



Hallsville School Parent Newsletter September, 2016

Greetings, Hallsville Parents,

Every month, I send home a monthly newsletter with information that parents will find helpful. It will generally come home the first Wednesday of the month. This month, the newsletter is a follow-up to my welcome letter of a week or so ago. Here are some reminders/updates for you:

- Reminder: Drop off for students is 8:30; drop off for those who have breakfast
- Student pictures will be taken this coming Wednesday.
- The Student Handbook is being copied and prepared for your review and signature. There are several accompanying papers that need to be signed and returned. Answers to most of your questions about “all things Hallsville” will be found in that handbook. If you have any questions about anything, please feel free to contact me at bskogsholm@mansd.org.
- Our newsletters will also be posted online. Also, up-to-the minute information about upcoming events will be found there, along with our web calendar. Please go to <http://hallsville.mansd.org/>. We are working on adding additional pages to our website this year, so please check back often. Some student resources can also be found on our site. For District information, please visit www.mansd.org.
- Thank you to those who filled out the PTG’s Volunteer form. We are compiling them and will be in contact with you throughout the year. **Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 4th, 6:30-7:30 in the Library.** All PTG fundraising goes to support student activities and/or supplemental materials.
 - The PTG popcorn sales will begin on Wednesday, September 28th, and continue every Wednesday. Students who wish to purchase popcorn should send in \$.25. **Please do not include this money in your child’s lunch check. We have no way to process it for popcorn or to transfer the money to the PTG.**
 - The PTG **coupon book fundraiser** will be starting in a few days. Please watch for the coupon book and instructions for purchasing or returning. **These books are loaded with terrific money-savers, and make great holiday gifts!**
- News from the cafeteria: milk is available for \$.50 if purchased separately. If your child receives free or reduced lunch, the milk is only available if a full lunch is taken on that day.
- The 21st Century afterschool program starts this week. Most of our lost and found comes from items left behind during this program. Please remind your students to check for coats, jackets,

backpacks, lunchboxes and homework folders. Thank you for your support in helping keep Hallsville neat and clean!

- We look forward to seeing you at our **Open House on Tuesday, 9/27, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**
- **School Store** will start on **Friday, 9/30, 8:30-8:45**, and continue every Friday.
- Our annual **Family BBQ** will be held on **Thursday, October 6th**. Watch for more information.
- **The Leader in Me:** We are at the very beginning stages of implementing *The Leader in Me* at Hallsville School. Several Manchester schools are at various stages of implementing this process, as well. It is based on *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* [for which our teachers and staff were trained last year.] On the school level, the overarching premise is to encourage and give opportunities for students to become the leaders they are meant to be, and to create a culture within the school that respects and fosters this leadership development.
 - To begin TLIM, the children are being introduced to *The 7 Habits of Happy Kids: Be Proactive; Begin with the End in Mind; Put First Things First; Think Win-Win; Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood; Synergize; and Sharpen the Saw (taking care of oneself)*. Over time, they will be discussing more in-depth what these habits mean for them, especially in the school setting, but also in everyday life. Application of these habits will be integrated school-wide in a developmentally-appropriate format.
 - These habits help develop the skills that 21st Century employers expect.
 - This process has shown to have a positive impact on school culture and student achievement.
 - Core instructional time is not lost due to this process.
 - It is an ongoing process that also provides educators and staff with guidance on implementation and resources for all stakeholders. **Additional information will be shared with you as we move forward.**
 - We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you, and Happy Fall!

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Principal