



Haslett Middle School

Newsletter

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Principal's Message



Our first virtual NWEA test was a success! A huge shout out to our HMS students and staff for their coordinated time and diligent efforts to make this happen. If your student was not able to take the test on the scheduled days, September 23 (reading) and 30 (math), Mrs. Pringle or Mrs. Hiller will be reaching out to them to schedule a make-up date.

Also, a huge shout out to all our staff, students, and families as we continue to navigate online learning. There have been some challenges **and** many successes along the way. Our theme this year is **One Team, One Family, Unity is Strength**. This could not have been a better theme as we work together to make this a great year. Please reach out to us if you have any questions, concerns, or successes to share! We are here for you.

Count Day



Student Count Day will be **Wednesday, October 7th**. Please make sure your student logs into their classes and does their assignments on that day! This will count as their attendance!

Technical Difficulties?



For questions regarding the content of a class, i.e., lessons, assignments, activities, please contact the **teacher of the course**. For questions regarding technical support on a district issued device, or requests for hotspots or Chromebooks, please email: support@haslett.k12.mi.us.

LINKS



We are excited to announce that LINKS will continue to be part of our community at Haslett Middle School for the 2020/2021 school year! Our LINKS program has grown, and we don't want to stop the momentum! The program will look different this year with virtual school. Please see the attached flyer for more information and the LINKS application.



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PALS



Attention students who were in PALS (Peer Assisted Leaders) last year. Mrs. Rybicki will be contacting you to see if you are interested in participating again this year. There are lots of activities where we need kind, caring, compassionate leaders, even in the virtual environment. Please look for an email from Mrs. Rybicki. If you are interested in joining PALS this year but were not a PAL in the past, please complete [this application](#). Not all students will be chosen to become a PAL. Applications are due **Friday, October 23rd**.

be nice.



The Haslett Middle School be nice. chapter is starting again this year. We will continue to promote the be nice curriculum (Notice, Invite, Challenge, Empower) in our school and will meet monthly virtually after school. This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and advocate for good mental health. Please fill out [this form](#) if you would like to join or want to stay in the group from last year. The form is due by **October 8th**.

Ele's Place – Grief Support Group



Again, this year, Haslett Middle School will be partnering with Ele's Place, a healing center for grieving children and teens, to bring you an 8-week grief support group. See the attached flyer for more information.

NWEA Testing



On **Wednesday, September 30th**, all HMS students will be taking the NWEA math tests in their Viking Time classes. Viking Time teachers will guide students through the log-in process and have them ready to independently take the test. This test is not graded. Students' results allow our teachers to tailor their instruction to meet whole-group as well as individual needs. Please have your student ready for testing on their school issued Chromebook at the following times:

- **7th grade testing 7:40 AM - 9:32 AM***
- **6th grade testing 9:37 AM -11:26 AM***
- **8th grade testing 12:28 PM - 2:20 PM***

*note this change from the normal Viking Time schedule.

The attached documents will help your student be successful with the test administration: [Parent letter](#) and [Student Testing Tips](#).



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Free Meals Available



The district is participating in the Summer Food Service Meals Program until further notice or until 12/31/2020 depending on further guidance from United States Department of Agriculture.

Effective immediately, all children 18 years and younger are eligible for free breakfast and lunch. Meals do not have to be pre ordered, children do not have to be present to pick up meals and no identification is necessary. You do not need an approved meal assistance application to receive meals.

Distribution will be on **Monday** and **Thursday** and will be near the front door area at the high school from **3 pm to 6 pm**. The Monday meal bundle will include three days of meals and Thursday will include four days of meals.

If you have questions or concerns please email us at hassenlm@haslett.k12.mi.us

We are looking forward to providing meals to your children.

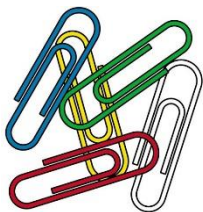
****Please note, we will still be collecting meal assistance applications. It is helpful for other areas within the school district other than just meal service.**

Planners and Yearbooks



If you were unable to make it to pick up your student's yearbook or planner, feel free to stop by HMS between 7am-2pm daily to pick it up. We just ask that you call when you get here, and we will bring your items out to you.

Attachments



- This week's FAQs (frequently asked questions)
- Community Coat Bank
- Ele's Group Flyer
- Links Flyer
- "Things I can control" Flyer