

# Eagle's Nest

## HCCS Newsletter March 2016

This month's **Core Characteristic** is:

### *Self-Discipline*

Self-Discipline is applying ourselves to our tasks. It is giving the best of ourselves to our tasks.

*"Respect your efforts, respect yourself. Self-respect leads to self-discipline. When you have both firmly under your belt, that's real power."*  
-Clint Eastwood



### From The Desk...

Dear Families,

Spring is almost upon us! It's been an activity filled February and March for students, staff, and parents. Parent teacher conferences recently took place and it was good to see so many of you present and attending your child's conference. It's a great opportunity to be a part of your child's academic success, as well as a great time to make goals for those areas of need. We greatly appreciate our PTSO and parents who were involved in preparing the meals for our teachers during conferences. It was a welcome and delicious treat!

We also recently had our Middle School Orchestra event. They did a fantastic job playing for our audience. Mrs. Cameron has done an amazing job leading our Students in Orchestra. We appreciate her. Lastly, I want to thank our students and parents who supported our school's Pennies for Patients drive. Our students rallied well to bring in many coins and bills, and while the tallies aren't in, we're certain the Middle School takes the prize for most funds brought in! Great job!

We have a number of important upcoming events that I encourage families to put on their calendars. First, the school lottery for the 2016-2017 school-year is drawing near. The lottery will take place on April 9<sup>th</sup> at the school. We look forward to welcoming our new and returning families! Family Math Night is taking place the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. Please look for additional information on this newsletter.

Lastly, a reminder that State Tests begin shortly after Spring Break. Let's encourage our students to do their best!

Thank you for all you do!  
Mr. Castaneda, Principal

## March 2016

All lunches are served with a choice of Salad & Fruit Bar and one (1) milk. Lunches are subject to change without notice. Breakfast menu items will rotate.

### Upcoming Dates:

- Tuesday, Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual Math Night
- Friday, Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL End of Quarter
- Friday, Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> Open Enrollment ends
- Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> - Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL- Spring Break
- Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> Lottery

### Other Side:

- Spring Lottery
- PTSO Announcement
- Roaring Reader
- MS Science Fair
- Did You Know?
- P.E. Notes
- Tips for Parents
- After School Activities
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Math Night
- State Science Olympiad

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 BBQ Roasted Chicken Whole Grain Biscuit Green Beans Salad & Fruit Bar	2 Cheese Burger & Baked Fries Salad & Fruit Bar Milk	3 Chicken Nuggets UBR Cookie Salad & Fruit Bar, Milk	4 Whole Grain Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Salad & Fruit Bar Milk	5
6	7 BBQ Pork Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Salad & Fruit Bar, Milk	8 Volcano Meatloaf Whole Grain Biscuit Salad & Fruit Bar Milk	9 Whole Grain Chicken Sandwich Baked Fries Salad & Fruit Bar, Milk	10 Breakfast Burrito Bean & Broccoli Salad Salad & Fruit Bar, Milk	11 Whole Grain Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Salad & Fruit Bar Milk	12
13	14 Mandarin Chicken, Brown Rice & UBR Cookie, Salad & Fruit Bar Milk	15 Macaroni & Cheese Whole Grain Biscuit Salad & Fruit Bar Milk	16 Mini Corndog Salad & Fruit Bar Milk	17 Whole Grain Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Salad & Fruit Bar, Milk	18 No School End of Quarter	19
20	21 No School Spring Break	22 No School Spring Break	23 No School Spring Break	24 No School Spring Break	25 No School Spring Break	26
27	28 No School Spring Break	29 No School Spring Break	30 No School Spring Break	31 No School Spring Break Return April 4th		
	Breakfast Menu: Assorted Cereal, Bean & Cheese Burrito Fruit/Juice Milk	Strawberry Banana Smoothie Assorted Cereal WW Bagel W/CC Fruit/Juice Milk	Breakfast Pizza Assorted Cereal WW Bagel W/CC Fruit/Juice Milk	Assorted Cereal WW Bagel W/CC Breakfast Sandwich on WW English Muffin Fruit/Juice Milk	Whole Grain French Toast Assorted Cereal WW Bagel W/CC Fruit/Juice Milk	

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## Spring Lottery

Our Spring Lottery is once again coming up fast! Be sure to share our school with your friends and neighbors! They can go to the website and fill out an enrollment form or stop by the school office. Open enrollment ends on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. All applicants will be entered into the lottery which will take place on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

## HCCS Parent, Teacher, Student Organization (PTSO) Announcement

Our PTSO is a volunteer-led group of dedicated parents who serve in many aspects of our school! We would like to welcome you to be a part of our organization. We typically meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 3:30, however, due to Spring Break, March will be an exception. Our next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. After the PTSO business portion of our meeting, we do some kind of service project for the school. Please join us in the fun!

## Roaring Reader

Each student in K-4 who completes 600 minutes, or students in grades 5-6 who complete 800 minutes of recreational reading, can earn one Roaring Reader ticket to Roaring Springs. Recreational reading minutes cannot be combined with required homework reading.

Keep track of your recreational reading minutes on the Roaring Readers Log, you can get one from your teacher.

All forms must be submitted to your teacher absolutely no later than April 5th. Late entries cannot be accepted.

**\*\*\*Students cannot count any reading that is done to complete homework or school assignments.**

Students can read anything they choose for the Roaring Readers program; books, magazines, newspapers, etc. Students can read independently, parents can read to their student, or students can read to someone.

## Middle School Science Fair

The 3rd Annual Middle School Science Fair is coming up! The science fair is being held on the evening of Thursday, April 28th from 6-8pm. Students must arrive no later than 5:30pm to set up their display. A special group of students and teachers from Boise State's Chemistry and Geology departments will be attending to judge student projects. This year our science fair is affiliated with Broadcom MASTERS. This is a national middle school science fair. Student winners from our science fair will be invited to submit their winning project to the national competition. Encourage your student to manage their time and start early. In order to qualify to participate nationally, student projects must be their own. Parents, please refrain from doing the work for your student so they have the opportunity to experience the feeling of accomplishment that comes when doing something challenging.

## Did You Know?

Did you know that after spring break students can wear their uniform shorts for school? Please check the handbook or with the office for any questions concerning the dress code.

## P.E. Notes

Please remember to send your students with proper P.E. shoes. Any kind of boots or shoes that are slick or mark the floors will result in your student sitting out of valuable P.E. time.

## Tips for Parents

### Questions to Ask Your Child about Their Day (from the Learning Community)

Get a sense of your child's life at school by asking questions that elicit more than a one-word response. Try one of these conversation starters:

- ♥ Tell me about the best part of your day.
- ♥ What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
- ♥ Did any of your classmates do anything funny?
- ♥ Tell me about what you read in class.
- ♥ Who did you play with/hang out with today?
- ♥ What did you do?
- ♥ Do you think \_\_\_\_\_ (insert subject here) is too hard?
- ♥ What's the biggest difference between this year and last year?
- ♥ What rules are different at school than at home?
- ♥ Do you think they're fair?
- ♥ Who did you sit with at lunch?
- ♥ Can you show me something you learned or did today?

## After School Activities

**Track season starts March 9th** for 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys and girls. Track practice will be Wed-Fri from 3-4:30pm. Forms are available outside the gym. The cost is \$26.00

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Math Night

Please join us for the annual HCCS Family Math Night on Tuesday, March 15th, from 5:00-6:30pm at the school. All HCCS students and families are invited to attend. A complimentary dinner will be provided by the Title I program. Each classroom will host lively math games and activities designed to strengthen key math skills and concepts, and empower families to incorporate math into everyday life. For each activity they attempt, HCCS students will receive one raffle ticket to enter into a prize drawing. The raffle will begin at 6:25pm. Raffle prizes include a variety of math games, math story books, and math tools...with a grand prize drawing for a brand new iPod Touch! Please mark your calendars now for this special event and watch early in March for invitations to be sent home with students. Please don't forget to RSVP by returning the invitation or emailing Jenny Mattravers at [jmattravers@heritagecommunitycharter.com](mailto:jmattravers@heritagecommunitycharter.com).

## State Science Olympiad

A select group of middle school students will be competing at the state Science Olympiad this year held on Saturday, April 2nd. If you are a parent of one of these students and would like to come help guide students to their events and supervise during down time please contact Mrs. Davidson at [cdavidson@heritagecommunitycharter.com](mailto:cdavidson@heritagecommunitycharter.com).