Two monologues do not make a dialogue. ~Jeff Daly

“How was school today?” can be a frustrating question for both parents and kids,” notes Michael Thompson, Ph.D., author of “The Pressured Child.” “Parents never get the answer they want and often don’t understand how difficult this question really is. Whatever your child’s age, a specific question, or even a specific statement, may prompt more of a response than the more general “How was school today?” As you listen to your child’s answer, and (if the opening is there) ask another question, you’ll be on your way to a meaningful conversation.

**Ask kids about what interests them:**
- “What did you do that was fun today?”
- “Did anything funny happen?”

**Ask about specific people and events in your child’s life:**
- “Did Mrs. Stone go over that math test?”
- “What did Mr. Zeiner talk about in social studies?”
- “Who’d you sit next to on the bus?”

**Ask kids about what bugs them.**
- “Anybody get on your nerves today?”
- “Was there anything really hard for you?”


Hornsby Middle School is proud to announce that Mrs. Lane, 8th grade English teacher, is our teacher of the year. Mrs. Lane creates engaging lessons incorporating collaboration, justification, and critical thinking skills. She feels learning should not only be challenging, it should be fun.

**Monday, March 4, 2019: A Day**

**Tuesday, March 5, 2019: B Day**
- **SHIP Morning Basketball/Open Gym**-from 6:50am-7:50am-meet in the gym
- **SHIP Ultimate Frisbee Club**- from 3:15-4:30-meet in room 3124
- **Battle of the Books** 3:45pm at the Williamsburg Library on Scotland Street
- **Interim’s Go Home**

**Wednesday, March 6, 2019: A Day**
- **SHIP Running Club**-from 3:15-4:15- meet in the art room
Thursday, March 7, 2019: B Day

- SHIP Aerobic Dance Club- from 3:15-4:30- meet in the cafeteria
- 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee musical 7pm Hornsby auditorium: Adults $10 and Students $5.

Friday, March 8, 2019: A Day

- 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee musical 7pm Hornsby auditorium: Adults $10 and Students $5.
- Have a great weekend

Saturday, March 9, 2019

- VBODA District 8 Orchestra performance assessment at Jamestown high school. Hornsby 7/8 Orchestra warm up and performance is at 10:45 am
- Baseball scrimmage with Greenbrier Academy 11:00am
- 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee musical 2pm and 7pm Hornsby auditorium: Adults $10 and Students $5.

Announcements/Looking Ahead

Please do not double park when picking up your student following the 5pm late dismissal. (Normal pick up looks great! Thank you!) All students are encouraged to use the cross walk when heading to parking lots.

The Hornsby PTSA would like to thank all of the families, Hornsby staff members, and community members that helped with the Anxiety Awareness Event on Thursday! We were able to share the movie Angst with teens and their families and open a dialogue on teen anxiety.

The Hornsby PTSA would love for you to join us at the next meeting on Monday, April 15th at 5:30 in the evening. We will be making the nominees for the Hornsby PTSA Executive Board for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested in running for an Executive Board position next year please contact Jill Dalton for more information at jill@storybookworldtravel.com.

Student tech tip: there is a Tech Kiosk available to students each day in room 1105 to assist with repairs and mechanical issues.

Schedule:
Monday/Tuesday/Friday: 9:00-10:00 am
Wednesday/Thursday: 8:15-9:15

HMS School counselors will be sending home individualized letters in the mail to rising 8th grade families with an appointment time for a meeting to plan for high school. The meetings will start February 25th and run through March 29th.
Please turn in your **BoxTops** to help support your school. These little treasures bring in money that help support our Honor Roll program.

**The 8th grade Writing SOL is only a few weeks away.** Students will take the multiple choice section on Tuesday, March 19 and the essay prompt on Thursday, March 21. Students have been assigned weekly released test items to identify strengths and weaknesses. They will also be conferencing with teachers on their essay writing. To offer even more support, English teachers will be conducting a Writing SOL Bootcamp after school until 5:00 on the following dates:

- Week 1: Tuesday, March 5, Thursday, March 7, and Friday, March 8
- Week 2: Monday, March 11, Wednesday, March 13, and Thursday, March 14

Students are strongly encouraged to attend one or more of these study sessions as their results on both the Writing and Reading SOL will be used to determine English placement next year. Students are expected to remain focused and on-task during the Bootcamp. You will be contacted if your child is not meeting those behavior expectations. We ask that you please help us to prepare your child by discussing some of the possible prompts with them at home. The more background information they can acquire, the easier it will be for them when writing the essay. All 42 prompts are available [HERE](#).

We are also asking for donations of water or juice packs, snack items, and $5-$10 gift cards for a raffle. Any support you can give is greatly appreciated. Items should be given to your child's English teacher. To sign up for donations, please click on the following [link](#).

Sincerely,
Ms. Brooks, Ms. Roketenetz, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Poe, Mrs. Cooke, and Mrs. Stumpf
8th Grade English teachers

The following resource is also helpful for the 8th grade Writing SOL.
- **Comma Splices & Fused Sentences**
- **Fragments**
- **Irregular Verbs**
- **Commas**
- **Parallel Structure**
- **Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers**
- **Apostrophes**
- **Pronoun Agreement**
- **Pronoun Case**
- **Pronoun Reference**
- **Subject-Verb Agreement**
- **Word Choice**
Want to show a Hornsby employee they are appreciated, but not sure how? You can purchase dress down days for your favorite teacher or support staff. **Hornsby is participating in Jeans Mondays and Tshirt Tuesdays to support the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.** You can purchase 4 dress down days for 5$ or 14 for 15$. Deliver cash or a check made out to the American Cancer Society to Nurse Vona and she will deliver your gift. She can be reached at 565-9450 or...
beth.vona@wjccschools.org with any questions. All donations go to the American Cancer Society. Thank you for your support.

If you are free on **Tuesday, March 5, please join us for the District Battle of the Books** competition at the Williamsburg Library on Scotland Street. The battle begins at 3:45 pm and lasts about 1 hours. Please wish our team good luck!

**Attention students ages 14-18:** Applications for the **Sentara 2019 Summer Junior Volunteer Program** are now available in the school counseling office. Pick one up today if you are interested.

On March 29th **the VA Living Museum** will be here with live, native animals for a presentation on adaptations for all 7th grade students. Thank you PTSA for your support to make this happen!

If you are picking your child up from school or they are riding a different bus, please make sure you send a note and ask them to turn it into the office.

**Important Dates:**

- March 12: MS Parent Conference Night 4pm-7pm
- March 15: Early Release 12:25pm
- March 29: Va. Living Museum here for 7th grade presentation
- March 29: Early Release 12:25pm End of 3rd Marking Period
- April 1-5: Spring Break
- April 8: 4th Marking Period Starts
- April 12: Report Cards Go Home
- April 15: PTSA meeting 5:30pm
- May 7: Interim Reports Go Home
- May 27: Memorial Day Schools and Offices Closed
- June 12: MS Early Release: 12:25pm
- June 12: **Stepping Up (8th grade ceremony) 2pm at WHS**
- June 13: Early Release 12:25pm
- June 20: Report Cards Mailed Home

**Thank you!!!**

Thank you **PTSA and Mrs. Dalton** for researching, obtaining, and presenting the Angst Movie at the Anxiety Awareness Event. You all put so much effort into making sure it was informative and spot-lighted community supports as well as school-based supports. It was fantastic!
We had several people (and dogs!) who came out to provide information on a variety of topics and supports. **Thank you to all our community members** and it was wonderful to see some Hornsby and former Hornsby (forever a Hawk!) folks in the group!

**Mr. Denny, Mrs. Spicer, and Nurse Vona** were amazing and enlightening. Thank you for speaking with our parents and community members.

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

**Hornsby Hawks SOAR**

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Organized  
Accountable  
Respectful