Hickory Woods Elementary Weekly Reminders

Dear HWE Families,

Thank you to all of our families that made it a priority to be at conferences last night. It says a lot to your child that you prioritize these times to partner with their teacher and the school. And thank you to our PTA as well for the fun bazaar and bake sale event that was held during conferences. Hopefully you were able to find something tasty to enjoy or a fun gift for yourself or a loved one throughout the day!

This week we also were notified that one of our teachers was awarded the Michigan Lottery Excellence in Education Award. This award honors outstanding teachers for their service to students and to our schools and is only provided to 34 educators across the state. We are very proud to recognize Miss Megan Sidge, teacher in our ASD Program, as a Michigan Lottery Excellence in Education Award Recipient! Congratulations Miss Sidge!!

Have a great weekend,

Patricia

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Reminder: Trading cards (Pokemon, etc) and other toys are not allowed at school unless specifically requested by the teacher for a special award day. Additionally, selling or trading items is not permitted at school. Thank you for helping your child to keep these items at home to prevent any sad feelings should they go missing.

Parking Lot Reminders: This is a busy time of year and we are often rushing to get last minute things done before the vacation. Please remember these few safety items when driving through the parking lot:

- Always use a designated crosswalk when walking from the parking lot to the building.
- If you need to exit your vehicle, use a parking spot to stop. Stopping in a throughway prevents the flow of traffic and is a safety issue as your child exits the car where other cars are driving.
- We have a drop off lane around the back of the building available at 8:50 for you to let your child out of the car and into the building safely at door 18. Please have them exit the driver’s side of the car.

Volunteers Needed: We are in always in need of volunteers to help in the Media Center. If you could be available to help with shelving books, repairing books, support weeding the collection, and such, please email Ms. Gantz.

Important Dates:

- December
  - 16-18 – PTA Winter Shop
  - 20 – HAWK Pride
  - 12/23-1/3 – No School for all students
· January
  o 6 – Back to School
  o 7 – PTA Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
  o 10 – All Pro Dads @ 8:00 a.m., PTA Popcorn Day (pre-paid only)
  o 13 – Spelling Bee @ 9:30 a.m.
  o 16 – Nest
  o 17 – PTA Bagel Day (pre-paid only)
  o 20 – No School, District-wide MLK Day Event @ WL Northern High School (evening)
  o 21 – Bonaventure Night 6:00-8:30 p.m.
  o 24 – RESCHEDULED PTA Popcorn Day (pre-paid only), Club/Activity Pictures for the Yearbook (no retakes will be available for absences)
  o 27 – Geography Bee @ 9:30 a.m.
  o 29 – Half Day (12:25 dismissal)
  o 31 – HAWK PRIDE, PTA Family Bingo Night @ 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Please click here: [2019-20 calendar](#) to view this year’s district calendar.

Please see our December PTA Newsletter and Calendar.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** The Holiday Shop is December 16th, 17th and 18th. This is a time when students can purchase holiday gifts for friends and family. Sign up to help!

**Community Rewards:** Help support HWE by signing up for no cost fundraising.

- It only takes a minute!
- Please share with family, friends and neighbors!
- Contact Kristie Rust (kkprust@mi.rr.com) if you have questions!

**AMAZON SMILE:** When you shop at Amazon Smile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Hickory Woods Elementary PTA. This works if you are a Prime member as well. With the holiday season fast approaching please considering using this link when you shop at Amazon. Share it with everyone you know that shops at Amazon. Bookmark the link and support us every time you shop.

**KROGER:** Kroger Community Rewards Program gives back a percentage of all purchases made using a registered Kroger Plus Card. The profits are sent to the school. Annual enrollment required. What to Do: Go to the Kroger Community Rewards Site, click on “create an account” (if you have never signed up) or “sign in” (if you have signed up in the past). Type SR276 or Hickory Woods Elementary PTA when asked to find organization. Currently we have 101 households signed up- from August 1-October 31 we earned $385.64 for Hickory Woods. The goal for the next quarter is to have 125 households signed up so please pass this information on to everyone you know!

**News from the Novi PD:**

- **Child Car Seat Inspection:** At Fire Station #4 on Saturday the 21st from 9am-noon. The fire station is located at 49375 Ten Mile Road in Novi.
• Out of Town for the Winter Break? Fill out a [home watch request](#) online. This way, Novi police personnel can check on the homes to make sure they are safe while the residents are gone.

**Chance to win BIG & support WL classrooms!** 15th Annual Tuition Expedition 50/50 Scholarship Raffle: Purchase your [Tuition Expedition 50/50 Scholarship Raffle tickets](#) today! Raffle's proceeds are channeled into Walled Lake Schools' classrooms through Foundation’s annual mini-grant program (see [list of grant awards](#) per school). Tickets are $50 each or 3 for $100 (plus $2 convenience fee per $50). Only a 1,000 tickets are available for sale. Great Odds! Grand prize winner will receive scholarship funds for postsecondary education (40% lump sum option available). Plus, ticket purchasers have the chance to win a FREE raffle ticket courtesy of the WL School Emp. Fed. Credit Union and opportunity to win secondary prize; HP Sprocket 200 Bundle Media printer donated by the FFE. Grand Prize drawing is March 30, 2020 at District’s Reflections Celebration; need not be present to win. Visit the [FFE’s TE raffle website](#) for details or contact the Foundation for more info. and to purchase tickets with check or credit card: phone ext. 62116 or email michellebianco@wlcsd.org. MI Raffle License# R55190

**Create Unity Contest:** Enter Novi Public Library’s Create Unity Contest by coming up with an idea and design which represents UNITY. Your project must be crafted in the NPL iCube Makerspace, utilizing the services and technology we offer. Select from: button or jewelry making, t-shirt, tote, mug, or postcard design. The creativity is all yours*! Categories include: Elementary/Middle School, High School, and Adult. Projects are due January 6. Winners will be announced at the [MLK Breakfast](#) on January 20, 2020. Questions? Contact Gail Anderson at ganderson@novilibrary.org or 248-869-7210.

*NPL is not responsible for supplies necessary for your design.

**Reading Challenge:** From January 1 to January 31, Novi Public Library will participate in Beanstack's Third Annual Winter Reading Challenge, sponsored by Penguin Random House (RPH). We challenge our guests to read at least 10,000 books during the month and keep track of their reading on our Beanstack site, [https://novilibrary.beanstack.org/reader365](https://novilibrary.beanstack.org/reader365). Hundreds of libraries and schools across the nation will encourage their communities to read a target number of minutes and books. Top-performing libraries and schools will earn the Golden Penguin and Random House awards. PRH pledges to donate $50,000 in prizes, including author visits and new books, to be shared among the winners. Let's light up the mind this winter! Happy reading, Novi!

**Commerce Little League:** [Sign Up](#) is here to play baseball!