



DESERT HILLS
MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Principal's Note - Safety Update

The Kennewick School District and The City of Kennewick have been working together to improve the safety along Bob Olson Parkway, especially where the roundabout intersects with 10th Street and Steptoe. The District and City have agreed to install some additional signage, some of which will flash to warn approaching vehicles that pedestrians are in the vicinity. All of the equipment and materials were ordered by the City in late November. The City will install the signage as soon as it arrives. We hope to have it in place by the first of February.

High School Transfers due January 31st!

We recently sent home letters with all of the 8th graders to verify their address and assigned high school for 2018-19. Please check with your 8th grader to verify that the high school to which he or she is assigned is the high school he or she wishes to attend. If your child wants to attend a high school other than the one to which he or she is assigned, an "In-District" or "Out-of-District Transfer Request" needs to be completed and submitted before **January 31, 2018** to Ron Williamson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education,

1000 W 4th Ave, Kennewick, WA 99336. Any transfer requests received after January 31, 2018, will not be processed until after August 15, 2018.

Transfer Request Forms can be found on-line at "www.KSD.org." Just click on "Resources," then "Parent Resources," then "Forms," and finally "Transfer Request (K-12)." Or you can stop by the Desert Hills' Office and pick one up. Please remember that it must be submitted before **January 31st**.

Steve Jones, Principal

PTO - Getting Involved

Thank you to our parents who helped with the Social and the Jingle Bell Walk. We appreciate your help!

January Board meeting has been scheduled for **January 9** at 12:30 pm in the DHMS conference room. All are welcome!

THANK YOU some of our sponsors:

- Michelle A. Clary at Sageland Financial Consultants - part of Thrivent Financial for providing a \$500 donation towards the fundraiser!
- Kirsten Week and **Signature Orthodontics**, who provided the turkeys and chickens for the Hawk Trot.
- Josh McCarty, from Great American for "going the extra mile with a smile" to help us have a successful fundraiser.

Counselor's

Thank you so much for your support of the annual **canned food drive**, organized by the Leadership Class. A total of 5722 cans were collected for the Second Harvest Food Bank. Winning first period classes were Mrs. Eccleston, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Chelin, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Behrens and Mr. Phillips. They received cocoa and cookies on Wednesday before the break.

Remember to bring in your **Box Tops**! Brought to you by Natural Helpers, the contest will end January 12th. The class with the most BoxTops, and ANY class bringing over 1000 Box Tops will get donuts!

Clubs & Activities

Drama Club

Join the fun this month on January 8th from 2:36 until 4:00 pm. We will be acting, improvising, laughing and having fun. We meet in the cafeteria right after school. All newcomers are welcome with completed permission form, found on the DHMS website (under activities). If you have any questions, see Mrs. Maxson in room 116 or Ms. Zacher in room 216.

Zero Hour Computer Applications

January 8 - February 16, 2018

7:20-7:50 am in room 105

Zero Hour is a free time for kids to explore their computer interests. They will have time to work on coding activities, play games, work on projects in Word, Excel, or PowerPoint, or even work on assignments from their classes that need to be completed on the computer. All are welcome!

School Store

Don't forget to stop by the Hawks' Nest to get a snack after school. For \$1 you get a bottle of water and a bag of chips, crackers, popcorn, or a cereal bar. Beat that afternoon hunger slump! We also offer beef jerky for \$2.00, fruit snacks for 50 cents, and a variety of school supplies and lanyards. New Spirit Wear will be arriving soon, so stop in and get a sweatshirt or T-shirt. All proceeds benefit DHMS ASB.

BOOK FAIR

Looking ahead to the Book Fair on February 2nd through the 7th. (Just in time for Valentine's giving.)

Reminders

- **WINTER SPORTS SPIRIT WEAR:** Order forms are due January 14th, 2018 for Wrestling and Girls' Basketball. Turn your forms and money into the office before that date. Good luck with your season! See Mrs. Maxson in room 116 if you have any questions.
- **MAP TESTING** for Reading and Math Lab students will be on January 8-12. Take care of yourselves and *test your best!*
- **ATTENDANCE MATTERS!** Grades are usually proportional to students' attendance. The better the attendance, the better the grades! In middle school, it's very challenging to climb out of the pit of missed work due to absences. Attendance Matters prizes (Blizzard coupons) for December/January will be given during SLAM on January 17.

- **8TH GRADE FIELD TRIP** to Tri-Tech will be on Thursday January 18. Busses load at 8:45 am. Classes will return at 10:40 am to 4th period. **Field trip permission forms** will be going out today. Please return asap!

Important Dates

January 3: First day back from break
Early Release at 1:10

January 4:
Music and Club Yearbook Pictures taken

January 10: Early Release at 1:10 pm

January 11:
Geography Bee Periods 1-3

January 15: NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King Day

January 17 - SLAM Wednesday
Early Release at 1:10 pm
ASB meets in the Library 1:30-2:00 pm

January 18: 8th grade field trip to Tri-Tech 8:45 - 10:40 am.

January 19: End of Semester

January 22: NO SCHOOL
(Snow Make Up Day if needed)

January 24: Early Release at 1:10 pm

January 29
ROTC, Delta, and Phoenix meet with 8th graders in the Library

January 31: Early Release at 1:10 pm

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