

Dear Husky Families:

October is only half over. I wanted to take the opportunity to communicate some of the great things happening at Hillery Park these next couple of weeks.

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### **Red Ribbon Week: October 21-25**

We will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week starting Monday. Red Ribbon week not only raises awareness of the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, but also the dangers associated with bullying. Bullying is a major problem in all schools and Hillery Park Elementary is no different. It saddens me to say it, but bullying does take place in our school. The only way we are going to rid ourselves of this problem is to acknowledge its existence, call it out for what it is, and stand united against the cowardly actions. One of the proactive measure we are taking in our school to maintain healthy relationship is to hold weekly circle time. **Restorative Circles** provide classmates an opportunity to communicate with each other in a safe, productive manner. Next week during Red Ribbon week we will place an even heavier emphasis on **Restorative Circles** with daily prompts to increase the level of positive communication and relationships amongst students and staff. We will also have some real fun next week as we have daily activities which show the stance we as a school community are taking against Drugs and Alcohol Abuse: Here is our schedule of activities:

**Monday:** Team Up Against Drugs and Alcohol- Staff and students are encouraged to wear their favorite team apparel.

**Tuesday:** Recognize a Role Model-Students will be provided ribbons to decorate and deliver to their chosen role model.

**Wednesday:** Put a Lid on Prescription Drug Abuse-students and staff are welcome to wear hats on this day to symbolize the need to put a lid on prescription drugs abuse.

**Thursday:** Red from Toe to Head: Students and staff are encouraged to wear as much red clothing as they can.

**Friday:** Dress for Success: Student and staff are encouraged to wear their fanciest of clothes and dress for success.

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### **Picture Day-Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Picture Day order form have been handed out to all students. Students should bring the order form back with them on Friday. To avoid having students handling money and order forms, families can order the photos on-line, by visiting **mylifetouch.com**. The picture Day ID **CM659102Y0**. All students will have their photo taken regardless if you are ordering photos or not. We will use the photos for our yearbook and to update our student information system.

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### **Hillery Park Husky Swag**

Hillery Park Husky apparel is back by popular demand. Thanks to our friends at Buffalo Logo we have dry fit tee shirts, crewneck and hooded sweatshirts available for a very reasonable price. Tee shirts: \$10, Crewneck sweatshirts: \$15, Hoodies: \$20. Please see the attached order form. Orders will be filled monthly. Any order sent in by next Friday will be filled by November 8<sup>th</sup>. The next order will go out November 15<sup>th</sup> with delivery on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Our vendor request cash upon delivery. We will send a reminder notification home with students the day prior to delivery.

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### **Weather Machine and PTO**

Our **Parent Teacher Organization** is hoping parents, families, friends, student and staff will help bring the Weather Machine to Hillery Park. Channel 7 News offers schools the opportunity to vote on-line. The school with the most votes at the end of the contest period will win a visit from Andy Parker and The Weather Machine. The Weather Machine presentation is a great STEM learning experience for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics geared for students in grades K-6. To cast your vote, please visit <https://www.wkbw.com/weather/weather-machine> and **follow the simple directions**.

Our next **PTO meeting** is **Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am** in the school library. All are welcome to attend. Visit the PTO on Facebook at Hillery Park PTO for more information about the great things happening at Hillery Park BPS #27.

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