



Hallsville School Parent Newsletter January, 2017 Happy New Year!

We all hope that you and your families enjoyed the holiday break and are ready for the new year! Here is what is going on at Hallsville School this month:

- **Girls and Boys Basketball Teams:** Games and practices are most up-to-date on the **calendar** on the front page of our **website**. The calendar gets changed right after I get updates. Also, coaches will relay any changes or additions to you. (The front office may not have the most up-to-the minute information.)

*All are welcome to come and watch the games, and they are **free**.*

*We usually have a **50/50 raffle** to support team expenses.*

- If anyone wants to **donate** anything to raffle off, please contact me.
 - Please watch for an **upcoming basketball fundraiser** for all students who wish to participate.
- **Hawk Awards Assembly:** **Monday, January 9th @ 1:15 p.m.** Doors open @ 1:00.
- **Title 1 Annual Meeting:** **Monday, January 9th @ 2:00 p.m.**
--immediately following the Hawk Awards. This is a very informative meeting, and we invite everyone to attend. Light refreshments will be served.
- **PTG Meeting:** **Wednesday, January 11th @ 6:30 p.m.** in the Library.
 - Watch for "dine-out" information and other upcoming events.
- **MLK Day Monday, January 16th:** No school
- **Progress Reports:** **Wed., January 25th**
- **iReady testing** for students on various days throughout the month.

- **This test helps us monitor your child's growth throughout the year, and helps us determine intervention groups in reading and math.**
- Remember to send your child to school with **warm clothing, coats and boots**. We go outside if it is 20 degrees or above, snow or no snow! Please label everything.
- Please remember to follow-up on any outstanding **cafeteria balances** that you have. If you need an application for free or reduced lunch, they are available on the district website.
- **The Leader in Me Leadership Jobs:** We posted ten jobs in December, held official interviews, and chose candidates. Your children did a marvelous job! We taught them about shaking hands with the interview team, thanking them, and speaking up when asked questions. As it turns out, everyone that applied for a job got a job. Some positions needed many candidates. Some may not start their jobs for several months, as the position is one that rotates. There will be more jobs posted as they become available or as the need arises.
- To get **school closings/delays** information, I recommend either WMUR website/app or the MSD website which will have a banner announcing updates.
- **Attendance rates:** Hallsville had terrific October and November overall attendance rates, but we slipped a little in December. **We are trying to be the best in Manchester!** Remember, your child should be in school starting @ 8:30 a.m. (8:15 for breakfast). If they are sick, they should be at home. Encourage your child to be proactive and get everything ready for school the night before so tardies are diminished and the good starts can happen every day! Thanks for supporting your children in developing this good habits! We have several attendance initiatives going on, and another one coming!

Thank you for supporting our school and students! Please contact me at any time at bskogsholm@mansd.org. I will get back to you as soon as I am free. Have a great month!

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