

Nighthawk News

Herbert Akins Rd MS Community Newsletter

Week of December 12, 2022

Our Vision: The Herbert Akins Road MS Learning Community collaborates to facilitate equitable outcomes and growth through social, emotional, and academic opportunities.

Weekly Updates for the Week of December 12, 2022

Nighthawks,

Hopefully, everyone had a nice, relaxing weekend with friends and family. This week is one where students and staff will be focused on studies as we near the end of the second quarter/first semester.



1. Tracks 3 and 4 will continue their second quarter/first semester until December 21st. December 21st is also an Early Release Day where students will be dismissed at 1:00 PM.

2. First semester grades will be utilized for sports eligibility for our 7th and 8th graders.

3. As a reminder, student attendance is taken in every class each day. If you have questions about your student's attendance, first reach out to the teacher of record for the specific class.

4. Attendance reports will be run each week based on the students' first period class. If a student has had multiple absences, a letter will be sent home to the family. The counselor and/or social worker will also reach out to see if supports for the family are needed.

5. The Herbert Akins Road Middle School Nighthawks PTA Spirit Rock is HERE!

Rental Information will be forthcoming in January 2023. Stay tuned!

We are grateful for the support as #NighthawksStickTogether!

Apply for School Meals here.

Did you know that students must pay for breakfast and lunch this year?

School Attendance & Communication

As we enter the winter months, please keep in mind the critical importance of communicating absences with your student's first period teacher. Sending an e-mail or a message through Talking Points is the difference between an excused and an unexcused absence and the absence being recognized by [WCPSS Board Policy](#). Communicating helps us better support your student and understand the challenges that impact their attendance. Remember, that your student can stay on track by accessing their work through Google Classroom or Canvas as they feel up to it.

Positivity Project - Bravery and Integrity

Dear Families,

This week our Track 3 students will be focusing on the character strength of **Bravery**. Bravery means you act with mental, moral, or physical strength even when you know things are difficult or scary.

Bravery refers to voluntary (not coerced) action in the face of a dangerous circumstance. This strength involves judgement; the brave person must have an understanding of the risks and consequences involved in acting. According to Socrates and Plato, forethought separates acts of valor from acts of rashness. This means that bravery isn't simply fearlessness, but instead the overcoming of fear.

Overcoming fears is critically important in individual development, as it allows the person to do more and become more. A person can be brave every single day. For example, some people with social anxiety are brave just by leaving their house and talking with people. On a physical level, bravery allows us to overcome fears, such as swimming or playing a sport. And, on a moral level, doing what we know to be right, despite the risks, gives us the sense that we are acting on behalf of a larger purpose.

To practice and encourage the character strength of bravery with your child, please visit the Positivity Project's [P2 for Families](#) (password: **P2**) where together you will watch a video, read a quote and talk about the answers to three questions.

This week our Track 4 students will be focusing on the character strength of Integrity. Integrity means you are honest and speak the truth. You present yourself genuinely and sincerely.

Integrity is doing the right thing when nobody is watching. People with integrity practice what they preach and maintain a consistent pattern of behavior aligned with their values. They have the courage not to follow the crowd if it means going against their beliefs. Integrity is closely aligned with the terms of honesty and authenticity. People with integrity tell the truth and have alignment in their thoughts, feelings, and behaviors.

Integrity is vital to individual growth. It is correlated with a multitude of psychological well-being measures. Harmony in your feelings, thoughts, and actions makes you better able to personally grow and achieve goals. Authenticity and a lack of pretense make you more likable and trusted by others, meaning your relationships will benefit.

To practice and encourage the character strength of integrity with your child, please visit the Positivity Project's [P2 for Families](#) (password: P2), where together you will watch a video, read a quote, and talk about the answers to three questions.

Have a wonderful week!

Girls and Boys Basketball Games

When

Monday, Dec. 12th, 4pm

Where

4600 West Lake Road Apex, NC

Food Drive at Herbert Akins Rd MS

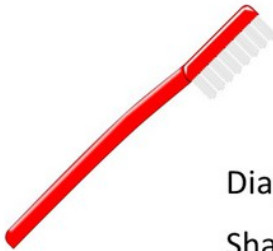
The Herbert Akins Road Middle FFA Chapter is participating in a county-wide donation drive sponsored by Wake County Farm Bureau. The FFA chapter that donates the most items in our county will win \$250 for chapter events! The drive will start on November 28th and end on December 19th. Donations may include non-perishable and canned food items, as well as unopened essential household items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, and soap. Donations can be brought to Mrs. Weatherspoon's room (room 1707) or dropped off directly at a local Wake County Farm Bureau office. Thank you for your support!

List of Needed Items



FOOD ITEMS

Plastic Jars of Pasta Sauce	Pasta	Gravy
Canned Vegetables	Rice	Sweet Peas
Canned Tuna or Chicken	Beans	Peanut Butter
Canned Sweet Potatoes	Cereal	Oatmeal
Cranberry Sauce	Cereal Bars	Grits
Macaroni & Cheese	Green Beans	Jelly
Boxed Mashed Potatoes	Cake Mix	Corn
Evaporated Milk	Jiffy Mix	Juice
Canned Fruit	Stuffing	



ESSENTIAL ITEMS

Diapers & Wipes	Toothbrushes
Shampoos	Bleach
Conditioners	Dish Soap
Toothpastes	Feminine Products



Boys and Girls Basketball Games

When

Thursday, Dec. 15th, 4pm

Where

109 North Ennis StreetFuquay-Varina, NC

Nighthawk Families Needs Assessment

Click here to take you to a form to request support in a certain area or provide donations.

Nighthawk After school Clubs - Get involved! Information for your student can be found by clicking here.

Nighthawks PTA Spirit Wear - Purchase throughout the school year

Spirit Wear is available to purchase throughout the school year. Please visit <https://1stplace.sale/107275> to purchase Spirit Wear.

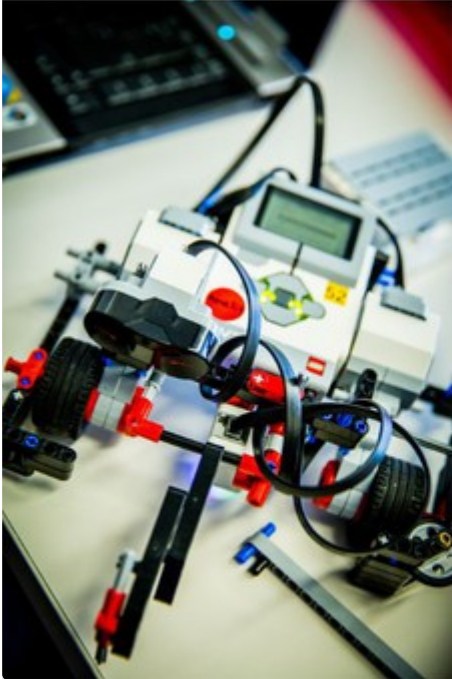
Nighthawks PTA Snack Donation Sign Up Genius

Nighthawks PTA is currently collecting shelf stable snacks as part of our outreach activities to help our students and school community. [Please sign up](#) to donate any of the following items listed. You are welcome to send them in with your student to drop off in the main office. We appreciate your help and thank you for your support! - Nighthawks PTA

ROBOTICS CLUB



Interest Meeting



Interested in joining our
inaugural Robotics Team!?
Come learn more about it at one
of the interest meetings!

Tracks 3 & 4

Thursday, December 8th,
3:30-4:30p

Track 1

Thursday, January 5th,
3:30-4:30p

Questions?

Email sstephens4@wcpss.net

Join our Nighthawk PTA by clicking on this button!

Buy your Athletic Booster Club Pass here!

Purchase your Athletic Booster Club pass and membership to get free entry to all athletic home games this entire school year.

Nighthawks Athletic Booster Sponsorship Program



	NIGHTHAWKS ATHLETIC FAN	NIGHTHAWKS ATHLETIC CHAMP	NIGHTHAWKS ATHLETIC ALL STAR	NIGHTHAWKS ATHLETIC MYP
	\$250	\$500	\$1000	\$2000
Certificate of Appreciation	✓	✓	✓	✓
Business Booster Membership	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monthly Social Media Shoutouts		✓	✓	✓
Logo Banner on Exterior Fence and in Gym			✓	✓
Merchandise Table			✓	✓
Game Day Sponsorship Package*				✓

*Game Day Package Includes: Halftime Recognition on the field/court, Presentation of Signed Game Ball, & Thank you Instagram reel with footage from game day experience



Herbert Akins Rd Nighthawks PTA Business Sponsorship Opportunities

	Friend of the PTA	Nighthawk Supporter	Nighthawk Fan	Nighthawk Superfan
Donation Amount	\$150	\$500	\$1000	\$1500+
Framed and Personalized Certificate of Appreciation	✓	✓	✓	✓
Small Business Logo on "Business Sponsor" Page on PTA Website		✓	✓	✓
Medium Business Logo with Link to Business Website on "Business Sponsor" Page			✓	✓
Monthly "Shoutout" on Instagram and Facebook with Business Tagged			✓	✓
Mention at the bottom of Every PTA Instagram and Facebook Post			✓	✓
Exclusive Opportunity to Provide Marketing Table at select PTA events				✓
Business Logo on Top Banner of Homepage of PTA website				✓



Club Level \$5000

Club Level receives all benefits of the Nighthawk Superfan in addition to brand placement on official Nighthawks School Club T-shirts for the 2022-2023 school year and also social media thanks for supporting our club initiative



PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS:
YEAR-ROUND OPTION



School tours available on

October 27 November 15 December 16

8:30 - 9:30 am or 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Students, Technology Resources Request a Carpool/Walker Pass , <a href="https://d...

Nighthawks PTA Carolina Hurricanes Family Night

When

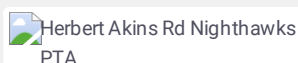
Thursday, Feb. 16th 2023 at 7pm

Where

1400 Edwards Mill Road Raleigh, NC

More information

You can buy tickets at [this link](#) for the Hurricanes game on February 16th!



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www.nighthawkspta.org

School Announcements 2022-2023 School Supply List Mark Your Calendar
Pick Up - Students schedule, Fill out beginning of year sign-ups, Meet
teachers & Tour school Meet & Greet Track 1 - July 6th - Drop In 10:30
-12:00pm Meet & Greet Track 3 - July 6th - Drop In 1:00 - 3:00pm Meet &
Greet Track



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Nighthawk Families: If you are planning to utilize carpool at any time during
the school year, please fill out the carpool/walker pass request form below.
Once received, you and your student will receive a number. Carpool/Walker
tags will be distributed to students during their first week of face-to-face
instruction.



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HARMS Track Change Request Form 2022-2023 Herbert Akins Road MS
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