

# Happy Hollow School Parent Newsletter

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Fall is here and the students and staff are busy, busy! There are a few important reminders:

**National Walk to School Day:** National Walk to School Day is October 7. Happy Hollow Students, staff, and volunteers will be meeting at 7:00 a.m. at the north end of Burtsfield to walk together to school. We will depart at 7:15 a.m. Parents are encouraged to walk with us if time allows.

**Happy Hollow Spirit Wear:** Watch for order forms coming soon!

**FALL BREAK:** There will be no school on Thursday, October 29th and Friday, October 30th.

**Book Fee Deadline:** The deadline to pay book fees is December 1st.

**PINWHEEL:** If you have not signed up for WLCSC alert system, please do so. If you have been signed up you may need to change the grade level or types of messages you want to receive.

- 1) Go to [www.trypinwheel.com](http://www.trypinwheel.com)
- 2) Click the orange "signup" tab
- 3) Create your account by filling in the form
- 4) Look for a text message from Pinwheel to complete the activation to your account.

**Daytime Appointments:** If your child has to leave during the school day, please send either a note or email to the teacher as far in advance as possible to minimize disruptions.

**Items brought into the office:** If you are bringing something for your child to the office, please remind them to check for the item in the office. Hopefully this will avoid interrupting the classroom.

**After School Supervision:** For the safety of all students, they should not be in the building unsupervised after 2:45 p.m. If students are in a scheduled, supervised activity, they need to be picked up when their activity ends.

**Box Tops:** Keep sending them in; the deadline for the first deposit is approaching soon. There is a box outside the office; make sure the teacher's name is on the bag/envelope. Please make sure the Box Tops have not expired. The expiration date is listed on the label.

**Labels for Education:** Happy Hollow collects Campbell's Soup and other labels under the Labels for Education program. These labels help us obtain items for our school. We encourage you to register your Payless/Kroger card at [Labelsforeducation.com](http://Labelsforeducation.com). This enables the labels to be electronically added to our school account. There is a box for labels outside the office.

**Lunch Accounts:** Please note that Skyward is not currently sending weekly emails about the status of your child's lunch balance. You may check through Skyward to see the balance. Students are given a warning when their accounts become negative. It is expected that no student will carry a negative balance on his/her food account. Negative balances will result with those students being served a cheese sandwich.

**Lunchroom sub:** If you are available on an as needed basis to sub in the HH lunchroom from 11:00-1:15, please contact the school office at 746-0500. This is a paid position and the rate is \$11.54 per hour.

## Calendar:

### October

- 2 Popcorn Sales
- 4 Fall Fling Orchestra Concert Grades 5-8, 6:00-8:00 pm HS Auditorium
- 7 Walk to School Day
- 9 Popcorn Sales
- 13 End of 9 weeks grading period
- 14 Parent Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m. Cafeteria
- 16 Popcorn Sales
- 19 Red Ribbon Week
- 20 HH Facilities Forum 6:30 pm in HH LGI
- 23 Popcorn Sales
- 29/30 Fall Break

### November

- 1 Daylight Savings time/clocks back 1 hour
- 6 Popcorn Sales
- 11 Veteran's Day Program 10:00-11:00 am HH Gym
- 12 Fall Choir Concert 7:00-8:00 pm
- 13 Popcorn Sales
- 17 Picture Retake Day
- 18 HHPC Meeting, 9:00 a.m. HH Cafeteria
- 18 Sixth grade Musical, 7:00 p.m. HS Auditorium
- 19 Spell Bowl, 5:00 p.m. HH Gym
- 20 Popcorn Sales
- 25-27 Thanksgiving Holiday/No School

### December

- 4 Book Fair Begins; details TBA
- 4 Popcorn Sales
- 4 Parent Council Kids Night In 6:00-8:30 pm
- 6 Band Concert 4:00-6:00 pm HS Auditorium
- 10 Winter Orchestra Concert, HH Gym, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Popcorn Sales
- 15 Geography Bee
- 18 First Semester Ends
- 21 Winter Break Begins

### January

- 5 School Resumes

## **Bicycling Safety provided by the WL Police Department**

Dear Parents of children who bicycle in West Lafayette;

With school in full swing and really nice weather to ride bicycles, there is a need to educate bicyclists. The West Lafayette Police department has been strictly enforcing our State Statutes and City Ordinances for bicycling. Below are the State IC Codes and City Ordinances for bicycling in West Lafayette.

### **Most commonly used bicycle State Statutes**

**9-21-11-2: Rights and duties in general of a person riding a bicycle.** A person riding a bicycle upon a roadway has all the rights and duties under this article that are applicable to a person who drives a motor vehicle. (That means that the bicyclist must stop for all stop signs, stop for red automatic signals and ride in the proper direction of the street.)

**9-21-11-7: Prohibition against carrying anything preventing both hands from being kept upon the handlebars.** A person who rides a bicycle may not carry a package, a bundle or an article that prevents a person from keeping both hands upon the handlebars.

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**9-21-11-8: Bicycle to be equipped with bell or other similar device.** A person may not ride a bicycle unless a bicycle is equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least 100 feet. A bicycle may not be equipped with and a person may not use upon a bicycle a siren or whistle.

**9-21-11-9: Times when bicycles to be equipped with lamps.** A bicycle operated on a highway from one half hour after sunset until one half hour before sunrise must be equipped with the following: (1) A lamp on the front exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front. (2) A lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear or a red reflector visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear.

### **West Lafayette City Bicycle Ordinances**

46.10: Riding on sidewalks (this does not include the many miles of hiking/biking trails in the city designated as such)

- (A) No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district.
- (B) No person 12 or more years of age shall ride a bicycle upon any sidewalk in any district.
- (C) Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

Students who bike to school were given a small booklet from our WL DARE officer. This booklet is complements of Bicycle Indiana and the WLPD.

Please help us help your children by discussing their proper bicycle riding in West Lafayette.

If under age 12 they may use the sidewalk, but they must yield to any and all pedestrians. They must use extreme caution when crossing streets. Car drivers are not looking for bicyclists on sidewalks and most likely will not see them. A bicyclist is not a pedestrian unless the bicyclist is walking the bicycle.

When riding in the bicycle lanes, the bicyclists have to remember that car drivers are not always alert and watching for bicyclists. Use caution each and every time you approach an intersection and make sure the vehicle driver is aware of the bicyclers' presence.