

HAMMOND WESTSIDE MONTESSORI SCHOOL



WEEKLY WHIRLWIND

December 10, 2019

Best Wishes to HWM!

Dear Parents,

As many of you may have heard, I will be retiring this month. It has been an absolute pleasure serving the Hammond community, our students at HWM, and getting to know their families. You have definitely impacted my life in ways I will never forget. I have had the privilege of working in the TPSS for 33 years and it was the best decision I ever made. I am so proud of the challenge I embarked on with Mrs. LeBlanc nine years ago. It has been some of the hardest work I have ever done but also some of the most rewarding.

I hope you know that our faculty and staff are among the best in this district. They do not get recognized and told enough that they are appreciated and valued. I have witnessed them put in countless hours before and after school and on the weekends preparing for your children. And when I say staff, I mean everyone from our teachers, secretaries, custodians, para educators, café staff, nurses, counselors, etc. If it's one thing I hope they know, it is that I truly respect and admire the work they do on a daily basis.

As far your children, they are the BEST! They are the reason I have been able to do this for 33 years. I love seeing their excitement when they learn a new skill or when they want to share with me something they have written or want to read. Nothing brings me greater joy and for that I am extremely thankful and grateful. They are our greatest blessings and I cannot thank you enough for allowing me to be a part of their lives for the past 9 years. If my students remember one thing about me, I hope it's that they choose to be happy and never let anyone steal their joy.

In conclusion, I'd like to thank Mr. Wallace, Mr. Oller and the entire HWM administration for their support and confidence in me. I have been blessed to work with some of the most hard working, dedicated, and amazing people. I know that HWM is in great hands and that progress will continue to be made. I can't wait to see what's next to come! My last day at HWM will be Monday, December 16. I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Blessings in the New Year!

With gratitude and appreciation,
Becky Navarra

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!

As Christmas gets closer and the excitement starts to build, we wanted our students and staff to share in some holiday cheer. Next week, our students can participate in the following events:

Monday: Aren't you Plaid for the Holidays-Students can wear their favorite plaid/flannel shirt with their uniform bottoms.

Tuesday: Holidays call for Accessories-Students can wear their Christmas accessories such as socks, ties, red/green jewelry, etc.

Wednesday: Tacky Christmas Sweater/ Christmas shirt w/ uniform bottoms

Thursday: Polar Express Day-PK-3 students can wear their pajamas to school. Upper students (grades 4-8) can wear pajama bottoms with school appropriate t-shirt or long sleeve shirt.

Friday: Students can wear their Santa hat, headbands with uniform bottoms.



WHIRLBOTS SERVICE PROJECT FOR TANGI HUMANE SOCIETY

Our Robotics Team has accepted the challenge of Keighly Howard to help the Tangi Humane Society this holiday season. There are so many animals who are in need; therefore, our Whirlbots will be collecting the following items to donate to the Tangi Humane Society.

- Sturdy Buckle Collars and Leashes
- Bleach
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Dawn(basic blue)
- Dryer Sheets
- Towels/Blankets
- Cleaning Wipes
- Fabulous
- Mops

Our Whirlbots Snowball Fundraiser deadline is December 17. Snowballs will be \$3.00 and must be presold. Snowball Company will be at HWM primary on December 18, and the upper on December 19. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December 10-Away Game: HWM vs. Loranger 6:00/7:00pm
December 11-Money and order forms are due for 5th grade parent luncheon
December 11-14-Trafton Basketball Tournament TBD
December 12-Warming Up with Books at the Silly Sweater Soiree' 5:30-7:00pm Central Office, Amite
December 13- United Way Jean Day for \$1.00
December 16-HWM vs. Nesom 6:00/7:00pm
December 17-Deadline for Snowball Purchases: Whirlbots Fundraiser for \$3.00
December 18-5th grade parent luncheon & PTO Raising Canes Fundraiser 3:30-8:00pm
December 20-End of 3rd six week period, Club Day & Half Day Dimissal for Students at 11:30
December 23-January 3-Christmas Holidays
January 6-Professional Development Day for Teachers-No School for Students
January 7-Students return to school
January 10-Report Cards will go home

LEADING LADIES COLLECTION DRIVE

Our Leading Ladies need your help in collecting new or gently used socks, gloves and hats for families in need in our community. The drive will go through December 18. Items can be dropped off to room 602 or brought to the upper office. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

UNITED WAY JEAN DAY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 COST: \$1.00

This Friday, December 13, will be a United Way Jean Day. Faculty, staff and students can wear jeans to school for \$1.00. They can also wear their favorite Christmas sweater or shirt with them if they'd like. All proceeds will go to benefit the United Way. We ask that you please support this worthy cause.



PTO NEWS

PTO is having a Raising Canes(by the mall) Fundraiser on Wednesday, December 18 from 3:30-8:00pm. Please make sure to say you're supporting HWM.

Community Coffee Labels need to be mailed by Wednesday, December 18. Please get them no later than Monday, December 16.

Thank you for everyone who supported our Penguin Patch Holiday Shop. Students had a great time shopping for Christmas.