

HAWK NEWS!



"In support of our vision, we believe the mission of the Hermon School Department is to provide a safe and supportive environment where students have an opportunity to acquire the knowledge and develop the skills necessary to realize their potential as productive workers, responsible citizens, and lifelong learners."

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HES Report Cards



The HES report card has been upgraded. In a schoolwide effort to make our reporting system completely standards based, align with the middle and high school reporting systems, and to be inclusive for every child we have developed a report card through PowerSchool for our HES families.

This trimester we are rolling out the new format. Some of the changes that you will notice are the inclusion of all standards for reading, writing, and math (please see the grade level standards and descriptions attachment included with your newsletter). This will enable us to report on each of the standards and give you a better understanding of how your child is performing. As a parent/guardian you need to understand that our standards are written in way that show what the expectation is for the end of the school year. We have set targets throughout the school year that we call benchmarks. This allows us to identify if a child is on target to meet the standard at the end of the school year. The way we measure the standards has not changed just the format in which we are reporting it out to families has changed.

You will also notice that we have continued the use of the 1-4 scale but we have added an N/A selection which represents "Not Assessed at this time". You will notice at the end of the year that all standards are assessed. Throughout the school year we present, teach, and then assess the standard. We will not assess every standard during every trimester.

We are excited to have a fully inclusive report card where our Unified Arts (art, music, library, PE, and computer) teachers will have the opportunity to report out on the same report card as the classroom teachers. This will allow each family to receive one report card for all classes. As you know, we have a focus on our positive behavior system, there is now a section on the report cards for this area of learning.

Our teaching staff and our I.T. staff have been working very hard to get this report card ready for print. It is our first roll out of the fully electronic report card. There may be glitches, please be understanding if this occurs.

We have extended our report card delivery date to December 13th to allow for printing and catching any irregularities.



Notification of Parents Right to Know

I am sending you this information as one way to fulfill our obligation under the "Parents' Right to Know" requirements of federal education law. Under these requirements, teachers must meet general qualifications as well as specific qualifications related to the subjects they teach in order to meet the federal definition of being "Highly Qualified". Whenever a child is taught for four consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet the federal criteria, we must inform you.

Maine has some of the most qualified teachers in the nation, and we are extremely proud of our teaching staff at Hermon Elementary. All of our teachers have college degrees, and many have advanced degrees. In addition, every teacher continues learning through professional development activities and is evaluated regularly to ensure their teaching skills meet high expectations. We believe that a caring, competent, and qualified teacher for every student is essential to achieving educational excellence, and we assure you that all HES teachers are fully qualified and entitled to teach under Maine's strict certification requirements.

At this time, I wish to inform you specifically that your child's teacher meets the federal definition of "Highly Qualified". Additional information on the qualifications of your child's teacher is available upon request. Please contact the HES Principal's Office (Ext. 3011) or the Superintendent's Office (Ext. 6000) if you have questions or would like further information. Working with parents is an important aspect of our efforts to teach and learn, and we welcome your interest.

Sincerely,

Jenny Perry



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Facebook**

You are now able to follow our building construction
on our new HES Facebook page:
Hermon Elementary School-HES

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HES Holiday Helping Hands

This year HES is working to help support Hermon Elementary families in need during the holiday season. Families were able to fill out a needs list for their child(ren) and returned the confidential information to Mrs. Perry. The PTA has organized volunteers to make and organize the children's mitten board in the lobby for other families to take and purchase the gifts. The gifts need to be delivered to the office with the mitten attached by December 14th. The mitten is needed with the gift because it has a confidential code on it to identify which student the gift is for. Mrs. Perry is organizing the gifts by child and the PTA is supporting by assisting with the wrapping of the gifts. Mrs. Perry will contact the receiving families once the gifts are ready and the gifts will be available for pick up in Mrs. Perry's office December 18th -December 20th. Thank you for allowing us to give a helping hand this holiday season. Your contributions help make a happy holiday for all of our Hermon kids.



HES Hawk Spirit wear

A Hermon Hawks Spiritwear order form went home this past week with the students. You can order both kids and adult sizes and the deadline to place orders is Monday, December 11th. Orders are expected to arrive the week of December 18th. No online ordering is available so please send form and payment to the school in an envelope labeled HES PTA. Checks should be made out to HES PTA.

Girl Scouts

At Girl Scouts, girls can be themselves while discovering what they love to do. Girls will be encouraged to discover their inner go-getter, innovator, risk-taker, and leader to grow into the amazing young women they were always meant to be. It is together that Girl Scouts, educators and parents can help set girls up for success and happiness. When girls succeed, we all do!

If you are interested in joining a local group please stop into the HES office to pick up the information or go to girlscoutsofmaine.org and select join today. Search by zip code or opportunities near you and complete your online registration.



November

Hawk Wing Winners

- Jake Brown
- Tommy Largay
- Tanner Moore
- Sebastian Spencer
- Maxwell Walton
- Josie Mai Nadeau
- Nicholas Lord
- Rylee Paradis
- Jericho Sapienza
- Kaden Kelsey
- Madison Hobbs
- Mathieu Turcotte
- Keegan Reynolds
- Avah Thurlow
- Cade Bateman
- Amaya Stubbs
- Peyton Stevens
- Genevieve McDonald
- Chloe Cannon
- Blaine Hansen
- Lily Raleigh
- Camden Coburn
- Elijah Idano
- Evan Howard
- Lilyana Walker
- Ella Walker
- Sophie Curtis
- Jeffrey Overlock
- River Shields
- Lily Smith

Hawk Feather Winners

- Mrs. Williams
- Mrs. Lever
- Mrs. Fidler

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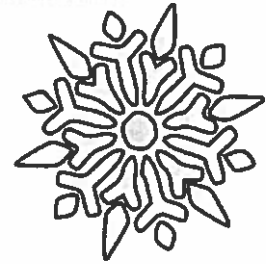
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Upcoming Events



1st: End of First Trimester

20th: PreK Polar Express

6th Picture Retake

21st: Kindergarten Polar Express

13th: Report cards Go Home

25th-29th Winter Break (No School)

15th: Hermon Food Drive Collection Day

18th-20th Helping Hands Distribution

19th: PreK-2 Concert (2pm)

20th: 3rd and 4th Grade Concert (2pm)

Saturday, December 16th
9 a.m.—12 p.m.
Hermon High School

Holiday
Community

Party

Pre-K to 4th Grade Welcome!

Featuring crafts, games, and a visit
from Santa!

Free! Donations accepted

Sponsored by HHS Student Leaders