts at 7:00, and tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds will set up a scholarship fund to help a few students pay for part of their trip. Want to know more about the show? Check out David's work at www.stuffdaviddoes.com. Contact Mrs. White for more information about the trip or show. • Yearbooks for Sale, Forms and Payment Are Due March 10 HHMS Yearbooks are going on sale. They are \$20. Contact Mrs. Beery or Ms. Morris if you have any questions. 		

Friendly Announcements, Updates, and Reminders

BPA Sponsors Clothing Drive for the Homeless

The BPA is sponsoring a clothing drive to help the homeless in downtown Indianapolis. They are collecting new or gently used hats, gloves, hoodies, and coats. BPA is partnering with the Under the Bridge Mission to help bring warmth to the homeless during the winter months. The drive is a homeroom competition. The homeroom that donates the most items will win a trip to the Dawg Pound, our newly opened student game and hang out room. The clothing drive will end February 17.

BPA Thanks Community for Support

The middle school and high school BPA raised \$1888 and had 236 people attend last Saturday's Pancake Breakfast hosted at HHMS during our 6th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament. The funds will be used to help cover fees and expenses for BPA members who compete at the BPA National Conference in Orlando, FL.

Academic Study Tables, Every Tuesday & Thursday 3-5

If your child needs a quiet, productive place to work on his/her classes, this is a free option. Our only request is that students come ready to work, and if he/she is leaving before 5, please call the office or send a note before the end of the day so that we can ensure that they get to you safely.

Reminder for Student Car Riders

When you pull up to the front of the school to drop off your child before school begins, please encourage them to get out of the vehicle when the car stops between the two orange cones located on the sidewalk. If 5-6 cars drop off students at the same time, the line will move extremely quickly. Sometimes students wait until they are in the first two spots closest to the end of the line before exiting the vehicle, and this significantly backs up the car line. Thanks for your help in addressing this matter.

Upcoming Events

January

28: District Vocal & Piano Contest

February

3-9: Book Fair (Media Center)

4: District Band Contest—Wind, Percussion, & String

8: Early Student Release Day (2:06)

10: After School Dance (3-5)

17: Flex Day

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22: Early Student Release Day (2:06)

March

1-10: ISTEP+ Test Applied Skills Window at HHMS

3: BPA After School Dance (3-5)

7: Choir Contest Concert (HS Media Center 7:00)

10: 3rd 9-Weeks Grading Period Ends

22: Early Student Release Day (2:06)

23: Winter Athletics Awards Program (6:00)

27-April 7: Spring Break-No School

April

17-May 5: ISTEP Testing Window

19: Early Student Release Day (2:06)

21: PE After School Dance (3-5)

27: HHMS Honor Society Ceremony (West Gym 6-7)

May

1: Labor Day-No School

2-5: HHMS Staff Appreciation Week

8: Flex Day

13: Band Pops Festival (HHMS 3:30-8:30)

15: Washington, DC Trip Parent Meeting (Media Center 6:00)

16:5th Grade MS Transition Parent Meeting (West Gym 6:00)

18: Student Athlete Physicals at HHMS

18: Walk-a-Thon

19: Walk-a-Thon (Make-up Day)

19: Yearbook Signing Party (3-5)

19-26: BOGO Book Fair

23: Choir Concert and Awards Night (HS Auditorium 7:00)

24: Early Student Release Day (2:06)

24: Academic Awards Night (West Gym 6-7:30)

26: 8th Grade Leaves for DC Trip

29: Memorial Day-No School

30-June 1: Final Exams

31: DC Trip Returns Early in the Morning

June

1: Last Student Day-4th 9-Weeks Grading Period Ends

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