

HORTONVILLE ELEMENTARY NEWS

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FROM THE ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear HES families:

December is a perfect time to highlight our character education trait of the month – CARING.

We are a school that is committed to teaching children to be people of character. We strive to create a school community that helps all of us form caring attachments to one another. These caring relationships foster both the desire to learn and the desire to be a good person. All children have needs for safety, belonging, and the experience of contributing, and they are more likely to internalize the values and expectations of groups that meet these needs.

Likewise, if staff members and parents experience mutual respect, fairness, and cooperation in their relationships with each other, they are more likely to develop the capacity to promote those values in students.

In a caring school community, the daily life of classrooms and all other parts of the school environment (e.g., the hallways, cafeteria, playground, school bus, front office, and teachers lounge) are imbedded with a climate of concern and respect for others.

The Polar Bear Way is a perfect example of how we show caring in action. Students are doing a wonderful job demonstrating the Polar Bear Way. I would like to ask your assistance in helping us re-teach expected behaviors in the cafeteria.

Please remind your child that the expected behaviors are:

- **Hands and feet to yourself**
- **Be nice**
- **Orderly lines**
- **Use manners**
- **Clean up table and floor area around you**
- **Tray, silverware and garbage in proper space**
- **Walking feet**
- **Inside voice**
- **Eat what you take**
- **Always tell the truth**

Now that winter is upon us, for the safety of our children, please be extra vigilant when dropping off or picking up your child. Likewise, as ice and snow may build up on our sidewalks and parking lots, be extra careful so that you do not slip or fall. Remember to supply your child with proper winter apparel for outside recess. Furthermore, remind them to not share hats, combs or brushes to prevent the spread of head lice.

Parents, if you are picking your child up, please call us ASAP and before 2:45 so that we can deliver the message. Due to the many end of the day activities both in the office and in the classrooms, it becomes increasingly difficult to deliver the message if we receive it after 2:45. Your cooperation in calling us prior to 2:45 is greatly appreciated.

From our perspective, the traffic/safety improvements during the morning and at dismissal are working thanks to your cooperation. As a reminder, pickup and drop off of students is allowed at curbside in the morning and at dismissal. If you are leaving your vehicle to come into the school, please park in the parking lot and use the crosswalk. We will continue to monitor and adjust as necessary to ensure the safety of our students.

With our Kids At Hope initiative, I'd like to share with you the concept of 4 Ace's of Success. Research on successful students has shown that the more "Ace's" we can give children, the more likely they will be successful. Join us as we give these aces to the children.

The first Ace is known as the "♥ Ace of Hearts ♥- Anchor Parent ♥." Responsible for a child's physical and emotional well being 24/7 in an unconditional loving way. This ace is yours, the parent. Give this ace to your child/ren often. Remind them how important they are and that you are privileged to have them in your home.

The second Ace is known as the "♣ Ace of Clubs ♣- Other Caring Adults ♣." The more the merrier – successful people surround themselves with significant, positive adults. Many clusters of adults can be the other positive person in a child's life. All adults, regardless of job, status, income or position have this ace. Give this ace to lots of children. Let them know they live in a society that values them.

The third Ace is known as the "♠ Ace of Spades ♠ - High Expectations ♠." Always pointing upwards – the sky's the limit!. Raise the bar high for all children, not just those who are advantaged by economics, athletic ability, or scholastic achievement. Successful people state they had someone in their life who believed in them at times more than they believed in themselves. Give this ace to as many children as you can. Let them know you expect them to do well.

The fourth Ace is known as the "♦ Ace of Diamonds ♦ - Opportunities to Succeed♦." Success breeds success. The more successful experiences a child has, the great the chances of forming a pattern of success. Like the four sides of a diamond, there are four ways to help a child feel successful: belonging to something positive, feeling useful, feeling competent, feeling empowered. Let children know that winning may not happen every day, but success can happen if children are given this ace.

Not only during this holiday season, but all season long, be sure to give your children lots of aces! These aces are magical. The more times you give them away, the more times they will reappear in your hands to re-deal again the next day to another child who just needs to know that the world cares. From our HES "family" to yours, have a magical holiday season filled with love and lots of aces! ☺

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dec. 23 Red & Green Dress-up Day Full day of school

Dec. 26 Vacation begins – no school

January Monthly Theme: Responsibility

Jan. 2 Classes Resume

Jan. 13 Character Ed Dress-up Day: Wear Green for Responsibility

Jan. 19 PTO Family Fun FREE Event (more information to come)
PTO Meeting 3:15p-4:15p in library – Free Babysitting
Pajama Dress-up Day

Jan. 20 No School – Staff Work Day
End of Semester

Jan. 27 Report Cards sent home



SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE



Congratulations to the HES Food Drive committee members, Siri Claybough, Taylor Lebeck, Eric Zachek, and Ben Wilkins. The

student council learned about the need for food at food pantries in the Valley. They learned about the Dale Food Pantry and chose them as the food drive recipients. The food drive theme was a 7 foot tall transformer in the cafeteria and huge empty pantry shelves.

These members collected food daily from classrooms, counted it, and finally helped box the items for donation. As the week went by - the shelves were filled to show progress towards

the 300 item goal. Well, with the theme: "Help transform the shelves



from empty to full," their goal was exceeded. They collected over 450 food items for the Dale Food Pantry. Mr. Lee Swinford and his crew came to collect HES's donation right in time for Thanksgiving.

Submitted by: Mrs. Nackers, Student Council Advisor

HES STUDENT COUNCIL "RINGING" IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

Several HES Student Council members partnered with the Salvation Army on Tuesday, November 29th and Wednesday, November 30 to ring the bells at Hortonville Kwik Trip.



It was a busy place and lots of people were very giving on both days. Many families will enjoy the Holidays this year because of the donations that were given.



The HES Student Council truly enjoyed this experience and has a greater respect for those in need.





December GATE News



"Gifted children are usually enthusiastic about learning, passionately engrossed in many ideas and activities, and intensely curious about the world around them. So how does it happen that some of them drift into patterns of underachievement? How does their innate motivation diminish? How can parents nurture motivation so that these children will develop their interests and abilities? How can caring adults prevent underachievement?"

Taken from "A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children"

The answers to these questions and many more can be found at the links provided below.

I hope you all have a blessed holiday season!

Mrs. B.



<http://www.hasd.org/faculty/lisaborowski/December%20News%202011-Motivation,%20Enthusiasm,%20and%20Underachievement.pdf>

<http://www.hasd.org/faculty/lisaborowski/Chapter%204%20Summary-%20Motivation,%20Enthusiasm%20and%20Underachievement.pdf>

HORTONVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an election will be held in the Hortonville Area School District on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 for two (2) seats on the Board. Candidates must reside in the municipality to be represented. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed:

Town of Center – Willard Griesbach

Town of Greenville & Town of Grand Chute – Bill Murphy.

The term of office for school board members is three years beginning Monday, April 23, 2012. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy, must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 in the District Administrative Office. The office is located at 246 N. Olk Street, Hortonville, Wisconsin 54944 with office hours from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2011. Papers are available in the District Administrative Office at the address listed above during regular office hours with the exception of these dates when the offices are closed because of the holiday season Dec. 24-25, 31; Jan. 1. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if necessary, the primary will be held Tuesday, February 14, 2012. A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the District Administrative Office.

Dated November 22, 2011

Marv Obry, Board Clerk

"Go Red" Basketball Game



What:

Starting Tuesday, January 3, 2012 all HES students, parents and staff members can purchase a Red Out t-shirts by filling out the bottom portion and returning it to the HES office for \$10.00 to help in the fight against Heart Disease.

Show your school spirit by wearing the "Red Out" T-shirt to school on Thursday, January 26 and then also to the Red Out Game at the Hortonville Field House where the boys basketball team will be taking on the New London Bulldogs.

Chance to win 2 Packer Tickets to one 2012 game:

Any Elementary school student or staff member who purchases a Red Out t-shirt (must purchase a shirt) can pay \$1.00 for a "Free Throw" shot the week of Jan. 23rd during the first 10 minutes of your scheduled gym time (except Friday). One chance per gym day. Everyone who makes the "Free Throw" shot will have their name entered into a drawing for the Packer Tickets.

Winner will be drawn at the Red Out Game At Half Time.

You do not need to be present at the "Red Out" HS Basketball game to win. The Packer Tickets cannot be sold and must be used by the winner who is drawn at the game. Mrs. Gorwitz will be selecting the one Packer game when the 2012 schedule is released.

All Proceeds from t-shirt sales and the "Free-Throw" shot money will be donated to the American Heart Association.

"RED OUT" BASKETBALL T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

Student Information: Name: _____ Classroom Teacher: _____

T-shirt order \$10.00 per T-shirt:

___ Youth S ___ Youth M ___ Youth L

___ Adult S ___ Adult M ___ Adult L ___ Adult XL ___ Adult XXL

Total Cost: \$_____ Make Checks Payable to "The American Heart Association".