

# Nighthawk News

*Herbert Akins Rd MS Community Newsletter*

**Week of February 20, 2023**

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

**Herbert Akins Road MS Website**

Check here for club information and weekly events taking place on our campus this week.

## **Weekly Updates for the Week of February 20, 2023**

Nighthawks,

At Herbert Akins Rd MS, we continue to align our daily work to our vision: *The Herbert Akins Road MS Learning Community collaborates to facilitate equitable outcomes and growth through social, emotional, and academic opportunities.*



Daily Information regarding updates from the Transportation Department (whether or not a bus route has a driver) will be posted on our Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram accounts. In addition, a Talking Points Message will be sent to families for planning purposes. Our office is only open until 4:00 PM each day so parents will need to make arrangements for students to be picked up from school if there is not afternoon driver for a particular route. We understand this is an inconvenience and are continually advocating with the Transportation Department. However, the bus routes with/without drivers are not school-based decisions. We appreciate your understanding.

This week's Nighthawk News has helpful information and something for everyone!

- Attendance
- Positivity Project -Character Strength Focus: Humility
- Apply for School Meals - This does assist the school with obtaining more funds and resources.
- Grading, EOG Tips, and Registration
- Book Fair
- School Dance - February 24th (3:30-5:30 PM)
- Spring Athletic Tryout Information
- Book Drive
- Talent Show
- Spirit Rock Rentals
- Much more!

Thank you for your continued support as we continue growing and expanding our Nest. We are grateful and proud that our #NighthawksRise as #NighthawksStickTogether!

Anne Marie Adkins  
Principal

## School Attendance & Communication

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](#). You can also send an email to [NCWise435@wcpss.net](mailto:NCWise435@wcpss.net)

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.

## Positivity Project - Humility

Dear Families,

This week our school community will be focusing on the character strength of Humility. Humility means you do not seek the spotlight. You let your actions speak for themselves.

Humble people have an accurate (not underestimated) sense of their abilities and achievements. They hold the capacity to acknowledge their mistakes and limitations, and are open to advice and new ideas. They do not show off their possessions or accomplishments.

Developing humility is associated with positive developmental outcomes in individuals. It allows a person to honestly reflect on their abilities and acknowledge how and where they can improve. Humility opens them up to new ideas, advice, and (consequently) abilities that pride, arrogance, or pretentiousness often block. Therefore, humility makes them desired members of a team.

To practice and encourage the character strength of humility 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!

**Apply for School Meals here.**

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

## **EOG Testing Info/Tips - Did you know?**

NCDPI has resources and released questions on [their website](#) for students, parents, and teachers to reference to prepare students for the EOGs. This helps to ensure students are not surprised by the format of the tests.

6th, 7th, and 8th graders will be taking Math and ELA EOGs

8th graders will also take a Science EOG



School Dance - February 24th - Click the video below for all of the information!



[NighthawksPTA on...](#)

[twitter.com](https://twitter.com)

📢 Tickets on sale NOW!! 📢 <https://t.co/dlr1WW2DwA>  
[pic.twitter.com/4DfMEDKjKV](https://pic.twitter.com/4DfMEDKjKV)

**Preorder Your Inaugural Nighthawk Yearbook**

The price is \$45 but will rise to \$50 starting in March 2023.

**Spring Athletic Tryouts**

**Spring athletic tryouts** will begin on **2/27/2023**. Please be sure to have all your required paperwork uploaded to dragonfly prior to tryouts.

**Track Tryouts** will be 2/27 & 3/1 from 3:30-5:00 PM. Athletes need to wear comfortable running shoes and running wear and bring water bottle for tryouts. Practice will begin on 3/1.

**Boys' Soccer Tryouts** will be 2/27-3/1 from 3:30-5:00 PM. Practice will begin on 3/2. Athletes should bring a water bottle for tryouts.

**Softball Tryouts** will be 2/27-3/1 from 3:30-5:00 PM. Practice will begin on 3/2. Athletes should bring a water bottle for tryouts.

Athletic Physicals can be found here. <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/1465>

PLEASE USE THE REGISTRATION [LINK](#) FOR DRAGONFLY. NO PAPER COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF TRYOUTS.

How to use DragonFly instructions [CLICK HERE](#).

[DragonFly Tips and Tricks](#)

## The Nighthawk Book Club is looking for help!

We are holding a book drive until 3/1/23. We are asking families to consider donating books, gently used and middle school appropriate so that we can share them with students who may need assistance with building their own library. We have also been gifted "Little Free Library: Take a book. Share a Book" houses. The plan is to have these placed in some of the neighborhoods that have students attending Herbert Akins Rd MS.

There will be a box in the cafeteria area that students and/or parents can drop off books. Please consider supporting the Nighthawk Flight Time Club in our journey to help promote literacy.

Thank you so much.

Mrs. Tirpak and Students

# First Annual Nighthawk Talent Show

## When

*Friday, March 3rd, 4pm*

## Where

*2275 Herbert Akins Road Fuquay-Varina, NC*

## More information

The 1st Annual Herbert Akins Road Middle School Talent Show will be after school on Friday, March 3, 2023!

If you are interested in participating in the talent show, please fill out [this form](#) and submit a signed parent permission slip. Please see your Homeroom Teacher for the permission slip & turn it in to your Homeroom Teacher by Friday, February 10th.

Mark your calendar: Auditions will take place after school the week of February 13-16.

## Nighthawk Spirit Rock - Pick your week to rent!

Nighthawk families, students and staff may rent and decorate the Spirit Rock to celebrate birthdays, promote school activities, recognize accomplishments or just provide a shout out. Rentals are weekly/proceeds are utilized for PTA programming.

## Nighthawks Elective A Day/B Day Calendar

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




### Who We Are

We are a non-profit with a mission to reach 1 million girls and introduce them to STEM professionals and fields of study.

### Why Join?

In our program we bring women from STEM fields to you and your friends to learn about their job - ask all your questions! We bring fun hands on activities and the snacks. Do you love field trips, we organize those too!

### Club Meetings

Thursdays 3:30-4:30PM  
Ms. Smith - Room 2505  
msmith2@wcpss.net

January 19th, 26th  
February 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd  
March 2nd, 9th, 16th

### Sign Up Here



<https://www.stemblozers.org/register/therbookings2023>

in @ Instagram f Twitter  
@stemblozers

## Nighthawk Student Services Webiste

### 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

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





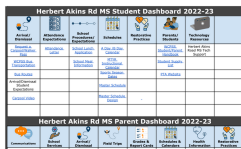
## Herbert Akins Rd Nighthawks PTA Business Sponsorship Opportunities

	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



## Herbert Akins Rd ...

[docs.google.com](https://docs.google.com)

Sheet1 Herbert Akins Rd MS Student Dashboard 2022-23  
Arrival/Dismissal, Attendance Expectations, School Procedures/  
Expectations, Schedules, Restorative Practices, Parents/  
Students, Technology Resources Request a Carpool/Walker Pass ,<a  
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## Herbert Akins Rd ...

[www.nighthawkspta.org](http://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



## Herbert Akins Rd ...

[forms.gle](#)

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.



## Community Comm...

[drive.google.com](#)

HARMS Track Change Request Form 2022-2023 Herbert Akins Road MS Intro Letter 1.14.22.docx Herbert Akins Road MS Intro Letter 1.14.22.docx.pdf Middle School Program Planning Guide 2021-2022 Final V1.pdf No files in this folder. Sign in to add files to this folder



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