

HPS School News

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Important Dates:

January

MATH WEEK:

January 23rd - Mix and Math Day

January 24th - Parallel Day

January 25th - Shapes Day

January 26th - Numbers Day

January 27th - Career Dress Up Day

January 30th - Early Release Day - Carpool 12:30, buses 12:45

More information provided in the Math Section of the Specialists Announcements Below!

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Looking for a past flyer?

FLYERS

Building/Safety Update

We drilled a secure campus this week and did a great job. Teachers and other staff will give feedback to our Safety Committee!



From Mrs. Izbicki and the HPS Staff:

It is so nice to see snow falling! I hope everyone is outside enjoying playing in the snow! Our next early release day is January 30th. Carpool can begin at 12:30. As soon as buses arrive we will load and send students. Buses usually arrive around 12:40/12:45.

Next week is math week and there are will be some awesome math activities that all students will participate in! On Friday's all school assembly we will have a guest speaker who will be talking about



math and how important it is for his job! We look forward to a week of fun MATH!

Please remember to be at the bus stop when the bus arrives. We load buses as they arrive and although there can be a glitch here and there, almost every day buses are running on time. There have been quite a few children coming back on the bus because there is no one to pick them off. Bus drivers will not allow students off the bus without an adult present. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

The PTA has some exciting things happening this next month, one of which is the Candy sale! Please see the attached flyer to help support our PTA! Here is the link:
See's Candy

Hollis PTA Links:

[Cheddar Up](#)

[HEPTA Website](#)

Physical Education - January

Before winter break every class participated in a fitness snowman activity. In this activity, students worked with four classmates to create a snowman out of PE equipment. In order to get the PE equipment needed to make the snowman, students had to perform a variety of locomotor skills to the opposite side of the gym to collect the equipment. For example, they skipped to the opposite side to retrieve an item. Everyone had a blast creating snowmen! Here are some examples:



During the month of January, all PE classes will begin focusing on the manipulative skills of the throwing and catching! Here is the agenda for each grade level for the month of January:

Grades K-1: These classes will explore skills and learn the Underhand Throw and Overhand Throw Cues. Students will learn to step with the opposite foot when throwing, learn how to self toss and catch, and be able to play throw and catch with a partner.

Grades 2-3: These classes will use throwing and catching skills in gameplay. They will also learn to think strategically and play smart. We will continue to practice good sportsmanship throughout this month!

Mr. Kyle Precourt

Math - January

We are excited to celebrate Math Week in January! This year it will be January 23-27th. We have some exciting things planned for students. Below are the special dress up themes for the week.

Date	Theme	Idea
Monday, January 23	Mix Match Day	Wear $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ or a mix match of patterns!
Tuesday, January 24	Parallel Day	Let's see those stripes!
Wednesday, January 25	Shapes Day	Wear dots, triangles, squares, or a medley!
Thursday, January 26	Numbers Day	Wear numbers!
Friday, January 27	Career Dress Up	All week we will be highlighting different careers which use math. Dress as a career person who uses math!

Mrs. Giles and Mrs. White

Environmental Science - January

With January being the start of a new year it is the perfect time to think about things we can do this year to help our environment! This month our students will brainstorm some ideas that focus on the concepts of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose, Repair, and Refuse. Many students are choosing to give themselves a challenge to try and do something extra this year to help our Earth. Some ideas so far have been to only use one paper towel to dry their hands or to try and use reusable containers at lunch or save ziplock bags to use one more time. Little changes can make a big difference!

During January students will also be taking part in some recycling and repurposing activities. A Third and second grade students will begin to cut and weave plastic bags into kennel mats for animal shelters. Third grade will also sew boomerang bags and second graders will be responsible for rolling out the school wide recycling markers program. While first grade and kindergarten will be making recycled crayons and creating bird feeders out of repurposed items!

...and in case you were wondering, our food waste program has now diverted over 2500 pounds of food/milk waste that will be turned into biogas! We have had several visitors who have to come to our cafeteria to watch in amazement as our young students run this program on their own!

Mrs. Happy

Wellness - January

Happy 2023!

In guidance this month, Kindergarten students will continue to learn and practice the difference between small problems versus big problems and how our reactions

should match the size! We have brainstormed small and big problems and discussed ways we can solve them. Small problems are solved quickly, happen often and we are encouraging students to try to solve on their own first (for example: using their words with a peer or getting a material they need etc). Big problems take a long time to solve and are safety concerns where we need an adults help.

In 1st and 2nd grade classes, we will be reading one of my favorite books: The Magical Yet by Angela DiTerlizzi and students will be making their own magical yet in a picture of something they want to get better at. I have loved seeing how creative these magical yet's can be in cheering us on and helping us have a growth mindset to keep trying and not give up.

In third grade we will start 2023 reading the book "One Word for Kids" by Jon Gordon, Dan Britton and Jimmy Page. It will help inspire us to think about a guiding word for us to focus on and work on for the year. We will then move into empathy and discuss some scenarios that help us think about how others might feel and how we can show them empathy and kindness in those situations. In all classes we will be incorporating positive self talk through these lessons in the month of January!

Nurse: This month's lesson focuses on the importance of hydration. Many times headaches are the result of not drinking enough water. Students will learn why our bodies need the right amount of water in order to function effectively. They will also be shown why sugary drinks, such as energy drinks, are not healthy. A special surprise will be a plant that looks like it is not alive...watch what happens when it is placed in water! A reminder that all students should be bringing a refillable water bottle to school. However, on those days they forget, water bottles are available in the nurse's office.

Wishing you all a wonderful start to the New Year!

-Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Rocheleau and Mrs. St. Hilaire

MUSIC - January

Congratulations to the 1st and 2nd graders on their holiday concerts in December! They all did an amazing job performing for an audience for the first time. I am super proud of them all! In January K, 1st, and 2nd will review rhythm notes and play along with some winter themed rhythm play along videos. With varied levels (easy/med/advanced), these videos are always a hit and are an excellent way to practice our rhythm reading in a fun way. Ask your child about “Snowball Splat” and “Ice Skating Animals”. We will also be learning the song “We’ve Got The Whole World In Our Hands” and creating some new lyrics for that song.

As many of you now know, 3rd grade started recorders THIS WEEK! While I’m aware that there are many different feelings about recorders, I have to share that I absolutely love playing and teaching recorder! This unit of study helps them learn many wonderful life and musical skills, and helps prepare them to decide about their future endeavors in music. A packet of recorder information and songs will be sent home next week!

Mrs. Cormier

HPS Learning Commons - January

We are excited to be back and beginning the new year! This month first, second and third graders will be diving back into chess. Since these students have some experience from last year, we will expand on strategies that will make the game even more challenging for them. Kindergarten students will be just beginning their chess journey by learning how the board is set up and how the pieces work. They will be introduced slowly to give them time to understand the rules. The students will also participate in “mini-games” to support their skill development.

All grades have wrapped up their coding units with Mrs. Finley. Kindergarten and first grade students will be learning about Internet safety as Mrs. Finley and Officer Kush visit the classrooms. Second graders will have the opportunity to work on stop motion animation. Third grade students will begin working on an economics unit. During this time they will create their own businesses and work on advertising using digital tools.

The Learning Commons Team - Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Proulx and Mrs. Finley

Reading Room - January

“Reading Strategies” is a catchphrase that we in education use to talk about the work of reading. Good readers use reading strategies to decode new words and comprehend what they are reading. A proficient reader is able to use these strategies flexibly. When you are reading with your child at home and they “get stuck,” encourage them to look carefully at the word and apply phonics rules to sound out the word. After they have sounded out the word, they can look at the pictures, think about the story, and reread the sentence to monitor their decoding. If they are unable to decode a word independently, help your child by sounding the word out for them and rereading the sentence with them. If it is an irregular word like, the, read the word to your child and point out the part of the word that does not follow the expected rules.

Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Van Sciver

Art - January

Kindergarten and first grade are going to start January with a brief introduction to texture. They are going to use chalk to create winter animals. They will imply the texture of fur and feathers with lines, and they will rub the chalk to add value. Then they will begin a printmaking unit. We will start off using found objects to

print patterns and designs. Then we will use legos to print robots in Kindergarten



and use those same legos to print various bridges in First Grade.

Second and third grade will also delve into actual and implied texture. They will learn how to use different lines to create texture as well as how to add value to show form and dimension. Then they will combine both to begin their first still life drawing. Lastly, we will add color to our drawings.



Mrs. O'Brien

**HOLLIS
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SOFT BALL

**REGISTRATION IS
OPEN**

Open now through February
28th

U8, U10 and U12 teams

\$115 per player

Season runs April - June 2023

Volunteer Coaches are needed to have a
successful season!

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