



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

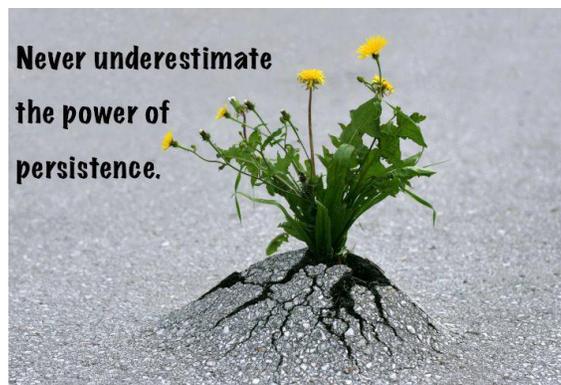
Paul Tough, the author of *How Children Succeed*, has identified skills that are predictors of student success both in and out of school. These consist of persistence, curiosity, conscientiousness, optimism, and self-control.

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>



**Never underestimate
the power of
persistence.**

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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. If your military student would like to do a Military Shout Out on the announcements, please have them stop by School Counseling for more information.

Monday, April 22, 2019: A Day

- ✦ Baseball and Softball at Grafton 4:30

Tuesday, April 23, 2019: B Day

- ✦ Full 7/8 Orchestra Rehearsal after school
- ✦ Yearbook meeting after school

Wednesday, April 24, 2019: A Day

- ✦ Full 6th grade orchestra during Related Arts

Thursday, April 25, 2019: B Day

- ✦ D&D Club meeting
- ✦ William and Mary Tutoring ends
- ✦ Baseball and Softball – final home game – vs James Blair 4:30

Friday, April 26, 2019: A Day

- ✦ Have a great weekend



Announcements/Looking Ahead



SOL Test Schedule

Hornsby students will show what they know when they take their SOL tests in May. See the calendar below for dates.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13	14	15	16	17
		Gr. 6 Reading	Gr. 7 Reading	Gr. 8 Reading
20	21	22	23	24
Make-up Testing	Math 6 & Accelerated Math 6	Gr. 8 Civics	Math 7	Alg. 1 (all grades) & Geometry
27	28	29	30	31
Memorial Day	Make-up Testing	Gr. 8 Science	Expedited Retakes	Expedited Retakes

*Make-up testing and expedited retakes will continue through the last day of school

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April continues to be the Month of the **Military Child** in which we honor the sacrifices made by military families worldwide, with an emphasis on the experience of the dependent children of military members serving at home and overseas. In order to culminate this celebration, we invite military personnel parents to come visit our school cafeteria on **Friday, May 3rd from 8:30-9:30 AM for a breakfast honoring their service**. All branches, active and retired, are more than welcome to attend. We will be creating a special slideshow to highlight the military child during the event. If you are interested in being spotlighted, please send a photo with your name and student's name to Mr. Denny, one of our school counselors at joshua.denny@wjccschools.org

With the advent of warm weather please take a moment to review the **dress code** found on the **main Hornsby webpage, on the left side, near the bottom**. Part of doing our best and being successful every day relies on looking and feeling our best. Clothing and dress can be a form of individual expression; however, it should convey a sense of personal pride and confidence found in a professional setting, such as a school.

Parents/Guardians – If you have moved and HMS does not have your new address please contact Marcia, Registrar, at (757)565-9438. Items needed for a change of address: 2 proofs of residency, and the Residency Affidavit completed. Please remember, we have some students going to high school in the fall and this may impact which school your student will attend. Have a great weekend and I'm looking forward to hearing from these families.

Has your student lost their eyeglasses? They may be in clinic. Please contact Nurse Vona if you are missing eyeglasses.

Teacher Appreciation Week will be May 6th-10th this year and we would love your help celebrating our teachers and faculty at Hornsby! Please see the Signup Genius for ways you can help: www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c48acaf2ea31-hornsby

Nurse Vona's Dress for Success Closet: Nurse Vona is requesting donations of new or gently used semiformal wear for stepping up and 8th grade dance. Male and female clothing in all sizes is needed. Shoes, bow ties, button down shirts or polos, dress pants, and dresses are all needed. Donations may be sent to the Hornsby clinic with students or delivered between 7:30 and 3:30 by parents. Also, if there are any students that need to utilize Nurse Vona's Dress for Success Closet, please encourage them to stop by clinic or see any adult in the school for assistance.

Change a Cancer Patient's Life – Collect Change for Cancer: Hornsby's Relay for Life Team is collecting change. Homeroom teachers will collect change between April 8 and April 19. The homeroom class that collects the most change will receive a visit from a therapy dog. Therapy dogs often visit cancer patients while they receive their chemotherapy.

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The **8th Grade Dance will be held on June 7th this year.** If you would like to help with planning please join the 8th Grade Dance Committee on April 15th at 5:00pm in the Media Center. We hope to see you there!

Please turn in your **BoxTops** to help support your school. These little treasures bring in money that help support our Honor Roll program.

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 T-Shirt 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.**

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

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:

April 25: W&M Tutoring Ends

May 3: NJHS letters of selection sent home

May 7: Interim Reports Go Home

May 9: Orchestra Spring Concert at 7pm

May 22: NJHS Induction Ceremony 5:30pm All inductees are expected to attend this ceremony – more details will follow in letter of selection.

May 26: 7th grade field trip to the Science Museum of Virginia

May 27: Memorial Day Schools and Offices Closed

June 7: SOLabration (field day activities)

June 7: 8th Grade Dance 7-10pm

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 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!

Thank you to our **PE teachers and long term PE substitutes** for their never ending positive spirits and flexibility.

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

Hornsby Hawks SOAR

Safe

Organized

Accountable

Respectful