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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians,

If you have never taken a very active role in your child's education, you may wonder if you're too late. You're not. It's never too late for you to become more involved with your child's education. "When schools work together with families to support learning, children tend to succeed not just in school, but throughout life," say Anne Henderson\* who has spent more than 20 years studying parent involvement in education. The middle school years are an important time to become involved because parental guidance is a key to developing a successful student.

Parent involvement produces....

- Higher grades and test scores
- Better attendance and more homework completed
- Fewer placements in special education
- More positive attitudes toward school and better behavior.
- Higher graduation rates
- Increased enrollment in education after high school

Involvement doesn't necessarily mean having to volunteer in the classroom. Involvement is supporting school goals and your child's learning. Become involved by encouraging your child to read, setting aside a regular time and place for homework, letting your child know that effort is the key to success, visiting the library regularly, and keeping close track of how well your child is doing in school.

It's never too late to get involved.

Sincerely,

Tim Smith, Principal

## Get to Know Us

We'd like to get to know you! Come join Mr. Smith and Mr. Ramirez at the monthly Principal's Coffee. The Coffee allows parents and administrators to get-together in an informal setting to talk over general concerns and issues facing parents and schools today. October's meeting is the 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 3:00 in Room 27. Be sure to check in at the office before proceeding to the classroom.

## One Habit That Prevents Another

Parental engagement is the single most potent weapon in preventing underage and high-risk drinking and in raising healthier children. Studies have shown that teens who have frequent family meals are at half the risk for substance abuse compared with those who dine with family infrequently. The more often families share meals, the less likely kids and teens are to use alcohol. Commit to making family meals a regular part of your lives.

## Microwaves Needed

Herbert Green school is looking for donations of microwave ovens for student use in classrooms and the cafeteria. Students often bring instant soups that need to be heated. Having several microwaves for use in the cafeteria would eliminate the long lines that form.

## Volunteers Needed

Parent volunteers are needed for our Academic Support Center. Volunteers will be helping students with homework assignments and mastering math fundamentals. The support center is held Monday, Wednesday and Thursday after school from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. Parents must be fingerprinted to work with the students.

**Parents...Please note**

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- **Visitor's Badge** - When visiting the Herbert Green campus for any reason, please check in the office to obtain a visitor's badge. Even if you are well known to our staff, please follow this procedure. We do appreciate your help in keeping our children and school a safe place.
- **Classroom Visitation** - If you desire to visit or observe in a classroom, please contact the teacher and get approval 24 hours in advance. Check in at the office for a badge before going to the classroom.
- **Homework requests** - *We must have at least 24 hours notice for homework requests.* If your child is out ill *for three or more days*, please call the office at 622-4668 to request the homework. If your child is out for a day or two, please call a "Study Buddy" or your teachers' "Homework Hotline" whenever possible.
- **Skateboards, rollerblades, and scooters and** may not be brought to school or ridden around the campus *at any time*. Bicycles may be ridden to school and locked in the rack next to the parking lot.
- **Cell Phones** must be ***turned off and kept in backpacks from the time a student arrives at school until 2:15 p.m.*** Cell phones may only be used after school. The first violation will result in the phone being brought to the office and recorded in the student's file. Increasing consequences include detention, Saturday School, and suspension. Phones may only be picked up by the parent or guardian.
- **Phone use:** Use of school phones for students' personal use is not allowed. There is a pay phone on campus for student use. Students may use the office phone with administrative approval **ONLY** in the case of extreme emergency or illness. Have your student come to school prepared for the cost of a phone call from the payphone (50 cents).
- **Student messages:** During the school year, when classes are in session, phone messages will **ONLY** be delivered in case of serious family emergency in order to keep

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from disrupting the instructional process. We discourage the delivery of items for students at school such as balloons, flowers, lunches, etc. If necessary, the items will only be accepted from parents/guardians, and will not be delivered to the classroom. Students will be called to the office during passing periods. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## Lost and Found

Lost and found items are hanging on lines along the side wall of the cafeteria during the school day and in the cafeteria after hours. Students are encouraged to check the lost and found regularly. Items not claimed are donated to local charities at the end of each quarter. Please remind your child(ren) to look through the lost and found for their missing belongings. Clothing with student names in them is returned to the student. Jewelry, glasses and smaller items are held in the office.

## KCRA 3 Kids Can! Food Drive

Herbert Green School is participating in the Kids Can food drive from October 16 through November 10. All canned and non-perishable food items collected will remain in our community.

## Observatory Open

The Community Observatory at Consumnes River College, El Dorado Center, is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m., weather permitting. The college is located at 6699 Campus Drive, just past Indian Creek School on Green Valley Road. Check the sky conditions at: <http://cleardarksky.com/c/CPRCCOCAkey.html>.

## Upcoming Events

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| October 24 | Boys Basketball vs. Gold Trail, 3:30 p.m.     |
| October 26 | Principal's Coffee, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Room 27 |
| October 26 | Boys Basketball at Golden Hills, 3:30 p.m.    |

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- October 27            7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance, Activity Room, 6:30 -9:00 p.m.
- October 31            First Quarter Awards Assembly/Spirit Rally, 1:35 p.m., Gym
- November 2            Boys Basketball, 3:30 vs. Miller's Hill
- November 6            Minimum Day, school released at 12:15
- November 7            Boys Basketball, 3:30 at Sierra Ridge
- November 8            Make-Up Picture Day
- November 9            Boys Basketball, 3:30 vs. Mt. Creek
- November 10            Veteran's Day Holiday – No School
- November 13            Progress Reports and Parent Bulletins mailed home
- November 14            Boys Basketball, 3:30 at Camino
- November 16            Boys Basketball, 3:30 vs. Pleasant Valley
- November 20 – 24      Thanksgiving Recess – No school

### Homework Hotline

The Homework Hotline is for the use of students who are absent during the school day. Call 622-0885 and the teacher's hotline number to get the homework assignments. Students should use their planners to keep track of daily homework and long-term assignments. Individual hotline extensions are listed below. Please know that not all teachers use the hotline. Keep this list handy for future reference. To leave a voice mail message for a teacher, change the first number to a 3.

Atkinson	717	Berg, K.	729
Bertolino	702	Cook	733
DeWolf	724	Graham	727
Haldane-Lazio	711	Harrington	732

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Keane	718	Lansing	719
Lashley	706	Loscalzo	720
Martin	723	Moore	731
Muraoka	707	Phillips	716
Rabusin	725	Ray	709
Ryder	703	Scharf	708
Shanon	705	Smith	710
Surburg	715	Terrazas	702
Whiteford	730	Wray	713

### School Information

- School Hours:            7:35 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch        11:02 a.m. – 11:48 a.m.
- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch    11:51 a.m. – 12:37 p.m.
- Office Hours:            7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- School Phone:            (530) 622-4668
- Transportation Phone:    (530) 626-4831
- Cafeteria Phone:        (530) 622-4814
- Anonymous Line        (530) 622-0885 Ext. 225
- Activity Line            (530) 622-0885 Ext. 340
- Attendance Line        (530) 622-0885 Ext. 345
- WeTip Hotline            (800) 78-CRIME

### Web Site Address

Check out the Herbert Green Middle School and Mother Lode Union School District web pages at

<http://mlusd.net>