



# HALLSVILLE SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER, 2017

**Welcome back to another school year!** We had a great opening and the children settled in nicely. We especially want to give a warm welcome to our Kindergarten families and our other new students and families! If you were registered before the third week of August, you received an informational letter in the mail. However, some of the contents of this newsletter are new or just a good review!

- Please welcome our **new staff members**:
  - Lynae Stevens, Grade 4, formerly of Hillside Middle School.
  - Danielle Saitz, Guidance Counselor
  - Amber Bettencourt, Speech and Language Pathologist
  - Kristen Shimer, 21st Century Coordinator
  - Nancy Burnett, Art Teacher
  - Sandy Marchowicz, Kitchen Staff
  
- **Grade Level changes**:
  - Grade 3 - Mrs. Harvey (formerly Grade 2)
  - Grade 4 - Mrs. S. Auger (formerly Grade 3)
  - Grade 1 - Mrs. Wood (formerly Kindergarten)
  
- Thank you for tending to the many **important papers** we send home at the beginning of the year. We are trying to send home any document that needs your signature on **green (or yellow) paper**. Please read, sign and return them as quickly as possible in your child's red folder. **The red folder needs to come back and forth each day**. Most important papers will come home on Wednesdays--after this week. (This is also where your child's homework or notes to us should be put on the "return trip.")
  
- Hallsville PTG: Please join us for our first meeting on Tuesday, September 12th @ 6:30 in the Library. Also, our PTG runs a popcorn program, and sign-up sheets have been sent to you. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet for those who can help out in some way this year! We are looking to increase our volunteer program within Hallsville School! Thank you for considering this. Please check out our Facebook page!
  
- **Summer Reading Program**: If your child completed any of the Summer Reading Passport, please send it in this week. There will be a school-wide drawing, and for those who completed it, a District-wide drawing. We sent home lots of resources, and we had an open library this past summer. Thanks to those who participated in this worthy activity!
  
- **School starts @ 8:30 a.m.** We cannot provide outside supervision of children who arrive earlier than 8:30. On rainy or cold days, children may be called in a few minutes early to wait in the gym for the bell. Arriving to school on time everyday creates the best opportunity for your child to experience success. Thank you for *your* support in this. **Children are recognized for perfect attendance each trimester**. Three tardies or dismissals equals one absence. City Year also runs school-wide attendance contests. Hallsville had an average of 95% attendance each day, and was third amongst elementary schools in the city. However, I want us to be the best, not third best!!
  - Those who wish to eat **breakfast** at school, please enter the foyer doors @ **8:15 a.m.** Someone will be ready to let you in. Please remind your children of this so they don't wait until 8:30, then

come in and try to eat breakfast. They can eat it if they come to breakfast late, but will be sent to class with it--and they will miss morning activities.

- **Reminder that stopping or parking on either side of Jewett Street is permitted only for school busses/vans.** This is for our children's safety. Please park elsewhere and walk over to get your child. The City Traffic Department made these recommendations and new signage is up. Thank you to those who have been observing this. **Never, ever ask your child to cross any street to get to your waiting car on the other side.** We have seen cars zoom by recklessly, and want to keep all of our students safe. The MPD support us on this.
- The **School Handbook** is coming home today. There is important information for all parents/students in the handbook. If you have any questions about any of the contents, please give us a call for clarification.
- Welcome to our 2017-18 **City Year Corp Members:** Jamie and Lyssette--both Service Leaders who were with us last year; Anita, Renzo, Ben, and Emily. Their Impact Manager is Meelynn Wong. They helped us tremendously as we were getting ready to "open," and are now getting to know the students in their classrooms. For those who are not familiar with City Year, it is a service organization, under AmeriCorp, that focuses on working with urban school districts. We are very fortunate to have a team here for the third year now. You can recognize them by their red jackets! They are a fine group of young people who are terrific role models for our students!
- **The Leader in Me:** We will still continue the process of learning about, integrating and applying the 7 Habits of Happy Kids. Please watch for a Leadership Day in the Spring!
- **21st Century Before and After School Programs:** The yellow brochure was sent home in your child's red folder today. These programs typically fill quickly, so a rapid turn-around is highly recommended.
- **Student Accident Insurance:** All parents have an opportunity to purchase accident insurance for their children. If interested please check out the information on our website at <http://hallsville.mansd.org/> under "For Parents."
- **Grade 4 Lego program:** Mrs. Schiebout, one of our fourth grade teachers is facilitating this opportunity again this year. Fourth grade parents, watch for information from the teachers. We expect to have a community demonstration later in the year at one of our events.
- <http://hallsville.mansd.org/> is where you will find our web calendar and important district and school announcements.

#### Upcoming Events for Students/Families:

- **Kindergarten Meet-N-Greet:** Friday, **September 8th @ 2:00 p.m.** Please gather at the back/foyer doors, and someone will let you in and escort you to your child's classroom. You may take your child home from the classroom by signing him/her out with the teacher.
- **Hallsville PTG:** First meeting of the year is **Tuesday, September 12th @ 6:30 in the library!** Please enter through the foyer doors.
- **Tuesday, September 19th - No school: Staff Development Day**
- **Parent Open House:** **Tuesday, September 26th @ 6:00-7:00.** Watch for more information!
- **Hawks Basketball:** Fourth and Fifth Grade girls and boys--tryouts **will be the first week of October this year.** Please start warming up! More information will be distributed next week.
- **Hallsville Community BBQ and Hallsville Community Garage Sale** - details coming soon!

**HAVE A GREAT MONTH! WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR UPCOMING EVENTS!**