

Hacker Middle School February Newsletter

As difficult as it is to believe, the end of next week marks the midway point of the 3rd quarter with no sign of things slowing down! Please find below some of the happenings at Hacker Middle School for the month of February.

Important Upcoming Dates

February 5th - No School (PD Day)

February 11th – 1:30 Dismissal (AM Session: 8:00-10:25 & PM Session 11:05-1:30)
Parent Teacher Conferences by appointment only (2:00-4:00 & 5:00-8:00)
3rd Quarter Midterm

February 12th – No School

February 15th – No School (President's Day)

Upcoming Events

Parent / Teacher Conferences

Spring parent / teacher conferences will be held Thursday, February 11th from 2:00-4:00p.m. and 5:00-8:00p.m. As we did in the fall, we will have scheduled conferences this year. If they haven't already, your student's teacher will reach out to you soon with scheduling details and options. Those attending in person will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing. Additionally, we ask that if you choose an in-person conference that only you and your student attend (no siblings, grandparents, family friends, etc).

By holding conferences early, it allows important conversations about your student's education to occur earlier in the semester so any concerns can be addressed in time for change to occur prior to the end of the year.

Valentine's Day

A reminder that we are not able to allow gifts of any kind, including flowers, balloons, chocolates, etc., to be brought or delivered on Valentine's Day. The sheer volume of this request is unmanageable, and storage of these items is impossible.

The school will be providing a sweet treat for every student on Valentine's Day in lieu of students bringing treats and or other Valentine's related items.

Other Notes

Thermometers

The Mountain Home School District has partnered with Crush the Curve and Kinsa to provide every interested family a thermometer. While symptoms can be sneaky, fevers are not. One of the most reliable ways to catch illness early is to take temperatures regularly. When you catch illness sooner, you can make better decisions about how to keep the rest of your family well.

Thermometers will be distributed at Parent / Teacher conferences to those who are interested or may be picked up at the front office by a parent / guardian during school hours. Limit one per family.

Meal Service

Beginning Thursday, February 4th, there will be a change to school-based meal service. All students who opt into the free meal service on Thursdays will also receive meals for the weekend. There are no additional steps students or families need to take to participate in this enhanced meal service.

Dress the Snowman

Thank you to everyone who donated warm clothing to our Dress the Snowman event! Through your generosity, Hacker was able to contribute to keeping our local kids in need warm!

Final Notes

A Note About Cell Phones

Since coming back from break we have experienced an increase in student cell phone issues. Per the Hacker Middle School student handbook, students may have cell phones at Hacker, however, need to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Cell phone use is permitted in the classrooms only with explicit classroom teacher permission.
- Cell phones are not to be used in other areas of the school or during recess.
- Text messaging is not allowed during school hours.

These guidelines are in place to ensure a productive educational environment, limit the likelihood of theft and breakage, and reduce the occurrence of social issues related to their use. Should your student need to contact you, they may utilize the phone in their classroom or at the office. If you need to get a message to your student during the course of the day, please call our office and we will be happy to get it to them.

We look forward to a positive and productive remainder of the year and appreciate your partnership in providing your student a quality education.

Sincerely,

Lonni Smith
Principal