

# Nighthawk News

*Herbert Akins Rd MS Community Newsletter*

**Week of March 3, 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 March 3, 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.*



Track 1 has school on Monday and Tuesday of this week. The third quarter ends for them on Tuesday and track out begins Wednesday with a March 27th return for the 4th quarter.

Tracks 3 and 4 are in the last three weeks of Quarter 3. Please take a moment to check your student's PowerSchool account to assist them in making sure they have all work completed and submitted to their teachers.

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

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- Positivity Project -Character Strength Focus: Social Intelligence and Optimism
- Apply for School Meals - This does assist the school with obtaining more funds and resources.
- EOG/EOC Purpose and Instruction
- 7th and 8th Grade Band Concert
- Purchasing a Yearbook
- 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

**Apply for School Meals here.**

Did you know that students must pay for breakfast and lunch this year? Funding is available for our school if parents take a moment to complete this process. Thank you!

## **Positivity Project - Social Intelligence and Optimism**

Dear Families,

This week our Track 3 students will be focusing on the character strength of Social Intelligence. Social intelligence means you are aware of other people's thoughts and feelings. You understand why they do things.

Social intelligence refers to a person's ability to understand and manage interpersonal relationships. It is distinct from a person's IQ or "book smarts." It includes an individual's ability to understand, and act on, the feelings, thoughts, and behaviors of other people. This type of intelligence can take place "in the moment" of face-to-face conversations but also appears during times of deliberate thinking. It involves emotional intelligence and self-awareness.

Social intelligence helps individuals build relationships -- and is important to numerous aspects of a person's life. It allows an individual to form friendships and alliances. And it assists a person against being taken advantage of. People with social intelligence can "read" other people's faces and know what motivates them. Social intelligence builds over time and as a person ages. In this sense, it is similar to the character strength of perspective.

To practice and encourage the character strength of social intelligence 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 Optimism. Optimism means you expect the best from the future and work to achieve it.

Optimism represents a state of hopefulness and confidence about the future (both short and long term). People with this strength are future-oriented. They have a positive vision of what the future holds and maintain confidence that they will get there. Despite setbacks, they keep a positive attitude and often find ways to convert what seems like an obstacle into a stepping-stone to achieving their goals.

Optimism is not about wearing rose-colored glasses and rolling over when the going gets tough. It's about staying focused on the good in any situation -- allowing you to be aware of opportunities and accountable for your emotions. Optimists are strong leaders. They find meaning in hardship and can create a vision for the future. Optimists are inspiring; their example is contagious. And, by sharing and achieving their vision -- despite setbacks -- they help us all achieve more.

To practice and encourage the character strength of optimism 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.

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## 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 \$50.

### 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!



### PTA Booster Bash - #NighthawksRise as the first WCPSS Middle School to host a Booster Bash!

Herbert Akins Rd Middle families,

The day is here! You can now register for our Herbert Akins Rd Middle Booster Bash! \*Make sure to register for the MIDDLE SCHOOL program, or you can use code 129-298 to register.\* 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. Registering is easy and free!

★ [Register Now On MYBOOSTER.COM](https://mybooster.com) ★





Just for registering, you can enter our PARENT SWEEPSTAKES to win a gift card to Amazon, Target, Starbucks, Chick-Fil-A, Krispy Kreme or McDonald's (6 winners). In order to be eligible for the drawing, you must register before your school's kickoff date: Wed 2/15 (4th-5th) & Mon 2/27 (6th-8th).

Be sure to check out the easy sharing functions on [MYBOOSTER.COM](https://mybooster.com) to let others know how they can help support our school.


Thank you for working with us to make our school stronger. We are grateful for your support!

## Student Snack Donation Sign Up Genius - Nighthawks PTA

We are still accepting donations in the front office for snacks for students and families in our school community. Collecting shelf stable snacks as part of our outreach activities to help our students and school community is a focus area of our PTA. [Please sign up](#) to donate any of the items listed or any items that you feel would be a benefit. 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



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Support FVHS with their Band on the Run 5K on Saturday, April 15th!  
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## **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.

**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





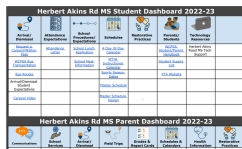
## Herbert Akins Rd Nighthawks PTA Business Sponsorship Opportunities

	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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