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Important Dates!!

1/19- @ 2nd Quarter Ends

1/20 Early Release @ 10:40, Report Card Prep

2/10- Social, 2:45 to 4:00

2/17- School Dismissed at 10:40, 1st Furlough Day, Office Closed

2/20-No School, President's Day

3/11- Daylight Savings Begins

3/16- No School, Professional Day

3/27-3rd Quarter Ends

4/2-4/6 No School, Spring Break

4/27, School Dismissed @ 10:40, 2nd Furlough Day, Office Closed

5/25- School Dismissed @ 10:40, 3rd Furlough Day, Office Closed

5/28, No School, Memorial Day

6/7- Early Release @ 10:40, Last Day of School

From Mrs. Denslow's Desk



Dear Parents:

The Kennewick School District has placed a referendum on the February 14, 2012 ballot asking voters to renew its two-year school operations levy. This would replace the levy approved by voters in 2010, which will expire on December 31, 2012.

Levy dollars bridge the gap between state and federal funding and the actual cost of operating a school district. They are used to support basic education, programs, and staffing. In fact, local levy and levy equalization dollars make up 20.3% of KSD's budget. If the levy isn't renewed by voters, KSD would lose that funding.

The proposed levy amounts for 2013 and 2014 are \$22 million and \$23.4 million. The projected cost to taxpayers in 2013 is \$3.38 for every \$1,000 of property value. That's an increase of approximately \$1.67 per month or \$20.00/year on a \$200,000 home. In 2014, the projected rate is \$3.48 per thousand, again an increase of \$20.00/year on a \$200,000 home. Tax rates are estimates because they are based on assessed property values. No matter what the rate, the district only receives the dollar amount approved by voters on the ballot.

Your vote matters, so take time now to become informed. A great resource is the KSD website. Look for the "Levy Information" tab at the top of the page. If you have specific questions, don't hesitate to ask! Feel free to e-mail Dave Bond, Vic Roberts, or Lorraine Cooper. Ballots will begin arriving in mailboxes around January 25.

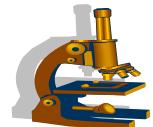
Ballots must be postmarked by February 14, 2012 to count—but don't wait and leave them on the kitchen counter or in the "to get to" pile. Mail your ballot in right away!

Susan Denslow

Susan Denslow, Principal

Science Madness!!!!!!

The H3MS PTO and our staff invite you to our first annual
Family Science Night
February 22nd, 2012 from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.
We will be making Atomic Worms and Elephant's Toothpaste!!!!
You may sign up by emailing
Beth.Greene@ksd.org



Spread the Word to End the Word Campaign

Horse Heaven Hill's ASB along with other leadership students joined young people across the country when they kicked off a school wide campaign to for each grade level on January 5th. The goal of these presentations was to help educate students on how the use of the word **retarded** hurts millions of people with intellectual disabilities, their families and friends. They also challenged the student body to sign pledge banners to stop using the r-word and other hurtful words. The new R-word is RESPECT. Please ask your student to share the information they were given regarding this campaign. You too can make the pledge. You will find a pledge banner in the office foyer that you are welcome to sign. For more information visit www.r-word.org.



Like a Good Mystery!!!

Come and Watch Our Very Own Horse Heaven Hills
Middle School
Drama Club
Perform

“A Window for Murder” by Nathan Coey
March 1, 2012
7 P.M. in
The Commons

Mark your Calendar!!!!

PTO'S
next meeting will be

February 8, 2012

@ 6:30 in the H3MS library

Questions??? Call Roxanne
Cramer (President)
at 586-6275



Daylight Saving Time Starts March 11th !!!!!!! Move Clocks Forward 1 Hour!!!!

Attending a Free H3MS Concert is A Sure Cure for the Winter Blues!!!!

Band will be performing on 3/13 and 5/31 at Southridge High School @ 6:30 P.M.

Orchestra will performing on:

3/20 7PM @ SRHS

5/3 Orchestra Festival 6:30 PM @ Toyota Center

5/24 Final Concert 7 PM @ H3MS

Choir will be performing 3/6 and 5/22

7P.M. in the H3MS Commons