

Hallsville Happenings!



Happy Fall, Everyone!

It is such a beautiful time of year! We know what is coming, though, and still have very vivid memories from last year! So, enjoy this weather while it lasts!

The students are settled in and working hard on their studies. Some assessments have been taken that will help the teachers plan for further instruction. Small groups both in and out of the classroom are common across all grade levels in Math, Reading and Writing. Our teams work hard collaborating with each other and with our Reading Supervisor, Miss Dion, and our Math Coach, Mrs. McIntosh. If you are wondering what is guiding our instructional programs, please check out the link to the Manchester Academic Standards:

<http://curriculum.mansd.org/manchester-academic-standards>

Fifth Grade parents, if your child went to Hallsville last year and took the NECAP Science Assessment, you should have received your report by now. If you have not, please call our office.

Our current Fourth Graders enjoyed a field trip to the See Science Center in late September. They all seemed to have a lot of fun with the "clay" from what I could see!

A special thank you goes out to Ms. Kris Barker and our City Year Team for repainting some of our blacktop "games." This is an ongoing project, and one which is much appreciated by all!

We have rearranged our schedules slightly to allow for recess after lunch. We will soon have the large screen in the cafeteria that will allow students to review the lunch choices before going to the line. This will, hopefully, speed up the line movement. We plan on adding a second food line soon, as well. On Fridays, smoothies will be served as a component of the school breakfast. At this time, they cannot be sold separately.

City Year Members continue to add value to all that we do at Hallsville! Thank you, CY Members for your service to the Hallsville Community!

Upcoming Events at Hallsville

- **PTG Fundraisers are due now.** Please return them to your child's teacher. Thank you for supporting our PTG!
- Our Family **BBQ** is this coming **Friday, October 16th from 5:00-7:00**. Please send in your order forms by Friday morning. This will help us ensure that we have enough food for everyone! We look forward to seeing you! If it rains, we will move the event inside (except the grilling!) There will be some raffles, too!
- **Monday, October 19th Dine out at Shorty's PTG Fundraiser.**
- **Scholastic Book Fair:** This fair runs all of next week. Please watch for information from Mrs. Betsy Damon, our Library Media Specialist.
- **Volunteer Meetings:** If you are already a Hallsville Volunteer (either through the PTG or the school), or if you plan on volunteering this year, please attend one of our Volunteer Meetings set for **Tuesday, October 20th from 1:30-2:30 OR Wednesday, October 28th from 6:00-7:00**. Ms. Stacey Evans and/or I will lead each meeting. If you cannot attend, we will be happy to set a meeting with one of us so we can review the items from the meeting. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.
- **Parent-Teacher conferences** are set for **Wednesday and Thursday, October 21st and 22nd**. If you have not yet set a time with your child's teacher, now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity to meet and discuss your child's progress.
- **Early Release, Thursday, October 21st @ 11:15 a.m.** (Conference Day)
- **Thursday, October 29th, 5:30-7:30 PTG Family Bingo Night.** Please check the PTG FaceBook page or take a look at the PTG newsletter for full information. Come on out for a fun night!
- **Friday, October 30th, 1:30 p.m. "Howlsville" Halloween Parade** As has been done in the past, we will march around the block once or twice (weather depending), so come on over and take pictures as we parade on the

sidewalks around the school! Each grade level will send home a notice about classroom happenings, including how and when costumes will be put on, food treats, etc. Please make sure you label everything that comes in from home, including the bags that will carry costumes. No child is obligated to dress-up or parade outside. **Super-scary costumes and toy weapons (including light sabers) are not appropriate for this day. Mask-use should be limited, and allow for your child to safely walk around the block. Thanks for your help in supporting us in this fun event!**

- **Wednesday, November 4th, 6:30-7:30 PTG Meeting in Hallsville Library.**
- **Friday, November 6th, picture make-up day. More information will follow.**
- **Please check out the PTG Newsletter and/or their FaceBook page for full details on PTG sponsored events. Thank you!**
- **You have most likely seen (on the back of the new calendar that was sent home last week--and in the news media) that the MSD schools will have new hours starting November 30th. We are working on determining what time the elementary school buildings will open for breakfast, and will share that information with you as soon as it is known. Thank you for your patience as we work out these details.**

Here are some other important reminders and some new information for you:

- For the safety of our students and parents, please remember that at dismissal there is no parking permitted on Jewett Street (in front of the school.) This stretch of Jewett Street is reserved for our buses and vans. There have been several days where parking on Jewett has created a complete traffic gridlock. This area is a “no parking zone.” The police have been seen issuing tickets in the no-parking areas. I have been told that the fine is \$50.00, but cannot personally validate this (thankfully!)
- For student drop-offs and pick-ups, and quick run-ins after dismissal, please use Merrill Street (with caution.)
 - There are two handicap parking spaces near the driveway entrance on Merrill Street. Please do not stop there--we have several parents who have tagged vehicles and who are depending upon those spots being available when they arrive to pick up their children.
 - Also, please be courteous and alert and do not leave your vehicle parked across any of our neighbors' driveways.
- For the safety of all, never pull into the school yard either before, during or after school. We have an after-school program that uses the school yard until 5:00 p.m.
- Thank you very much for supporting us in our new front door safety protocols in the morning. Things are working out well.

Thank you, and have a terrific month! I hope to see you all soon!

Warmly,

Bonnie Skogsholm
Principal