

HMS November / December Newsletter

As we start Thanksgiving Break, I wanted to take a moment to remind you of a few important dates that will be occurring right after break, through the month of December and even a peak into January too.

Important Dates

Nov. 30th – Picture Retake Day

Bullying & Cyberbullying Symposium (6:00-8:00pm @ MHJH Gym)

Dec. 1st – Kindness Assembly with MHAFB Youth Center

Dec. 3rd – Dress Up Like an Elf!

Dec. 9th – Last Day of after school activities for the semester

Dec. 10th – Dress Up A Tree!

Dec. 17th – Wear Your Ugly Holiday Sweater!

1st Semester Ends

Dec. 20 – Jan. 4th – Christmas Break

January 5th – School Resumes

January 10th – After school activities resume

Upcoming Events

Picture Retakes

Hacker Middle School picture retake day is Tuesday, November 30th. You have the ability to order pictures online by visiting dorianstudio.com and searching for your school's name. Your online order can be placed before and up to four (4) days after picture day. After the 4-day grace period expires, a personalized access key will be sent home with picture delivery. A \$7 shipping and handling fee will be added to all orders made with a personalized access key and orders will ship directly to your home.

Bullying & Cyberbullying Symposium

Also happening on Tuesday, November 30th is a Bullying & Cyberbullying Symposium sponsored by the Mountain Home School District, Mountain Home Air Force Base, The City of Mountain Home and the Idaho Internet Crimes

Against Children Task Force. This event will be held at the gym at Mountain Home Junior High from 6:00 – 8:00pm and is designed to engage our entire community in a discussion about how to prevent and reduce instances of bullying and cyberbullying in our community.

Kindness Assembly

On the heels of the symposium, Hacker will be welcoming the Mountain Home Air Force Base Youth Center staff and volunteers. During their time with us on Wednesday, December 1st, they will focus on being a kind person during an assembly and classroom activities. This pairs well with the classroom lessons provided by our counselors and our daily efforts designed to help students learn what it means to be a kind member of our school and community.

Other Notes

See, Tell Now Tip Line

As has been demonstrated recently, our town, state and nation, are experiencing increased instances of unwanted and even dangerous behavior. While we always encourage you and your student to speak to us directly with concerns about the safety and well-being of our students and staff, should you not feel comfortable doing so, we want to remind you of our See, Tell, Now Tip Line.

In 2019, the Mountain Home School District implemented the See Tell Now Tip Line as an additional safety measure for students to report school safety threats. The purpose of adopting the tip line was to increase the opportunities for students to report incidents or situations to the school where staff can intervene. We recognize there are incidents that maybe going unreported and want students and parents to be aware of the tip line as an option. Students can submit anonymous reports by clicking the logo on our webpage, calling 888-593-2835 or online at the website “seetellnow.org”.

Examples of types of incidents that can be reported:

- Bullying or Harassment
- Dating Violence
- Depression
- Fighting
- Possession of a weapon
- Suicide Threat
- Threat of planned school attack

Even more important than the dates and information above, I would like to take a moment, on behalf of the staff at Hacker Middle School, to wish you and your family a happy holiday. I hope you are able to spend time with those for whom you are thankful!

Have a safe and restful break!

Sincerely,
Lonni Smith
Principal
Hacker Middle School