



It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer ~ Albert Einstein

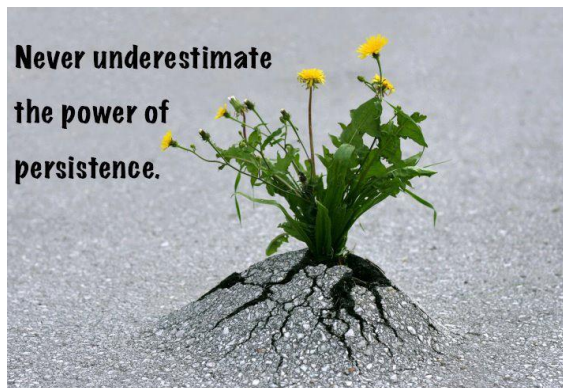
Paul Tough, the author of *How Children Succeed*, has identified skills that are predictors of student success both in and out of school. These consist of persistence, curiosity, conscientiousness, optimism, and self-control.

As warm weather becomes common, calling to all of us to come outside, persistence can be difficult but there are ways to help your student:

- ✦ Break longer assignments into smaller, more manageable ones so that your student won't be overwhelmed at the thought of a long task.
- ✦ Help your student see the connection between effort and success. Sometimes less persistent students believe that good students somehow are just smarter or find the work easier than they do. Learning that everyone needs to work hard at times can be an epiphany.
- ✦ Have your student set reasonable goals and work to achieve them. When students work to achieve a personal goal, they have a vested interest in working.
- ✦ Frequent praise and even more frequent encouragement will keep your child on task.
- ✦ Providing opportunities for your student to look back on how far they have come in their learning—to review their past success—allows them to see the big picture of what they have already accomplished and encourages them to continue.
- ✦ Work with your students to focus on their strengths. Once they know what they are doing right, what individual study techniques work well for them, then students will be able to use those techniques and strengths to work quickly and efficiently.

28 Ways to Build Persistent and Confident Students by Julia Thompson

<http://teaching.monster.com/benefits/articles/10348-28-ways-to-build-persistent-confident-students>



Hawk Flight Plans



April is the Month of the Military Child, providing an opportunity to recognize and honor the service of Virginia's youngest heroes, over 70,000 military children.

Hornsby Middle School is proud to announce that *Mrs. Gwen Gaines*, teacher assistant, is our support staff of the year. Mrs. Gaines creates relationships with students, supports student success, and is our multicultural leader. She is a life-long learner, currently working on her Ed.D.

Monday, April 23, 2018: A Day

- ▼ Aerobic Dance Club (3:15-4:30)- Meet in the Orchestra Room
- ▼ Girls Intermural basketball after school: see announcements
- ▼ Jazz Band after school
- ▼ Baseball and Softball away at Peasley 4:30

Tuesday, April 24, 2018: B Day

- ▼ Morning Gym (6:45-7:45)
- ▼ Ultimate Frisbee Club after school
- ▼ Jazz Band assessment at Tabb HS 9am-2pm
- ▼ Hawkapella
- ▼ 2nd violins after school

Wednesday, April 25, 2018: A Day

- ▼ Running Club (3:15-4:15) Meet in the Art Room

Thursday, April 26, 2018: B Day

- ▼ Girls Intermural basketball after school: see announcements
- ▼ Yearbook after school (for all of April!)
- ▼ Full 6th grade band rehearsal during Related Arts
- ▼ Baseball ONLY at home vs Grafton 4:30

Friday, April 27, 2018: A Day

- ▼ Military Reception 8:30am
- ▼ Band Festivals here. Some students will be guides
- ▼ Bridge Club
- ▼ Have a great weekend!



Announcements/Looking Ahead

This week will be the final week for the **Griffin Partnership tutoring**. Participants should drop by Mrs. Twiford's room to sign cards.



The **Crochet Club** will not be able to meet Wednesday, 4/25 or Wednesday, 5/9. As a result we will add a meeting on Wednesday, 5/2.

PTSA General Membership Meeting

Join us on Monday May 21st at 5:30 pm in the media center for our next PTSA meeting. We will be electing the PTSA Officers for next year. The Slate is President - Jill Dalton; Vice President - Adrienne Tropilo; Secretary - Alisa Smith and Treasurer - Stephanie Trogdon. Please come out and vote!

Box Tops Due June 1st - final collection for this school year. Please send in all box clips by June 1st. (See attached flyer)

If your family has been redistricted to **James Blair Middle School**, please consider attending the PTSA Informational Meeting on Tuesday, April 24 at 10:30 am at the Williamsburg Library. (See attached flyer)

Parents/Guardians – If you have moved and HMS does not have your new address (or, you've forgotten to give us a change in address), please contact Marcia, Registrar, #(757)565-9438. Needed items: 2 proofs of residency, and the Residency Affidavit completed. Please remember, we have some students going to high school in the Fall and the redistricting. Both events may impact which school your student will attend. Have a great weekend and I'm looking forward to hearing from these families.

Save the Date-all **Military families!!!** Please be on the look-out for an invitation from your student for the military reception being held at 8:30am on April 27th. We look forward to seeing you there and honoring your family's commitment and service. In addition, please send in any family photos with brief information about who is in the photo to agnes.nowak@wjccschools.org ASAP so that we can prepare a lovely slideshow in your honor.

The final round of **gifted screening for this school year** will take place this month. Please see the WJCC Gifted Education site for information on the gifted program and referral process. If you have questions, feel free to contact one of our Gifted Resource Teachers, Julia Roketenetz or Jennifer Brooks.

NJHS Selection Schedule

Wednesday, April 18th

- Students identified as eligible (based ONLY on GPA minimum) will receive a candidate information form. All students interested in being considered for membership must complete the candidate information form to be evaluated by the faculty council.

Wednesday, May 2nd

- Candidate information forms due to Mrs. Berry in room 2110 by 3:15 pm. Since students are given two full weeks to complete and submit candidate information forms, no exceptions will be made (even for absences). Students should complete and turn in the



candidate information form to the best of their ability at their earliest convenience. Students are urged NOT to wait until the last minute.

Tuesday, May 15th

- Letters of selection/non-selection sent out via mail.

Thursday, May 31st

- Selected members are formally inducted into NJHS through an Induction Ceremony. All inductees are expected to attend this ceremony at 5:30pm – more details will follow in letter of selection.

Congratulations to Peter Radovich for winning a nation-wide German spelling and vocab competition. He was competing against 555 other German students - both middle school and high school students. He started working towards this competition last December - memorizing the meaning and spelling of right at 1000 words! When the competition opened on Thursday, he burned through all 50 rounds of the competition in just 2.5 hours - He literally set a record for winning the fastest ever.

Just for comparison - most Level 1 language students make it to about round 15 in this competition - Peter made it through level 50! and in record time.

8th Grade Semi-Formal Dance

Hello Parents! The 8th grade semi-formal dance is Friday, June 8th. We are looking for volunteers to serve on the subcommittee to ensure all the preparations for the nights' event are coordinated. If you would like to help in planning process please sign up on the sign up genius link below. ****Note: This sign up genius is only for volunteers to serve on the sub committee as we will be sending out a separate sign up genius when the date gets closer for volunteers for the night of the dance, etc. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054aafae23a20-8thgrade>

Thank you for your continued support. Amy Unger, 2018 8th Grade Dance Chair

Girls Intramurals will be held on Monday and Thursday, starting March 12th and ending on April 30th. Intramurals is for girls in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade and will start at 3:15 and go to 4:45pm. We will start with skills and drills like ball handling, passing and shooting for the first 45 min. During the last hour we will have games as this is a 3 on 3 league.

Ultimate Frisbee Club will begin on the new date of March 20th and go through May 8th. We are sorry to let down our club members who were looking forward to getting started today, but we think this change is for the best, and will allow us to play in warmer weather

Order your yearbook today! Yearbooks are \$35 each. Order yours online or with a mail-in order. The online order deadline is March 29th. The mail-in order deadline is February 28th. Students should receive an order form in homeroom. For online orders,



visit www.candidcolor.net and use the access code: HRMYBK18. Get your yearbook to experience all the memories of this year again!

The **Yearbook staff** is in need of **photos of students** from the purple and gold dance, neon dance, band/orchestra/choir/theater performances and any clubs. You can email them to Ms. Anderson at marie.anderson@wjccschools.org with the description of who is in the photo and what event.

Important Dates:

May 1 After school Jazz Band
May 2 NJHS candidate packets due to Mrs. Berry
May 2 After school 7th and 8th grade Hawk Band
May 3 Full 6th grade band rehearsal during Related Arts
May 3 Band Concert 7pm (2 nonperishable food items)
May 4, June 1 Band Festivals here. Some students will be guides.
May 8 Chorus Concert 7pm at LHS
May 10 Orchestra concert 7pm
May 11 Interims Go Home
May 15 NJHS letters of selection sent
May 20 Spirit Day at Go Karts Plus
May 21 PTSA meeting 5:30pm
May 28 Schools and Offices Closed
May 31 NJHS Induction Ceremony 5:30pm
June 1st - Box Tops collection deadline
June 1 all of 7th grade goes on a field trip to the Virginia Science Museum in Richmond.
June 8 Eighth Grade Dance
June 8 The 8th grade Advanced Theatre performance of *Bad Auditions by Bad Actors* will be during 8th, 7th, and 6th grade related arts classes
June 13 Early Release 12:25pm
June 13 8th grade Stepping Up at WHS 2pm
June 14 Early Release 12:25pm: Last Day
June 20 Report Cards Mailed Home



Thank you!!!

A huge thank you to Williams Landscape and Design. They added new plants in the planters and along the walkway to the front doors!!! Just what we need to spruce up Hornsby for the Spring!

Thank you to all **8th grade students** for being reflective during your high school planning meetings.



Thank you **SHIP Club sponsors** for great year.

Thank you to **our amazing administrative assistants** for all of their hard work!

Our students are wonderful! Students have been following the Hawk expectations.
Our Hawks SOAR!

Hornsby Hawks SOAR

Safe

Organized

Accountable

Respectful