



HAWK EXPRESS

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November-December 2011

Winter is Coming!

Wondering if there's a school delay or closure? By 6:00 a.m., the following radio and television stations should have received information from the school district. Please do not call the school to see if we are running on time.

Ch. 19 KEPR TV CBS
 Ch. 25 KNDU TV NBC
 Ch. 42 KVEV TV ABC
 KALE 960 / KTCR 1340 / KEGX 106.5 / KKSJ 95.7 / KIOK 94.9 / KUJ 99.1 - Kennewick
 KMNA 98.7 - Spanish
 KONA 610, 105.3 (English) / KZHR 92.5 (Spanish)
 KORD 102.7, 87 / KXRX 97.1 / KEYW 98.3 / KFLD 870 / KOLW 97.5 - Pasco 2009
 KZTB 97.9 / KMMG 96.7 Spanish
 NorthWest Public Radio - KFAE 89.1 FM
 Tri-City Herald Online
 Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/KennewickSchoolDistrict>

A message will be posted on the home page of the Kennewick School District web site. If no mention of a delay or closure is on our district's web site, or

aired on television or radio stations, then schools are running on time in Kennewick.

In the event that the weather does not improve a decision may be made to go from a delay to a closure, so it is important for students, parents, and staff to continue monitoring. Every effort will be made to have a final decision by 6:45 a.m.

Should we experience a two hour delay, the students will have a shortened schedule. Snow day schedules are printed on page 13 of your student's planner.



High School and Transfer Information

KSD WEB SITE FOR SNOW INFO:

www.ksd.org

Our Web Site:

<http://www.ksd.org/schools/intermediate/DesertHills/DHSite>

Parents of 8th graders will soon receive a letter in the mail stating their child's boundary high school. Parents who would like their child to go to a high school other than the one listed in the letter need to fill out and submit an in-district transfer form. **Transfer forms will be accepted at the District**

Office between November 1st and January 31st. In-district transfer requests are usually accommodated if there is space available, your child is in good standing, and there are not athletic implications. In-district transfer forms are available in our office or on the DHMS web site. If you live outside of

the Kennewick School District, you must reapply every year to be able to remain at Desert Hills or to go on to a high school in Kennewick. The out-of-district transfer forms are available at your home school district's central office, or at the KSD web site: www.ksd.org. and are also due by January 31st.

BAND NEWS & ORCHESTRA NEWS



Because Mrs. Orr retired, the Fall Concert had to be cancelled. Orchestra students have been

busy preparing for the Veterans Day Assembly, which will be on November 10.

December 1, 6:30 pm in the Commons: HOLIDAY CONCERT for all orchestras. Christmas music will be in folders this week.

December 7, 3:30-4:30 pm: JAZZ BAND will play in front of Penney's at Columbia Center Mall.

December 14, 7:00-7:50 am is the DHMS Holiday Jazz Band Matinee in the Commons, featuring Jazz Band II and Jazz Band I.

December 14, 6:00 pm DHMS Holiday band Concert in the gym featuring Jazz Band II, 7th grade Blue band, Jazz Band 1 and the 8th grade Gold band.



LUNCH RULES

Students must leave their notebooks/books/binders/folders (any classroom materials) in their lockers prior to lunches each day **OR** they may choose to keep stuff with them at lunch wherever they go. These items may not be left on tables, floor stage or anywhere else.



Levy Dollars Support Extra-Curricular Activities



Did you know that levy dollars support extra-curricular activities such as music, art, drama, and athletics? State funding doesn't cover all of the costs of basic education. Therefore, local districts must make up the difference through school levies. In Kennewick, levy dollars make up about 20% of the district budget and, in addition to programs and

activities, help pay for teachers, nurses, librarians, cooks, security personnel, para-educators, and many other staff positions.

State funding reductions to K-12 education have resulted in Kennewick School District losing close to \$8.5M in state revenue. Actual state revenues continue to come in below projections meaning

more funding reductions to education are likely. Programs, activities, and jobs are more vulnerable than ever in our district. Take time to educate yourself about how school levies affect our students and staff. Information is available on the KSD website at www.ksd.org.

Check Out Our Web Site!

What is the Desert Hills Web Site address?

<http://www.ksd.org/schools/intermediate/DesertHills/DHSite>

What is on the Desert Hills Web Site?

- A more complete newsletter
- The daily bulletin

- Our office hours
- Calendar of events
- The bell schedule
- Make Your Day information
- Forms and documents
- Nutrition services

- A link to the Parent Portal
- A link to the Holt on-line math web site
- Much more!

Make sure to "bookmark" the Desert Hills web page so you can access it easily and often!

CONFERENCES SCHEDULE November 18-21

PRIORITY CONFERENCES



Priority conferences will be made with parents whose students are in danger of failing. Those times will be:

Friday, November 18th:
11:30-3:00 pm

Tuesday, November 22:
11:30-3:00 pm

ARENA CONFERENCES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST - NO SCHOOL

12:30-12:45	Prepare for Conferences
12:45-1:45	Arena Conferences(A-C)
1:45-2:45	Arena Conferences(D-G)
2:45-3:45	Arena Conferences(H-L)
3:45-4:45	Arena Conferences(M-P)
4:45-5:45	PTO Dinner for teachers
5:45-6:45	Arena Conferences(Q-S)
6:45-7:45	Arena Conferences(T-Z)
7:45-8:00	Conference Wrap-up

PTO NEWS

Officers

Presidents: Lori Roberts & Kelli Henson
 Vice President: Suzie Nemzek
 Volunteer Coordinator: Liz Pieros
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 Secretary: Wendy Veysey
 8th Grade Rep: Jean Reib
 7th Grade Rep: Collette Daniels
 6th Grade Rep: Ruth Ann Thompson
 Site Council Rep: Kelli Henson

Upcoming Events:

November 23rd -Hawk Trot
 We will be accepting donations for the purchase of prizes for the Hawk Trot

December 3rd
Barnes & Nobel Book Fair
 Please support the Desert Hills PTO and do some Holiday shopping at Barnes & Nobel or www.bn.com/bookfair

December 20th -Jingle Bell Walk
 We really need your support! We need donations



November 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			6:30 pm Fall Choral Concert @ Kamiakin HS	Report cards handed out		Daylight Saving Time Ends
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	4:00 A- Boys BB vs. Enterprise (here) 4:00 B-Boys BB @ Enterprise	2:30-3:30 pm Natural Helpers mtg – Art rm 4:00 A-Boys BB vs. Chief Joe (here) 4:00 B-Boys BB @ CJ	Veterans Day Assembly	Veteran's Day <i>HOLIDAY!</i>		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Coats for kids collection (all week)	9:00 am BMX Fund Raiser Show! 4:00 pm A-Boys BB @ McLoughlin 4:00 pm B-Boys BB vs. MacLoughlin (here)	1:30-2:15 ASB mtg. 4:00 pm Boys BB @ HHH 4:00 pm B-Boys BB vs. McLoughlin (here)	College Day – wear your colors! 4:00 A-Boys BB vs. Carmichael (here) 4:00 B-Boys BB @ Ochoa	<i>Early Release at 10:40 am</i> 11:30-3:00 Priority conferences	Barnes & Noble Book Fair to benefit Cavalcade of Authors @ Columbia Center Mall	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<i>NO SCHOOL</i> 12:45-8:00 pm Arena Conferences Coats for kids collection	10:40 <i>Early Release</i> 11:30-3:00 Priority Conferences	Hawk Trot (Periods 1&3) <i>Release at 10:40 am</i>	THANKSGIVING <i>Holiday</i>	Thanksgiving <i>Holiday</i>		
28	29	30				
Canned Food Drive (all week) 4:00 Boys BB vs. Enterprise (here)	4:00 pm A- Boys BB @ HHH 4:00 pm B-Boys BB vs. HHH (here)	4:00 Boys BB vs. Carmichael (here) 4:00 A-Boys BB @ Enterprise				

Natural Helpers

Natural Helpers is a DHMS program to support and provide service to students, school, and community. The Natural Helpers led new student orientations at the beginning of the year, and when new students arrived during the year. NH also organize Red Ribbon Week and Coats for Kids (November 14-23). We have provided support for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society as well. During November, we are having a **contest** to collect box tops. Turn them in to the Counseling Center any time!



Barnes & Noble Bookfair

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Barnes & Noble At Columbia Center Mall

**Buy books written by some of your favorite
Cavalcade authors and help support our
event.**

**Cavalcade of Authors is partnering with
Barnes
and Noble to raise money to bring our twelve
authors
to Columbia Basin College Friday, March 9th,
2012.**

Can't attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble?

Visit bn.com/bookfairs to support us online
from 11/19/11 to 11/24/11
by entering Bookfair ID **10583417** at checkout.

A percentage of your Barnes & Noble purchases
will benefit our school/organization.



December 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4
			4:00 pm A- Boys BB @ Enterprise 4:00 B-Boys BB vs. Highlands (here) 6:30 All Orchestras Holiday Concert - commons	White Out Day (wear white!)		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
4:00 Boys BB vs. HHH (here) Canned Food Drive (all week)	4:00 pm A- Boys BB @ Garrison 4:00 B-Boys vs. Garrison (here)	3:30-4:30 Jazz Band plays in front of Penneys at Columbia Center	4:00 A-Boys BB vs. McLoughlin (here) 4:00 pm B-Boys BB @ Park			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Canned Food Drive (all week)	4:00 pm A-Boys BB @ Carmichael 4:00 pm B-Boys BB vs. Carmichael (here)	7:00-7:50 am Holiday Jazz Band Matinee – Commons	4:00 A-Boys BB vs. HHH (here) 4:00 pm B-Boys BB @ Stevens	Staff vs 8 th Grade Boys BB Game		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Jingle Bell Walk	First Day of Winter Holiday Assembly			Christmas Eve	Christmas Day

PRIVACY ACT

The Federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 permits the Kennewick School District to release certain information known as "directory information," to certain people or institutions, unless parents request, in writing, that such information not be released. In many cases, requests for this type of information come from news media or the armed forces for recruiting purposes. Directory information may include: 1) student name, address, and telephone number, 2) date and place of birth; 3) participation in officially recognized activities and sports; 4) weight and height of athletic team members; 5) dates of attendance; 6) photographs or other similar information. Photographs may occasionally be taken of students for use in the news media or school district publications.

