

THE HOWLER

"KEEP MOVING, NEVER STOP IMPROVING."

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Happy Friday!

A lot of GREAT things are happening at Howard Middle School! This week our students took the BEACON formative assessment in ELA and Math. The BEACON is a practice meeting for the GA Milestones. We will be administering this assessment three times this year to see how our students are preparing for the Milestones. Most of our students took this testing very seriously and we are looking forward to seeing the data and using it to help them get ready!

Some other FANTASTIC news came after we put together and sent last week's edition of The Howler. I received a call informing me the Georgia Department of Education that HMS had earned Operational Status for our work with PBIS. There are four levels: installing, emerging, operational, and distinguished. HMS has been an emerging school for the past several years. The feedback we received is we are a hair away from distinguished.

Our Football Team had a HUGE victory over Weaver Saturday! We have Rutland Middle tomorrow: our team is undefeated and heading towards a deep playoff run! Speaking of playoffs, our Volleyball Team beat Appling Monday and earned a spot in the playoffs which are tomorrow at Westside. Finally, our Softball Team continues to rebuild and grow. These players have no quit and continue to show why Huskies are strong!

The BEACON and PBIS are examples of the great things happening daily in the building and our extracurriculars are examples of the great things happening in our extracurriculars! Make no mistake, we all know that we must keep moving and never stop improving!

We hope that you find this newsletter informative. Ms. Mallett and I meet weekly to discuss the newsletter and then she and her students make the magic happen! We are always looking for new items to add. You will see one of those new items in this episode. The students are interviewing a staff member and a classroom teacher. They are selecting them at random and all will be included by year's end. The idea is to introduce and familiarize everyone with the staff that is working with your children.

As stated last week we are working on having 95%+ students in attendance every day at HMS. Last week September 6 through September 8 as a school we had 95.98% present. 7th Grade had the highest daily attendance with 96.38%. 8th Grade was next with 96.03%. 6th Grade had the lowest with 95.51%. Remember to bring in those excuses within 3 days!

Our Accelerated Reading numbers are increasing! 7th Grade is leading the effort earning the most points. 8th Grade is behind them, and our 6th Graders are right behind the other two grades. In math we are using a program called i-Ready to assist students with Math. Our 8th Graders are leading with the number of assignments completed. 7th Grade is 1% behind and 6th Grade is right behind them.

Don't forget our first Open House on September 19 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We are looking forward to seeing you then. In the meantime, if you have questions, please reach out to your child's counselor or grade level administrator!

-TONY JONES, EDS
PRINCIPAL

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

On September 18th and 19th, the Universal Behavior Screener will be given. What is the Universal Behavior Screener? It is a tool used to help identify students who are at risk of future academic, behavioral, or emotional difficulties. This week, we would like to provide you with a link to help you understand your child's behavior, whether it's toddler tantrums or teenage depression. We would also like to invite you to our digital technology & title III workshop which will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. during Open House



#HMSTOGETHER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 18-22: SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

SEPTEMBER 19- OPEN HOUSE 5PM-7PM

SEPTEMBER 28- PICTURE DAY

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SPORTS AND MORE

SPOTLIGHT

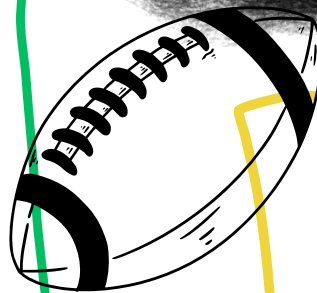
Our HMS Volleyball Team will be playing in the County Championship this Saturday at Westside High School.

They have had an AMAZING season!



FOOTBALL

9/16- 8am
Thompson Stadium



SCHEDULES

SOFTBALL

9/16- 8am
Ed Defore

VOLLEYBALL

9/16- 5pm
Championship
Westside High School



3 TEACHER & STAFF

This one goes to our excellent teachers. They work so hard that they help us with every problem or situation and don't expect anything in return. They care so much and they're one in a million! Shoutout to all our Howard Husky

Teachers!

8th Grade Science



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT TEACHING AT HMS?
"THAT MOMENT WHEN A STUDENT 'GETS IT'. THAT INSTANT WHEN THEIR EYES LIGHT UP WITH UNDERSTANDING IS THE ENTIRE REASON I DO IT."

DO YOU HAVE A HOBBY?
"I COLLECT AND RESTORE VIDEO GAMES AND SYSTEMS. I ALSO HAVE BEEN AN AVID DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS DUNGEON MASTER FOR OVER 30 YEARS."

IF YOU COULD BE IN A MOVIE, WHAT MOVIE WOULD YOU BE IN?
"I WOULD HAVE TO GO WITH LORD OF THE RINGS OR ANY HARRY POTTER FILM."



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT HMS?
"THE STUDENTS AND STAFF."

DO YOU HAVE A HOBBY?
"SINGING AT VOCAL LESSONS"

IF YOU COULD STAR IN ANY MOVIE WHICH ONE WOULD YOU CHOOSE?
"I AM A BIG MARVEL FAN. SO I WOULD SAY GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY"

you'RE
AMAZING



Ms. Taylor
Assistant Principal



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT HMS?
"MEETING NEW STUDENTS, INTERACTING WITH THEM, AND BUILDING LONG-LASTING RELATIONSHIPS."

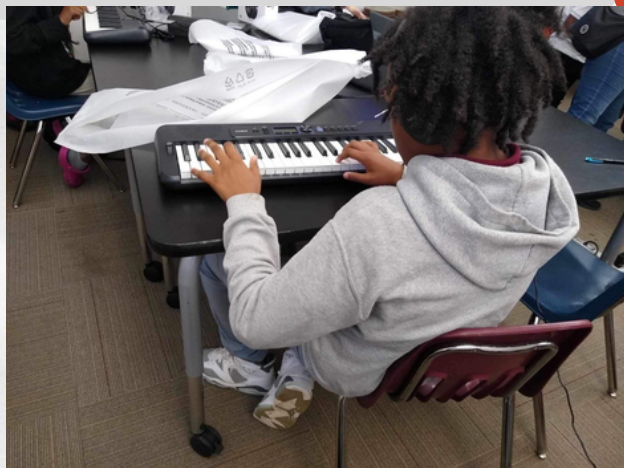
DO YOU HAVE A HOBBY?
"TRAVELING, READING, AND BEING OUT IN NATURE."

IF YOU COULD STAR IN ANY MOVIE WHICH ONE WOULD YOU CHOOSE?
"WAKANDA."

Mrs. Walker
7th Grade Co-Teacher

4 STORY TIME

IT IS ALMOST YEARBOOK TIME!



HMS YEARBOOKS!

\$40.00 UNTIL JANUARY 5, 2024
\$50.00 ANYTIME AFTER!

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MS. MALLETT

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Yearbooks will arrive early May!

Ms. Stubb's Music Class has been
working hard on their piano
techniques!

They recently received new keyboards
and have been exploring and playing
this instrument very well in a short
amount of time!
Awesome job Huskies!!

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