



# Parent Newsletter December, 2016 Hallsville School

Happy December, everyone! The months are rolling along! There are many happenings in and out of the classroom at Hallsville School. I remind you to check our website at <http://hallsville.mansd.org> and our grade-level monthly newsletters for additional details.

## Community updates:

- Thank you to all of you who donated food items for **Thanksgiving baskets** that were prepared by a neighborhood church. The staff also raised \$180 for the cause!
- We are currently collecting new, unopened **toys** through a drive by Recycled Percussion. Please see the flyer that came home a few weeks ago. We will collect up until the 16th of December.
- Thanks to all of you who came to our City Year sponsored **Literacy Night** last night! Everyone had a great time! Great job in putting on this event, Miss Jamie and City Year!
- Three of our Fifth Graders will be leading the Pledge of Allegiance at the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting on Tuesday, December 6th @ 7:00.
- Our Second Grade classes will be participating in a walking field trip to Hallsville Manor to bring some holiday singing to the residents. Please watch for more details from the teachers.
- Our **Hallsville holiday sing-along** will be held on **Thursday, December 22nd @ 2:15 p.m.** Watch for more information!

## PTG updates:

- Tuesday, **December 6th @ 6:30: Meeting** in Hallsville Library
- Saturday, **December 10th; 10:00-2:00 Holiday Fair** in Hallsville gym.
  - We received information from the North Pole, that Santa will be here for a visit!
  - Please see the Geskus flyer for family photo sign-ups.
  - Watch for PTG emails and flyers for additional information.
  - This is the only date for the Holiday Fair (**no school-days.**)
- Silver Graphics orders that have previously been placed will be arriving some time this month.

## School updates:

- Recently, Hallsville School had some lock changes that are aligned with recommendations from NH Homeland Security. Today, we had a **lockdown drill** in the building. It was announced ahead of time.
- **Smarter Balanced Assessment Score Reports** were sent home on Wednesday. If your child is in fourth or fifth grade, and attended any Manchester school last year, you should have

received a report. If you did not, please call Mrs. Brennan in the office and we will track it down for you. (We may be waiting for some reports from other schools.) If you would like to discuss the test scores with us, please send me an email at [bskogsholm@mands.org](mailto:bskogsholm@mands.org), and we will make arrangements to meet with you.

- Our Fourth Grade students enjoyed two **Water Safety** sessions this week at the Manchester YMCA. Ask your child what safety items they learned during these field trips.
- Within the week, our **Leadership Job Board** will be up and running. School leadership jobs will be posted, and students can apply for the jobs. Interviews will be held and candidates chosen. There will be opportunities for all grade levels as time progresses. These opportunities will help build life-skills and are important in our Leader in Me Process.
- Our girls and boys **basketball teams** are in full swing, and have been practicing for almost a month. Games start at the end of this week. **Game schedules can be found on our website.** Please join us in cheering on our Hallsville Hawks! Thanks to our coaches for their dedication to Hallsville School!
- **Wednesday, December 14th: Report Card Day!**
- Many classrooms will be having **holiday celebrations** before our break. Please watch for grade-level newsletters for specific details.
  - Teachers will make arrangements for any food items that they may need.
- **Friday, December 23rd: dismissal at 11:15 a.m.**

#### Coming up in January:

- School reopens on Tuesday, January 3rd.
- Monday, January 9th @ 1:30 (to be confirmed) Hawk Awards K-5

**We wish all of our families and friends a wonderful, peaceful  
Holiday Season!**