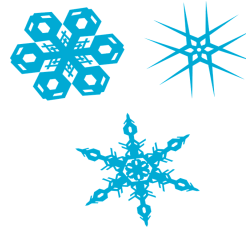


# Hallsville School Parent Newsletter January, 2018



Happy 2018, everyone! We certainly had a cold and snowy start to the beginning of the year! Cold, snowy, sunny, windy--extreme or not--life goes on at Hallsville School. Here are the important items for this month:

- Hawk Awards Assembly - Date change:
  - Due to some logistical reasons, the date of the awards assembly is changed to **Tuesday, January 16th @ 1:45 p.m.** Doors will open @ 1:30 p.m. If your child will be receiving an award, you will receive notification on Wednesday, January 10th. Please join us!
  
- Student Safety: Thanks to the majority of you for following the traffic patterns during drop off and pick-up. We acknowledge that what we expect from you is not always convenient, but our requests are grounded in the safety of your children. Please review these items below, and discuss the appropriate ones with your children:
  - Use extreme caution at all times when driving and parking around the school.
  - Please report license plate numbers to me if you witness unsafe driving, loading or unloading behaviors. I will notify the MPD, who support us at all times when it comes to student safety.
  - Never pull up or park on Jewett Street.
  - Never unload children on the street side.
    - We are working to keep the snow mounds low near the street so that children can exit on the sidewalk side. This work is completed by the Highway Dept.
  - Have your children fully dressed before pulling up or pulling over. This will allow for a reasonably quick exit from your vehicle.
  - Once your child has exited the car and is away from your vehicle please continue on your journey. This will help avoid the drop-off back-up.
  - On occasions when temperatures are so cold that we know there will be no outdoor recess, the staff will park inside the fence. If you see cars parked inside the fence at drop off and dismissal, please do not pull in. You may park inside the fence for basketball or evening programs (after 5:00.)
  
- Weather:
  - Warm weather gear:
    - When the temps warm up a bit, they will be playing outside, including in the snow.

- Boots should be worn daily.
  - Shoes, hats and mittens should be on them or in their bags.
  - Snow/ski pants should be worn if they want to play in the snow.
    - This is allowed at the duty teachers' discretion, again based on student safety.
- District Holiday Reading Initiative:
  - Please return your reading logs by January 10th to be considered for school-wide and district-wide incentives!
  - Reading is for everyday, not just holidays! Children who read every day advance faster in academics.
- School Breakfast:
  - Breakfast is available starting @ 8:15 in the cafeteria. Please consider this option so your child can fuel up for learning!
- PTG:
  - Thank you to those who supported our annual Holiday Fair in December!
  - Our "dine-out" for this month will take place at **Shorty's on January 22nd** from 3:00-9:00.
  - February's meeting will take place on **Tuesday, February 6th @ 6:30** in the Library.
  - February's "dine-out" will take place at **Chuck E. Cheese's on February 27th** from 3:00-9:00.
    - We hope to see you at these events!
- Box Tops for Education:
  - Thanks to those who have been sending in your Box Tops! Please clip and send them in to your child's teacher, who will forward them to the office. Miss Doherty, a former 4th grade teacher, still processes them and submits them for us. The more we collect, the more money that comes directly to the school for student activities!
- Library:
  - Makerspace Activities:
    - Fun hands-on STEM activities are happening in the Library each month. This is supplemental to the regular Library Unified Arts classes. Ms. Damon has been working hard to offer the students quality experiences, and we look forward to what she has planned for the rest of the year!
  - Book Fair/Grand Event:
    - **Scholastic Book Fair: February 12-16**
    - **Grand Event: Wednesday, February 14th in the morning.** (More details to follow soon.)

- City Year/Mrs. Burnett's Art Classes:
  - A collaborative effort between our CY team and Mrs. Burnett is taking place in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King. **Some of our children's work will be displayed at a MLK event sponsored by CY on January 15th.** In the classroom setting, children will also be learning about Dr. King and what he stood for.
  
- Music:
  - Thank you to Mr. Baberadt for taking the lead on our Holiday Sing-Along in December. Thanks, also, to Ms. Schnick, Mrs. Price and our classroom teachers for your support in helping our students learn the songs. The children's voices were magical!
  
- Lego League:
  - Our fourth graders have been having so much fun working with their Lego kits. They will be having an exhibition for us during the spring, and we look forward to that very much!
  
- Amoskeag Fishways:
  - Our third grade classes are looking forward to their weekly sessions with representatives from AF. This is a great push-in science program that we all love to have at Hallsville.
  
- SCA (Student Conservation Association/part of Americorp):
  - Our fourth and fifth grade classes are again fortunate enough to have the SCA volunteers come in weekly for almost three months starting the last week of January. The lessons/presentations are always engaging and allow for many hands-on science experiences for our students. As in the past, the grade levels will get to take a field trip to Bear Brook State Park at the culmination of the program. (More details on that later.)
  
- Hawks Basketball:
  - Our season is in full swing! Please come out and watch a game! Full schedules of games and practice can be found at <http://hallsville.mansd.org/announcements/basketballupdates>
    - Make-up games will be posted as soon as we have the information.
    - Emails from coaches are the most up-to-date information.
  - Our basketball fundraiser will be announced soon for a date in February. We had such a good time last year! Please watch for more information.
    - If you or someone you know would like to donate items for the raffle, please inform me, Coach Larry, or Coach Mike. All funds raised go directly to support the expenses of the basketball program.

- Field Trips for January:
  - **Thursday, 1/18 - Grade 4 State House**, Concord, NH
  - All students with medical conditions where emergency meds may be needed, must have a doctor's note and the medication at school prior to the field trip--or they cannot attend. This is according to BOSC policy.
    - Any questions, please contact Mary Johnson, RN, our school nurse.
  - Watch for grade level newsletters/notes for additional information.
  
- Progress Reports:
  - **Wednesday, 1/24**-in your child's red folder
  
- District-wide iReady Diagnostic Testing or PALS Testing:
  - Testing will occur during the month of January and will enable us to monitor your child's academic growth. Each class will test for a couple of extended sessions. If your child is absent, he/she will make up the testing session.
    - Score reports will be sent to parents, as in the past.
    - Questions about the content of the reports should first be directed to your child's classroom teacher.

All the latest updates are on our school website @ <http://hallsville.mansd.org/>