

Paw Prints

a newsletter of the J.B. Hunt Elementary P.T.A.

April 2009



Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your families had a fantastic Spring Break. The kids were probably ready for a little time away from their textbooks! Maybe now they are refreshed and ready to enjoy the remainder of the school year.

This month, the Hunt staff and students will focus in on testing weeks, with Kindergarten-2nd grade the week of April 6 and 3rd-5th grades the week of April 13. As a way of celebrating the hard work and completion of testing, there will be a Mega Party sponsored by School Partners at Hunt on Tuesday, April 21 from 9-2. The party will allow all students time to play on large, blown-up play equipment here at the school.

In the next couple of weeks, please be looking for a Mega Party permission slip in your child's backpack or Monday folder. Each child must have a signed and returned permission slip to attend. This is their ticket to the party!

So much will be happening in the next few weeks of school that we encourage you to continue to check backpacks daily and Monday folders weekly for notes and information that might be important to you or your child.

Thank You,

The PTA Executive Board

Rob Lowe, President

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 6 Hellstern PTA Open House 1:30 in Lounge at Hellstern Middle School

April 6 Hunt PTA 5:45

April 6-10 K-2 Testing Week

April 13 Skate Night 6:00-8:00 p.m.

April 13-17 Benchmark Testing 3rd-5th

April 21 Hunt Mega Party 9-2

May 4 PTA Meeting

If you have a child attending Hellstern Middle School for the 2009-10 school year, you are invited to attend an Open House April 6 at 1:30 p.m. at the Hellstern teacher's lounge. You may stop by and receive information on next year's events and sign up for volunteering.



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Addiction Can Begin With Just One!!

Hey, come on, try just one! An addiction to cigarettes could begin this way. Nicotine, a chemical found in tobacco, is highly addictive. Adults, teens, and children can become chained to this addiction after smoking just one cigarette.

Know the dangers of using tobacco products such as: yellow teeth, bad breath, and cancers of the lungs, mouth, gums, and throat. Be aware that advertisers make it look as if everyone who uses a tobacco product is popular, glamorous, and fun, because their business is to sell these products. Don't fall into this media trap.

Tobacco products are a health hazard and avoiding this addiction is a must!



This message addresses Health Education, one of the eight components of the Coordinated School Health Initiative, which is a collaborative effort of the Springdale School District, Kids for Health, and the Departments of Health and Education.

Excuses, Excuses, Excuses!

The dog ate it! The printer ran out of ink! It flew out the window!

Excuses are often used when assignments are not completed on time. Being organized can remove the need for excuses and improve academic success, too!

Here are a few suggestions to boost organizational skills:

- 1) Gather school supplies and keep them in a logical place like a desk, backpack, or locker.
- 2) Use lockers for storage of books, school supplies, or clothing such as a coat. At least once a week, take home items that are no longer needed and throw away any accumulated trash. Keeping an organized locker will help keep important things from getting lost.
- 3) Write assignments in an assignment book or notebook. Don't rely on random pieces of paper that can easily become lost or on memory that can let details fade.
- 4) Take all needed books, supplies, and assignments to class.

No excuses! Learning to be organized may take time and practice, but is a skill that can be used for life.

This message addresses Family & Community Involvement, one of the eight components of the Coordinated School Health Initiative, which is a collaborative effort of the Springdale School District, Kids for Health, and the Departments of Health & Education.