

Eagle's Nest

November Core Characteristic is:

Compassion

Compassion is feeling what others are feeling and trying to help with their troubles.

"Life's most urgent question is, what are you doing for others." Martin Luther King, Jr.



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December Core Characteristic is:

Friendship

Friendship is the state of being attached to another person by feelings of affection or personal regard.

"True friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand adversity." –George Washington

From the Desk...

Dear Parents,

As we head towards Thanksgiving Break, followed by the month of December, HCCS continues to be in full swing. Our students, staff and parents have been busy with activities ranging from daily academics to fun evening events. We recently held our Annual Harvest Festival and it was so good to see our school **packed** with families and friends! It was a fun event that was organized by our PTSO and supported by Staff and parent volunteers.

Coming soon, we also have our Winter Concerts. Please see the calendar for specific dates and times. Mrs. Cooper and our students have worked hard preparing and I'm certain it will be an excellent event. I look forward to seeing you all there. As well, please be on the lookout for our annual Toy-drive information in this newsletter. It's one of the many service projects HCCS students gladly take part in.

Two more important items that are up and coming include winter break about a month away, as well the beginning of our Lottery Open Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year. Please review the enrollment and lottery section in this newsletter, specifically the section for current students and how to re-enroll for next year. Also, share this with friends and family so they can take the opportunity to enroll in our incredible school.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude for the support you lent the school during our recent Coupon Book fundraiser. The funds will go toward Music and PE equipment, which our students will enjoy immensely!

I hope you enjoy your Thanksgiving. We all have much to be thankful for. Remember to dress your child warmly now that we're entering our cold winter months. I am hoping for a nice, dry, snow-free winter this year!

Thank you for all you do,

Javier Castaneda
Principal

December 2017

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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Salad & Fruit Bar, Milk	2
3	4 WW Spaghetti & Meatballs Ww Roll Salad & Fruit Bar, Milk	5 Hamburger on WW Bun Salad & Fruit Bar, Milk	6 WW Crispito String Cheese Salad & Fruit Bar Milk	7 Chicken Nuggets WW Biscuit Salad & Fruit Bar Milk	8 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Salad & Fruit Bar Milk	9
10	11 BBQ Pork Sandwich on Ww Bun Mashed Potatoes Salad & Fruit Bar, Milk	12 Mandarin Chicken Rice Bowl WW Rolls Salad & Fruit Bar Milk	13 Breakfast Burrito Seasoned Black Beans Salad & Fruit Bar, Milk	14 Mini Corndogs Baked Fries Salad & Fruit Bar Milk	15 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Salad & Fruit Bar Milk	16
17	18 Chicken Nuggets WW Biscuit Salad & Fruit Bar Milk	19 Chicken Sandwich on WW Bun Salad & Fruit Bar Milk	20 Volcano Meatloaf Ww Roll Salad & Fruit Bar, Milk	21 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Salad & Fruit Bar Milk	22 Christmas Break	23
24	25 Christmas Break	26 Christmas Break	27 Christmas Break	28 Christmas Break	29 Christmas Break	30
31	Breakfast Menu: Assorted Cereal, Bean & Cheese Burrito Fruit/Juice Milk	Assorted Cereal Breakfast Pizza WW Bagel W/CC Fruit/Juice Milk	Assorted Cereal Parfait WW Bagel W/CC Fruit/Juice Milk	Assorted Cereal WW Bagel W/CC Breakfast Sandwich on WW Biscuits Fruit/Juice Milk	Assorted Cereal Whole Grain French Toast WW Bagel W/CC Fruit/Juice Milk	

Upcoming Dates:

- Monday- Friday, Nov. 21st- 25th Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday, Dec. 5th - K-2nd Music Program 6:30pm
- Thursday, Dec. 7th – 3rd – 5th Music Program 6:30pm
- Thursday, Dec. 14th – MS Orchestra Concert 6:30pm
- Friday, Dec 22nd – Friday, Jan. 5th Winter Break – NO SCHOOL
- Monday, Jan. 8th – School Resumes

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School-wide Fundraiser

The fundraiser was a HUGE SUCCESS! Students sold about 600 books, which raised just over \$7000 for Music and PE! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to helping with this fundraiser!

All students who sold two coupon books for the Music/PE fundraiser were entered into a drawing for a customized longboard. And the winner is... ISIAHNS GRIMALDO!! Congratulations!

Open Enrollment

ALL students **NEW** to HCCS for the 2018-2019 school year, including siblings of currently enrolled students and families need to apply for the upcoming lottery. Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year will be open December 11th - March 15th. The enrollment application will be available on the website as well as at the office. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of open seats, all names will be entered into a lottery. The public lottery will be held on April 7th at the school.

In February, all currently enrolled students will receive a letter of intent to re-enroll for the 2018-2019 school year. If your child will be returning to HCCS, you **MUST** return your signed letter of intent within the allotted time to reserve your student's seat on the class roster. All open seats will be filled during the public enrollment lottery on April 7th. Please review the website or contact the office for further information about the enrollment process.

On a Musical Note...

In October, the music department received a generous donation of \$1000 from the Optimist Club of Caldwell. This money, plus money raised at last year's spring concerts, allowed Mrs. Cooper to purchase the drum set she was hoping for. "Peanut Butter Jam" came with 6 Tubano drums, 1 Shekere, 1 Quiro, 1 Tambourine, and 1 AcoustiBlox. She was also able to buy an Agogo Bell, and 4 sets of Boomwhackers! Ask your kids about these great instruments they have been able to use in music!

After School Activities

Middle School Girls Basketball Schedule:

11/15 @ Wilder Middle School – 3:30pm
 11/16 vs. Falcon Ridge @HCCS – 3:45pm
 11/17 @ 12th Street Gym in Kuna – 3:45pm
 11/30 vs. Wilder MS @HCCS – 3:00pm
 12/1 @ 12th Street Gym in Kuna – 4:00pm

*Students will be provided transportation to and from the away games.

*** If you have any experience as a referee, we are in need of 2 refs for each home game.**

Middle school students that would like to become "Rowdies" and go to the games to cheer for their team need to get a permission slip signed by parents. The cost is \$2 for the season to help cover transportation costs.

Boys basketball will start January 10th. Forms will be available from Ms. Rodgers beginning Nov. 27th. The cost is \$26 per player. 20 spots available.

Snow Day Policy

The decision to close school is not taken lightly and our first concern is always safety. A decision on school closure is made by 6:00am when possible. Check the following for information on school closures:

- ✓ Information is posted on the school website.
- ✓ Local news agencies are contacted with information for parents.
- ✓ A phone message is sent to families via Synvoice with school closure information.

Please make sure your telephone information is current and recorded accurately in the office.

Update from our PTSO

Thank you HCCS Families for making our 7th Annual Harvest Festival so wonderful! We made nearly \$1,500 this year at Harvest Festival – that's twice what we made last year! Thank you! Your children and teachers benefit from your support.

We would love to fund all field trips this year through business donations. **If your business or employer is interested in making a tax-deductible donation to our PTSO to help fund field trips and classroom needs, please contact us!**

HCCS is starting to **recycle** this month! Students are learning about reducing waste by putting recyclable items in the recycle bins rather than the garbage. We hope to be able to reduce our garbage service by half, and actually save money each month! Talk to your kids about what they're recycling at school!

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 2nd - Treasure Valley Night Lights Parade, "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" – We're looking for volunteers to help with the school's float! Please contact us if you're interested in working on the float and participating in the parade.

Holiday Gifts for Teachers - be sure to check our teacher wish lists as Christmas approaches.

Go to www.giftster.com

Search for HCCS .

Choose "Teachers and Staff HCCS"

Click on the list of the person you'd like to find a gift for.

Continue as a guest.

Enter name and email to receive a link to the list to mark what you've chosen/purchased. You're done!

No PTSO Meeting in December. Our next meeting will be Jan. 18th at 7:00pm – we will be planning spring events, including Dr. Seuss' Birthday and the Fun Run Fundraiser to fund classroom needs, field trips and more!

Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HCCSPTSO! If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help, email us at ptso@hccs481.org.

Music Programs Are Coming!

Save the dates! All programs begin at 6:30pm. Please be in your classrooms between 6:00 and 6:15.

- ♪ Kindergarten - 2nd Grade - Tuesday, Dec. 5th
- ♪ 3rd - 5th Grade - Thursday, Dec. 7th
- ♪ Middle School Orchestras – Thursday, Dec. 14th

Kindergarten – 5th Grade - this is a special occasion, dress accordingly.

6th Grade Orchestra - wear white on top, black on bottom

7th and 8th Grade Orchestra - wear all black.

HCCS Toy Drive

4th grade is sponsoring a Toy Drive to benefit families in need. Bring in new, unwrapped toys and place them in the collection box in the lobby before December 21st. Donations benefit families in the Caldwell/Nampa area through Toys for Tots program.

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