Dr. Kevin M. Hurley Middle School Parent Newsletter
Education...A Journey Without End
October 21, 2011

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This newsletter will be sent out weekly by e-mail to keep you informed of programs and events at Hurley Middle School. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns at jfargnoli@seekonk.k12.ma.us.

Upcoming Dates:

October 24, 25, & 26 – Scholastic Book Fair in the library all 3 days
October 25 – School Council Meeting @ 6:30 to 8 PM in the library
October 27 – Internet and Cell Phone safety - presentation by Linda Pacheco from the Bristol District County Sheriff’s office – Thursday @ 7 PM in the high school auditorium
October 31 – Polished Dental Program begins today
November 2 – Band Parent’s Association meeting @ 7PM in the band room
November 4 – Tri County Tour for 8th graders
November 4 – School Dance sponsored by the Student Council
November 7 – School Committee meeting @ 7 PM Seekonk High School
November 7 – Picture Retake day
November 8 – Teacher In-service day – NO SCHOOL for students
November 9 – 1st quarter ends
November 16 – PTO meeting @ 7 PM in the library
November 22 – PTO Jump-a-thon
November 24 – 27 – Thanksgiving break
November 29 – School Council meeting
December 1 – Tree Lighting ceremony at town hall @ 6 PM
December 5 – School Committee meeting at SHS 7 PM
December 13 – Holiday Band Concert grade 6 @ 6PM, Grade 7 @ 7 PM, Grade 8 @ 8 PM

CONTINUING OUR CALL FOR ACTION IN THE SEEKONK COMMUNITY

This is a presentation that you should not miss. Parents are encouraged to attend with their teens. Don’t let them talk you out of being there!

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**October 27, 2011 – Seekonk High School 7:00 p.m.**
Presenter: Linda Pacheco, Public Safety Educator from the Bristol County Sheriff’s Office

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Do you know what sexting is?
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Guidance

8th Grade Guidance News
Mrs. Czech met with all 8th graders this week about their high school options. They have brochures outlining all of the high school information available to them. 8th grade students will have the opportunity to visit Tri County Regional Vocational Technical High School, located in Franklin, MA on Friday, November 4th. All 8th grade students will be visiting Seekonk High School on November 15th and November 18th. A representative from Bristol County Agricultural High School will be visiting with any students interested in that school during the week of November 15th. Permission slips went out to all students for the field trips. Please be sure to read them carefully and check off whether or not you would like your child to attend the Tri County field trip and/or get more information on Bristol Aggie.

**There will be an informational Parent Night for 8th grade parents on Thursday, November 17th from 7:00-8:30 at Seekonk High School. Any parents who would like information on Seekonk High School are encouraged to attend! **

From our School Nurse
A reminder that it is not too late to turn in the Polished Dental program forms. This is a great program whether insured or not. If you have any questions or concerns you may call the school nurse. Also, please visit www.polishedteeth.com for more information about this wonderful program.

Dental Disease and Prevention
Dental disease is the most common disease affecting school-age children. Fortunately, dental disease can be prevented. Prevention is a key factor in eliminating dental decay and promoting oral health. Prevention of dental disease includes daily home-care, along with the use of fluorides, dental sealants, varnishes, mouth guards and regular visits to the dentist. Both children and adults should visit their dentist twice a year to have their teeth checked. A six month check-up appointment should include a dental examination, dental prophylaxis (teeth cleaning), professional fluoride treatment and dental x-rays when recommended by a dentist. These measures reduce the risk of dental decay, periodontal disease, oral cancer and other oral health problems.

Information obtained through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. For more information on Dental Disease and Prevention go to: www.cdc.gov, www.ada.org, www.mass.gov.

Jill Dumont, RN, BSN
School Nurse
Sports News
MA revised the Head Injuries and Concussions in Extracurricular Athletic Activities (105 CMR 201.000) this school year to prevent and manage students who sustain a head injury in sports or other activities. Any student who has had a serious head injury or concussion must document that on the updated "Pupil Information" form received on the first day of school. The School Nurse and coach must be notified of any previous or present head injury/concussion before participating in PE, organized sports, or any extracurricular activity. Any athlete that is injured MUST report the injury to a coach or the athletic trainer for evaluation. If a head injury occurs, the athlete must be evaluated by a physician and have the appropriate documentation (MA. Form) before returning to play. Please contact the school nurse if you have any questions.

Parks & Recreation
Just a reminder that the Parks & Recreation Committee will be hosting a Rugby Clinic for anyone grades 1-8 on Saturday, October 22nd at 11:30 am at the Hurley Middle School.

Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program
Please register your Stop & Shop card and become part of the A+ program. All you have to do is:

- Log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register online
- OR
- Dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Stop & Shop using your Stop & Shop Card earns CASH for our school! Remember, even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year for our school to receive credit. Attending to this simple process makes a HUGE difference to our school. We need your support. Please be sure to register your card to benefit HMS using ID # 07074. Thank you for helping our school!

Art News
Hurley Middle School will be participating in the annual Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest. The contest is open to students who will be 11, 12, or 13 on November 15, 2011. The contest theme is "Children Know Peace". Forms with contest details & rules, along with poster paper will be available in the cafeteria at lunch. All entries are due by Wednesday November 9, 2011 & should be turned into Mrs. Farrow in the Art room # 185.

Band News
November 2nd @ 7PM is the next Band Parent’s Association meeting in the band room

CONGRATULATIONS Jason Ho
Jason Ho, a 6th grade student has won the local division of the Roland’s Piano Festival Competition. He is traveling to Los Angeles to compete at the finals in November. He will be playing Tchaikovsky’s Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies from the Nut Cracker Suite.
Good Luck to Jason!!!

**HMS PTO**

*The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to HMS!*

All students will visit the fair with their English class on the following dates:

- 6th grade - Monday October 24
- 7th grade & Ms. Pietrunti - Tuesday October 25
- 8th grade & Ms. Damiani - Wednesday October 26

This is a great opportunity for students to purchase a great book to read and also raise funds for the PTO and the library! The Scholastic Book Fair accepts checks (made payable to the HMS PTO), credit cards, or cash.

Thank you for your support of the PTO and your library!

**What can the school store do for you?**

It can help to keep you warm and freshen up your wardrobe. It can save you a trip to the store. It can offer items at a reasonable price, and many times cheaper than the store, with no sales tax.

The school store is now open on Wednesdays during all lunches. We have fleece scarves in school colors, HMS sweatshirts, hats and more. It is a great place for students to pick up school supplies including report covers, led refills and pencils, pens, erasers and folders to name a few. We also have supplies for the upcoming 7th grade science project. Tri-fold boards will be sold for $3. In addition we have decorative boarders, spray adhesive glue and precut letters.

**Snowflake Ball**

Thank you to Maria Harris for stepping up to chair the Snowflake Ball. Maria will need a committee to make this happen. If you are willing to serve please contact Maria at maria65@comcast.net or call her at 401-499-5345

**My Coke Rewards for Schools**

It's easy to donate:

- Purchase your favorite Coca-Cola products to get codes (they're on hundreds of different packages, in a variety of sizes and flavors).
- Go to mycokerewards.com/school & sign in (register if you aren't a member).
- Enter your codes to collect points - then search for our school to donate points.
- Enter the amount of points you’d like to give, and then click “Donate”.

For more information and to start turning My Coke Rewards points into rewards for our school please check out... mycokerewards.com/schools
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The Seekonk School Department is committed to bring you the tools you need to help you further understand the tween/teen mind. Please partner with us as we create an open and continuous dialogue on destructive decision-making.
You are cordially invited to Charity Night at Chardonnay’s

To benefit Hurley’s Heroes’ fundraising efforts for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer!

Join us on Tuesday, October 25th
From 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Reserve your table today (508-336-0967)
(or have a beverage &/or some apps/dinner or even take-out!)

To participate, just tell your server or bartender that you are there for the charity event and 15% of total sales (minus taxes, of course) will be donated to the American Cancer Society on our behalf!

What could be better than spending a night with family and friends sharing a great meal or some appetizers and beverages while being a part of helping to find a cure?