

HAMMOND WESTSIDE MONTESSORI SCHOOL



WEEKLY WHIRLWIND

December 17, 2019

ACCELERATED READER

We are happy to announce that we have purchased Accelerated Reader for HWM. Accelerated Reader puts students in the driver's seat. Students are guided, while engaging quizzes and activities help hone in on reading skills with authentic practice and encouraging growth. We know that literacy is a focus for our students and we want them to have all the tools they need to become independent, fluent readers. Mrs. Hampton, our primary librarian, has been working very hard to get the program up and running for the return of school in January. Some students are already reading books and taking quizzes. Students and/or classes will have goals set and incentives will be given when goals are met. Title I funds purchased this program and we are looking forward to seeing the benefits of it with our students and their achievement in reading.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY OUR HWM CHOIR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Students in grades 4th-8th will attend the 9:00am performance.

Students in grades 1st-3rd will attend the 1:00pm performance.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to congratulate Mrs. Valerie Adams, on being selected as one of the participants for Ochsner Education Outreach, Teacher PD, on January 25, 2020. Education Outreach is committed to developing a well-prepared and informed workforce pipeline for health sciences and positively impacting K-12 education outcomes. They do that through:

- Connecting Classroom to Career
- Increasing Equitable Access to High Quality Learning
- Enhancing STEM Literacy
- Drive Student Achievement and Confidence in Science

We would like to wish all of our HWM families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We hope this holiday season is filled with love, joy and happiness. We hope the New Year brings you and abundance of blessings.

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. This week, our students can participate in the following events:

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.



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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM!

They placed 4th in the Trafton Tournament over the weekend. Our student athletes are doing a great job representing HWM and we are so proud of them.

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

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.

MENU CHANGE FOR THIS WEEK

Wednesday-Turkey and Dressing

Thursday-Salisbury Steak and mashed potatoes

Friday-Hamburgers and French Fries

Breakfast will not be served on Friday, December 20, due to a half day dismissal at 11:30am. Lunch will begin early that day!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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 9-HWM vs. Ponchatoula 6:00pm girls/7:00pm boys at Greenville Park
 January 10-Report Cards will go home
 January 13-HWM vs. Natalbany 6:00pm girls/7:00pm boys at Greenville Park

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. We hope to see you there!

