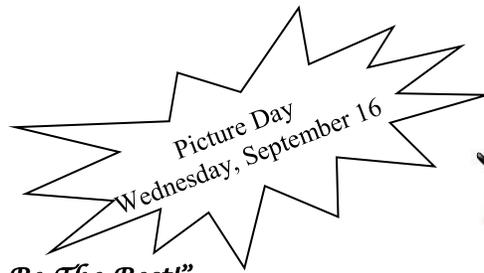


The Hornet's Nest



"Team 7-3, The Hornet's Nest, Work Together, Be The Best!"

September 2015

Proficiency Learning

Hedrick uses a proficiency based learning system. Our grade book shows standards-based learning targets that students must meet to become proficient in each subject area. The terms *Mastery*, *Advanced*, *Meets*, *Approaching*, and *Beginning* will be used to communicate how well students are progressing toward proficiency.

Team 7-3 teachers believe that all students are capable of making progress toward proficiency in all classes. All teachers are very willing to assist students in reaching their goals by answering questions or clearing up any confusion, and providing opportunities for quiz/test retakes. In addition, students are provided with an Academic Pursuit Period at the end of the day in which students are expected to complete classwork/practice or study/retake quizzes or tests.

At Hedrick, homework (practice) is required and will count as a percentage of a student's overall class grade.

Absences

In middle school, when a student returns to class from an absence, it is her/his responsibility to find out what classwork/practice was missed—(Check teacher websites, PAL, talk with a classmate or a teacher).

In order to reach proficiency on assessments, it is important to complete classwork/practice in a timely manner.

TO DO:

- 1 Acquire materials by 9/11/15 (Friday)
- 2 Mark your calendar for OPEN HOUSE—See you 09/22/15—Tues.
- 3 Discuss newsletter with parents and keep for future
- 4 Return Student Profile by 9/14/15 (Monday)

SUPPLY LIST

Due 9/11/15

All students are required to have a planner and an organized three ring binder, which will be used for **all** four core classes and need to be brought daily.

- ◆ 1 inexpensive set of ear buds
- ◆ 1 three ring binder with dividers
- ◆ 1 package college-ruled notebook paper
- ◆ 1 college-ruled spiral notebook
- ◆ 2 graph notebooks
- ◆ 1 composition book
- ◆ 1 pencil pouch
- ◆ #2 pencils (enough for the year!)
- ◆ Hand held inexpensive pencil sharpener
- ◆ 1 set highlighter pens
- ◆ 4 black or blue ball point pens (Please — no gel pens for class work!)
- ◆ 1 red pen
- ◆ 1 set colored pencils
- ◆ 1 twelve-inch ruler with metric scale
- ◆ 1 scientific calculator (TI-30X IIS)
- ◆ 1 pair scissors
- ◆ 1 inexpensive USB Flash Drive
- ◆ 1 box tissue



*"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."
- Aristotle*

Let's Communicate!

Here are two ways that you can contact Team 7-3

Core Teachers:

- Telephone 842-3700
- Email

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The Hornets' Nest Team Teachers

Peg Hansen — Math

Becky Plankenhorn — Science

Loni Strong — English

Koeby Johnson — Social Science

Let's work together!

We are so excited to start a new school year and want it to be the best experience for all involved — students, parents, and teachers! In order for our team to run smoothly, we'd like to stay in touch with parents from the start and throughout the school year. It is important that there is an open line of communication so that parents know about students' successes and if any special arrangements need to be made to ensure student success. In addition to posting weekly grades in our classrooms, each core teacher maintains a class website. We will also send home progress reports and quarter grades. You may also access your child's grades through PAL, the online grade book system. Of course, the best way to keep up with your child's progress is to talk with her/him regularly and check those **Hedrick Planners** for upcoming assignments!

Expectations

Be Safe,

Be Respectful, Be Responsible!

- These procedures and expectations are graded as part of the Career Related Learning Standards (CRLS) (behaviors) on your report card.
- If needed, parents will be contacted for support of these expectations in order to maintain a positive learning environment for everyone!



Open House!

Tuesday

September 22nd

6:30 p.m.



- Come meet your child's teachers!
- What is a "Learning Target?"
- Who gets to go to Greece next summer?
- Learn how you can help to make our Team 7-3 field trips happen!

Sign up to:

- *Chaperone
- *Help with food and supplies
- *Access or provide scholarships

*We look forward to seeing you at
Open House!*

*Our first field trip of the year will be Friday, 10/2 — all day to Fort Vannoy Farms in Grants Pass, and our second field trip will be to Ashland Pond in the first week of November. Students attend both trips for the unbelievably low price of \$5.00!
Parents: will you be joining us for the Corn Maze Challenge?*