

# Hallsville School

## December Newsletter



**\*\*City Year's Literacy Night is tomorrow night @ 6:00 p.m. in our gym!\*\***

Greetings, Everyone!

We *love* our Hallsville students and our first priority as adults is to ensure their safety. Here are some critical safety reminders for which we need your help and cooperation in keeping this priority.

- Many of us love dogs and have them as our family pets. However, dogs are not permitted on school grounds at any time when children are present--even if they are in your arms or on a leash. If you feel there is no option but to bring your dog(s) to dismissal, please remain behind the fence and far away from where students gather.
- The Jewett Street side of Hallsville is for bus/van drop-off and pick-up only. **Please park anywhere but Jewett Street when you pick-up and drop-off.**
- Please enter the school yard through the corner gates or the Merrill Street gate and not the front gate, as it interferes with our dismissal of bus students.
- Please remind your children to cross only at the corners when either walking home or coming to meet you. We have seen parents wave their children to cross Jewett Street to get to their cars--crossing in front of buses or vans. This is extremely dangerous! There is a crossing guard at the corner for that purpose.
- As we enter "snow season," please be extra cautious, allowing space for cars to get by, etc.

Other items:

- Thank you for your support in smoothly transitioning to our new school schedule. Some things to remember as we go forward:
  - Adult supervision begins at approx. 8:15 a.m. Please do not drop students until the adults are present. Please contact our 21st Century Coordinator, James Galloway, if your child needs supervision before school. The program begins at 7:30 a.m.
  - If your student is planning on eating breakfast at Hallsville, remind him/her to go right to the back door at 8:15. They will be let into the cafeteria at that time. If they finish before 8:30, and the weather is good, they will be permitted to go outside if they want to do so. (We have known for decades that students who eat a good breakfast do better in school. Recent research shows that kids who eat breakfast at school tend to be more ready for their day--most likely due to the close proximity of time between eating breakfast and the starting of the school day. Eating at school is always an option for any child--we never turn anyone away.)
  - All students are let into the building and to their classrooms at 8:30. Children who arrive *in the building* after 8:45 are marked tardy.

- Thanks to everyone who supported the PTG Holiday Fair last weekend and during Monday and Tuesday for the student days!
- If you ordered the PTG coupon books, they will be coming home this Friday (or next Monday). Please look for them in your child's backpack.
- PTG "5 Below" discount--look for brochure today.

#### December happenings:

- Four Hallsville 5th Graders will be saying the Pledge at the Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting on **December 15th @ 7:00**. Thanks, Reese, Ryan, Elizabeth, and Trevor!
- **Report cards and Smarter Balanced score reports** (grades 4 and 5) will be sent home on **Wednesday, December 16th**. There will be two brochures accompanying the reports to help you understand what the scores mean. If you have any questions after reading those brochures and the reports, I will be happy to set a time to meet with you. (The Smarter Balanced testing took place last April.) Questions about the report cards should be directed to the appropriate teacher.
- The **Kindergarten and Second Grade** classes are tentatively planning a walking field trip to Hallsville Court on **Friday, December 18th** to sing for the residents. I know this will be a wonderful experience! *Please watch for information and permission slips from your child's teacher.*
- On **Monday, December 21st at 2:00**, Ms. Natalie Schnick and Ms. Sue Price, two of our Music Teachers, will lead a holiday sing-along with the Hallsville school community. It will be simple, but fun! Parents are invited to join us in the gym. Students may dress up if they want to do so (several have asked already!) We hope to see you there!
- Several classes are planning special events prior to the break, so please watch for information that may come from the classroom teachers.
- On **Wednesday, December 23rd, dismissal will be at 11:15 a.m.**
- If you would like to come and watch our Girls or Boys **basketball teams**, the games will be posted soon on the Hallsville website calendar. All games take place at Manchester schools. If you are on one of the teams, please use the resources your coach passed out for practices and game updates. Thanks to the parents who have donated their time and/or resources to help with the uniform purchases and game day logistics! **GO HAWKS!!**

#### January "heads-up!"

- School resumes on January 4th.
- The 4th and 5th graders will start Environmental Science lessons given by Americorp volunteers. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.
- January 14th @ 1:30 p.m. will be the day of the Hallsville Awards Ceremony for the first trimester. Watch for more information next month. Students who will be receiving awards will receive a letter from the school.

We wish all of you a very happy and peaceful holiday season!!