



Hickory Public Schools

Week in Review

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“A snapshot of HPS good news”

New Change: HPS 6th-grade students may tryout for middle school athletics!



(Sixth graders celebrate! Grandview, left and Northview on the right): The State Board of Education recently voted to allow sixth grade students to participate in all athletics—with the exception of football. Due to the August decision, sixth graders will need to wait until the spring, 2017, to tryout for sports. Sixth graders have expressed great interest and excitement about participating in middle school sports!

HHS Women's Golf Raises Funds for Breast Cancer! The Hickory High Women's Golf Team recently held their 2nd annual fundraiser, bringing in enough funds to contribute more than \$1,000 to the Susan G. Komen NW/NC organization. According to Head Coach, Ben Hale, the team of four players did an outstanding job of raising the funds. Congrats to the HHS Women's Golf Team!



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STAND-UP DESK DONATED TO GRANDVIEW MIDDLE!

Melissa McKinnon's students now have a new "stand-up" desk in their classroom, thanks to the generous donation from Office Furniture USA division of Bumbarger's, Inc.

"The posture from standing helps students to be actively engaged versus wanting to put their heads down and rest," said McKinnon.



Hickory Museum of Art Provides Bookmarks!

All five HPS elementary schools received a promotional bookmark for each student this week. Provided by the Hickory Museum of Art, the bookmarks promote "Foothills Festival," a family-fun day scheduled for October 1 in Newton from 10 am—4 pm. The event offers activities for kids, food vendors, live music, and displays representing over 75 southeastern regional artists. Directions are included on the bookmarks. Details: www.foothillsfolkartfestival.com

Did you know?

Several leaders from Hickory High, along with their new principal, Katherine Cater, met before the start of school to discuss opportunities for students and methods to strengthen the school setting. Academics, arts and athletics—all connected the dialogue!

"The level of expertise represented at the table combined with the care and love each leader holds for Hickory High School is palpable," said Principal Cater. "It is exactly what we need as we move forward working to fortify and nourish our school community."

