

Nighthawk News

Herbert Akins Rd MS Community Newsletter

Week of February 27, 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 27, 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: Love of Learning
- Apply for School Meals - This does assist the school with obtaining more funds and resources.
- EOG/EOC Purpose and Instruction
- Spring Athletic Tryout Information
- Purchasing a Yearbook
- First in Fitness for 6th Grade
- Book Drive
- Talent Show
- STEMBlazers
- PTA Booster Bash Fundraiser
- 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

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.

Apply for School Meals here.

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

Positivity Project - Love of Learning

Dear Families,

This week our school community will be focusing on the character strength of Love of Learning. Love of learning means you master new topics on your own or in school

Those with a love of learning are intrinsically motivated and engaged in a topic regardless of achieving an external standard. They enjoy learning simply for the sake of learning. They don't need a prize of a high grade as a reward. Their reward is the process of doing the work and improving.

Developing a love of learning is highly beneficial for an individual. It means that they are intrinsically motivated to deepen their existing skills and abilities, or learn something completely new. Since intrinsically motivated action is correlated with positive emotions, those who act on their love of learning may also have enhanced mental and physical health. Additionally, individuals who love learning have the desire and ability to overcome challenges, due to a sense of autonomy and control over their environment.

To practice and encourage the character strength of love of learning 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!

Nighthawks Elective A Day/B Day Calendar

EOG Testing Info/Tips - Did you know about the NC Standard Course of Study?

Lessons each day in your student's classes are created from the standards in the NC Standard Course of Study. This prepares them for their EOGs and EOCs at the end of the school year that become part of their permanent school record.

Therefore, it is imperative students demonstrate their learning in class and on assessments so teachers can modify the instruction. All staff reviews students' assessment data (i.e.- Classroom assessments, FastBridge assessments, STAR Math, Delta Math, Formative, etc...) to determine students' levels of learning. Instruction and pacing is determined on student learning.

Preorder Your Inaugural Nighthawk Yearbook

The price is \$45 but will rise to \$50 starting March 1, 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.

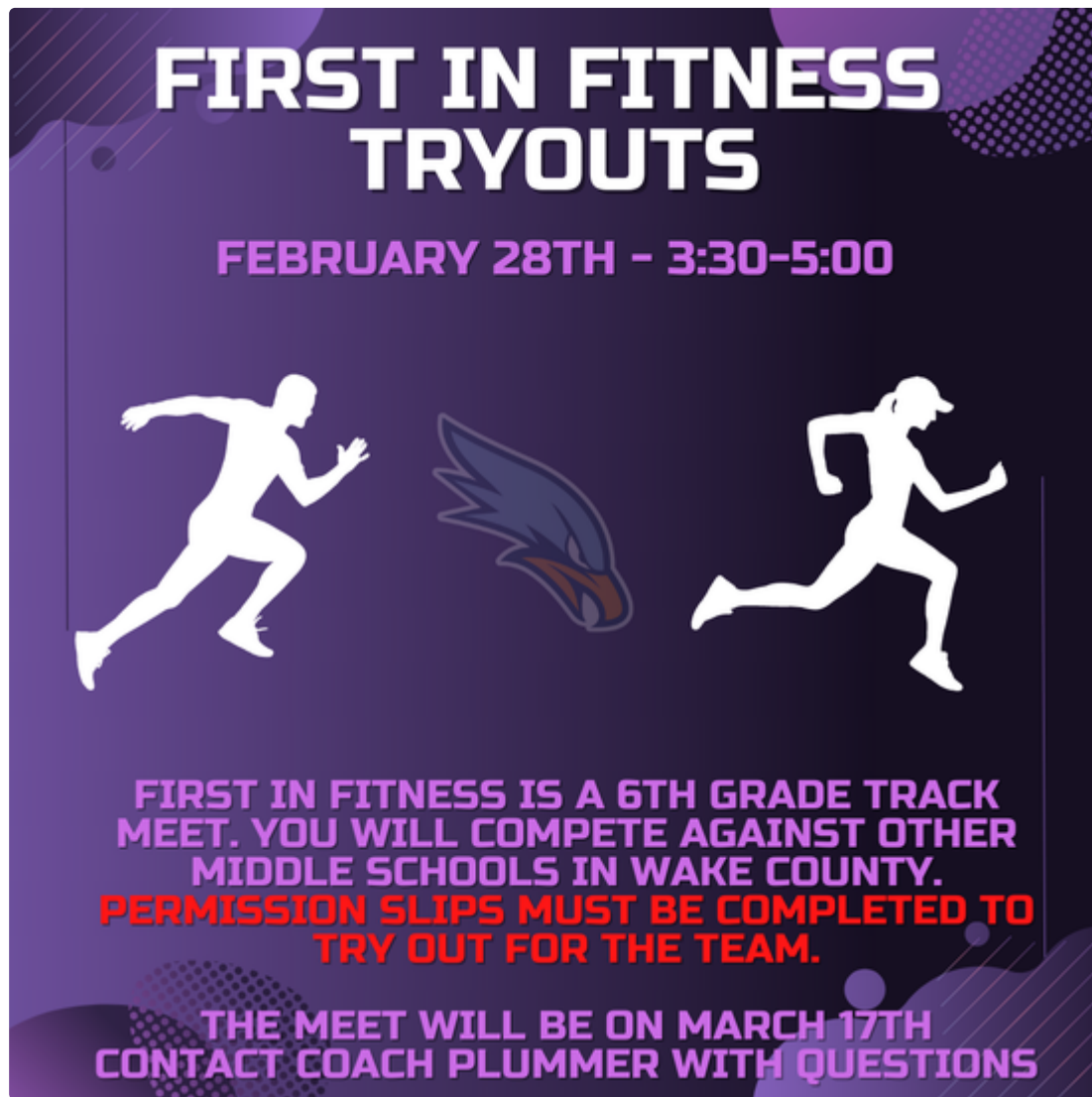
Softball Tryouts will be 2/27-3/1 from 3:30-5:00 PM. Practice will begin on 3/2. Athletes should bring a water bottle for tryouts.

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



The poster for STEMblazers features a pink and blue color scheme. At the top left, there are three small photos: a girl using a tablet, a group of girls in a lab, and a group of girls in a field. To the right of these photos is the STEMblazers logo, which consists of four stylized female faces in red and pink, followed by the text "STEMblazers" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the logo, the text "Who We Are" is followed by a paragraph: "We are a non-profit with a mission to reach 1 million girls and introduce them to STEM professionals and fields of study." Below this, the text "Why Join?" is followed by a paragraph: "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!" In the bottom left, a large red circle contains the text "Club Meetings" followed by "Thursdays 3:30-4:30PM", "Ms. Smith - Room 2505", "msmith2@wcpss.net", and a list of dates: "January 19th, 26th", "February 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd", and "March 2nd, 9th, 16th". In the bottom right, the text "Sign Up Here" is above a QR code. Below the QR code is a URL: "https://www.stemblozers.org/register/herbkins2023". At the very bottom right are social media icons for LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter, followed by the handle "@stemblozers".

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The poster for the Booster Bash features a blue background with yellow stars. On the left, there is a photo of four smiling students. The text "BOOSTER BASH" is in the top left corner. In the center, the words "COMING SOON!" are written in large, bold, white letters. Below this, a white arrow points down to the text "Herbert Akins Rd Middle Booster Bash". In the bottom right corner, the text "MYBOOSTER.COM" is written in white on a yellow background.

BOOSTER BASH

COMING SOON!

Herbert Akins Rd
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PTA Booster Bash

Our Herbert Akins Rd Middle Booster Bash fundraiser will kick off in just 3 weeks on Wed 3/15 (tk 4) and Mon 3/27 (tk 1 & 3). Our goal is to raise \$20,000 for PTA programs including teacher grants, continued funding of student clubs, need-based field trip scholarships, and teacher appreciation and to strengthen our school community.

Key dates to remember:

• **REGISTRATION OPENS** - 03/01/2023

Register on [MYBOOSTER.COM](https://mybooster.com)

Registration opens 3/1 for Track 4. As an incentive for early parent registration PTA will raffle off a total of 6 gift cards to Chick-Fil-A, Starbucks, Target, McDonald's, Krispy Kreme, Amazon - (one per grade during Track 4's program and one per grade for Track 1 & Track 3's program).

In order to be eligible for the drawing, you must register before kickoff on Wed 3/15 (tk 4) and Mon 3/27 (tk 1 & 3).

First Annual Nighthawk Talent Show

When

Friday, March 3rd, 5pm

Where

2275 Herbert Akins Road Fuquay-Varina, NC

More information

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

Please join us in cheering on our Nighthawk Students as they showcase their many talents for our school community!

7th and 8th Grade Band Concert

When

Tuesday, March 7th, 6pm

Where

2275 Herbert Akins Road Fuquay-Varina, NC

More information

Please join us on Tuesday, March 7th in the theater to hear our wonderful musicians in concert!

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.

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

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



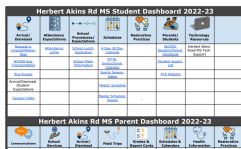
Herbert Akins Rd Nighthawks PTA Business Sponsorship Opportunities

	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



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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 href="https://d...



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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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[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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