



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER HALLSVILLE SCHOOL

Please check our website at <http://hallsville.mansd.org/>

If you missed the PTG fall fundraiser pick-up today (2:30-5:00), please call the school to make arrangements to pick up your items.

Greetings Families and Friends of Hallsville,

We are well into our third month of school, and things are moving along great! The next few months will continue to bring fun events and lots of learning! Here are some updates on recent happenings and upcoming events:

- Please continue to follow safe drop-off and pick-up of your children on Merrill Street. Use of Jewett Street is reserved for buses. It is unsafe to load or unload on either side of the street.
- Thanks to those who came to our Family BBQ in October. The darkness came upon us, but we had a good time! Some lucky winners walked away with some great raffle items! We even “saw” the International Space Station fly-over.
- Thank you to those who made it to your Parent-Teacher conferences in October. If you have not yet had the opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher, please consider setting something up soon.
- Mrs. Damon, our Librarian, did a terrific job setting up and running Scholastic the book fair. Thanks, too, to the volunteers who came to help, and of course, to all of those who supported it during the week. Mrs. Damon has expressed plans for at least one more book fair this year. Funds raised from the book fair go to support new products for the library and to other student activities.
- Many of our families joined the PTG for BINGO night on the 29th. Many students (and a few adults) dressed up for a festive touch to the evening.
- Our costume parade was certainly a hit. I cannot remember a time when I saw so many awesome and creative costumes!
- Our Band and String instruction is going well. Each week they are sounding better! We had more students sign up than in recent years, which is really great! Playing an instrument takes practice and discipline, which helps in many areas of growth and development.
- Our Fifth Graders made candy packets and cards to hand out to the Veterans who were being treated at Fratello’s Restaurant on Veteran’s Day. This was a meaningful way to honor those who have served our country. Thank you to Mrs. Morrill, Mrs. Arlen, and our fifth graders for this kind act!

- In addition, several of our classrooms participated in a Districtwide card-making project to send greetings to current service men and women. Thank you to all of our Hallsville Family veterans!
- Our City Year Members are meeting with groups of students in the 3-5 classrooms and at lunch to foster educational growth in certain areas. They also are with the students at recess, lunch, and during the 21st Century Program. They are fine examples to our students! **Please see the City Year Newsletter which also went home today.**
- Our girls and boys basketball teams have been formed. We had a tremendous turnout for tryouts. If you didn't make it this year, keep practicing; there will be more opportunities in the future. Even playing for fun is great exercise! Once the game schedule is known, we will publish it on the website in case you want a night out as a spectator!

Upcoming Events-Mark your Calendars:

- Thanks for your donations to our Thanksgiving baskets. We will be collecting until November 19th. We appreciate your thoughtfulness!
- PTG coupon book fundraiser is under way. Your child brought home a yellow bag last week. I was amazed at what discounts, etc. are offered for \$25.00. They make great family gifts, too. **Please see the PTG newsletter which also went home today.**
- School is closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th for the Thanksgiving break. Enjoy your holiday with family and friends!
- **Our new hours schedule begins on Monday, November 30th. Please review the MSD letter sent home today, sign it, and return it to your child's teacher tomorrow.**
 - Students who will have breakfast at Hallsville may enter the building @ 8:15.
 - Students who arrive on buses and students who are not eating breakfast should arrive at Hallsville for entry at 8:30 a.m.
 - The tardy bell rings at 8:45 a.m.
 - Dismissal will be at 2:50 p.m.
- **Don't miss the PTG Holiday Fair and Family Picture Day on Saturday, December 5th. (Student days are December 7th and 8th--more information to follow.)** Information on donations for our raffle baskets, etc. will come from the PTG. I hope to see you there!
- Greg Tang, an author of several children's math story books, will be visiting Hallsville on Monday, December 7th to present to each classroom in the library. This will be an exciting day!
- City Year will be planning and hosting a Literacy Night for Hallsville families on December 10th. A flyer will come home soon with all of the details. My hope is to see many family members and students at Hallsville that night to support the work of City Year. Let's thank them by participating in this evening together!
- Report cards will come home (tentatively) on December 16th. It is most likely that the Smarter Balanced Assessment reports will be sent home at the same time; we will make an announcement about that if it changes.
- Coming soon: January: Ski Club - see notice
Lego League by City Year - notice coming soon

Have a great holiday! Check our Website for updates!

