

Horse Heaven Hills Middle School

2007-08 Annual Building Report



Dear Parents:

At Horse Heaven Hills we remain committed to ensuring that all students achieve at high levels. Teachers in all subject areas work to make sure the curriculum is taught uniformly at each grade level. Careful analysis of student performance data leads to a clearer understanding of the effectiveness of instruction. Teachers work together to prioritize learning objectives and to ensure that the areas of weakness are given highest priority. Most students who are performing below grade level in math receive an additional math class each day. Teachers help students evaluate their progress and set learning goals. Math teachers also are supported by a colleague who serves as a math coach one period a day. The coach encourages teachers to analyze student work and observe colleagues teaching similar lessons. The resulting discussions provide teachers with ideas for making their teaching more effective.

Similarly, we continue efforts to improve reading achievement. Students who perform below grade level in reading are assigned to an additional reading class each day. The emphasis of this class is reading fluency and comprehension. These classes typically have 15 students served by a teacher and a paraprofessional. The reduced class size allows for more targeted and individualized instruction. In addition, our building-wide reading campaign encourages students to meet their individual reading goals.

Horse Heaven Hills is continuously striving to become a more effective professional learning community. Resources are used to provide time for teachers to collaborate, evaluate student work, and share ideas for more effective teaching. Teachers create common assessments and use the same criteria to evaluate student progress. Our commitment is to optimize the learning opportunities for every student. We welcome you to visit HHH and see excellent teaching and learning.

Sincerely,
Susan Denslow, Principal



For information about our school, including demographics and test scores, please visit the **OSPI** website at <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/> and select **Kennewick School District**, then **Horse Heaven Hills**.

Facilities

Horse Heaven Hills was completed in the summer of 1993. This wood frame structure encompasses 88,500 square feet on 25 acres of land. Each wing was designed to house a specific grade level. The media center is centrally located for easy access.

Our school has two computer labs, each housing 30+ computers. In addition, each of our 36 classrooms has at least 2 computers. Specialized rooms include a math lab, art room, band room, stage for drama and music and six rooms for teacher team planning.

Our gymnasium has a large full-size gym, smaller auxiliary gym and a weight room. All rooms and facilities are accessible to the handicapped.

H3MS is used by many community organizations in the evening including: Community School education classes, Parent Teacher Organization, Boy and Girl Scouts, Kennewick Parks and Recreation athletic teams, AAU teams and local community groups.

Parents are always welcome to stop by for a visit. When you visit school, please check in at the office.

We encourage your support

It has been said, "It takes a village to raise a child." In the Kennewick School District, we believe that education must be a cooperative effort among parents, students, staff, and the community. Your support is vital to our goals of achieving the very best education possible for every student. You're invited to participate in our school activities and programs. Please give us a call to volunteer.

