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Fort Herriman Newsletter

UCAS DATA

Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, all schools in Utah will be evaluated for their effectiveness based upon each student's individual progress. The UCAS system is very complex and cannot be explained in this short space but it is a wonderful tool to assess how well all schools are doing in meeting the individual needs of each student. Fort

Herriman Middle School attained a UCAS score of 514 out of 600. With a little more growth in language arts and math, our score could be 547. The scoring system used to establish a school-wide score is very complex. A 514 score puts us in the 85th percentile in the State; a 547 score puts us in the 94th percentile. We are very happy with these results and proud of the progress each of our students is making.



Schools to Watch

One of the greatest accomplishments Fort Herriman has achieved is its status as a National School to Watch. Only 300 of 7800 middle schools nation-wide have this high distinction. We were designated in 2010 and are currently working on our re-designation application. Each school must re-apply every three years. Fort Herriman must demonstrate highly functioning and effective programs that promote academic excellence, are socially equitable, and developmentally appropriate for middle level learners. Our site review is February 12th and we are excited to showcase the many wonderful things that Fort Herriman does to support our students.

School Parking Lot Reminder

Everyone is in a hurry and has somewhere to be. However, the safety of our students should supersede everything. PLEASE be patient in the mornings with drop offs and in the afternoon with pick ups. Please pull forward when possible and only drop off and pick up on the red curb. The North parking lot was never intended to be an additional pick up / drop off zone. If you drop off on Mirabella, please stay back from the cross walk a minimum of 100 feet.



Upcoming events at Fort Herriman Middle School

Mardi Gras/Carnaval

February 12th

The World language department will be celebrating Mardi gras and Carnaval. Students will be making Mardi Gras/Carnaval 'masks'. The French students will be making 'floats' for our parade around the school. We will be dancing 'la plena' and chanting the 'vejigante' chant in Spanish. We will also dance to French Mardi Gras music.

8th Grade Test

February 26th-28th

8th graders will be taking the Direct Writing Assessment (DWA). Get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast!

Hoops for Heart

February 13th

All students are invited to participate in Hoops for Heart. Paper work must be turned in by Feb. 8th. A minimum 10 dollar donation is requested. All the proceeds go to the American Heart association.

PTSA INFORMATION

Valentine's Day is for Candy and Fun!

In the tradition of giving candy and cards to those you want to wish a Happy Valentine's Day, the PTSA will be providing chocolate roses, heart pops and lil' bug candies for FHMS students to buy. On February 14th, your candy grams will be delivered throughout the school by the PTSA students and Mrs. Dimick. You will also have a chance to dance and have fun with your friends at the Valentine's Day Dance after school.

It's with love for FHMS and the Students within that we wish you a....

Happy Valentine's Day!!

From your PTSA

We will be ordering extra memory books for students who did not get a chance to order. On the day we hand them out they will be sold on a first come first served basis.

Please have a check for \$35 made to FHMS or cash. If you use a check we will need a phone number and email address of the parent.

Facebook

Check out the FHMS PTSA Facebook page!

Like us and see all of the cool activities as well as the updates.

Ellis Island Activity

February 14th

The Utah History Department is excited to announce our annual Ellis Island activity. On this day 7th graders re-live what it was like to experience the process of immigrating to the U.S. in the early 20th century. This cross-curricular activity involves English, Science, and History. It will take place in the auditorium on Valentine's Day February 14. We welcome anyone who would like to see our students have some fun, while learning an important part of our history.





Sub for Santa / Utah Food Bank Success

Fort Herriman has a great tradition of giving. The Herriman and Riverton communities have been very supportive to our causes each year. This year during our sub for Santa fundraising, Fort Herriman Middle School students brought in almost \$10,000 and 14,000 pounds of food. The value of the food comes to around \$32,000 dollars so our total this year was nearly \$42,000 dollars – all in nine days. This is an outstanding accomplishment for our students. All food was picked up by the Utah Food Bank and will be used to provide for families in need. On February 6th, Fort Herriman will be recognized at a special luncheon in celebration of the

school's contribution. For five of the past eight years, Fort Herriman has been the single largest school donator for the entire state.

With our sub for Santa money we were able to support five families in the school boundaries who were in need of help this year. We were also able to donate \$2,000 to Jordan Credit Union's Warm the Soles Program which provides shoes and socks for children in the Midvale and Sandy boys and girls clubs. Finally, we were able to buy \$1,000 worth of brand new toys for the Riverton IHC children's wing to give away as presents to kids in the hospital during Christmas.



Crêpe

In honor of 'La Chandeleur' on Feb. 2nd, French students in Mme. Bergstrom's class ate crêpes!

- 1 C. flour
- 2 T. sugar
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 3 eggs
- 1 ½ C milk
- 2 T. melted butter

Blend first 5 ingredients together until smooth. Blend in melted butter.

Cook crêpes with crêpe maker or in a pan with slanted sides.

*Add desired toppings. Fold crêpe in half, then in half again so it looks like a triangle. You're **not** supposed to roll them up like a burrito.:)*

CTE Month – Celebrating Career and Technical Education

The Career and Technical Education Department celebrated CTE month during the Month of January! On Mondays, during announcements, there was a “CTE question of the week” for students to answer and enter into a drawing for ten free Backpacks each week. These were awarded for correct answers during announcements either Thursday or Friday.

Once a week, during TA, students received CTE reminders to register for a CTE class next year. Short CTE commercials/public service announcements were shown each week on different subjects in CTE including Business, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Technology.

On January 15th, 7th grade CTE Intro. Students were shown Work-Based Learning presentations from Herriman High Students during 6th and 7th period about their internships they completed this past semester.

On January 23rd the 7th grade students had an assembly during 6th and 7th period for a CTE slide show and a student-created video on the CTE courses offered here at FHMS. There were also presentations by some of our own teachers and administrators about their first jobs.

On January 25th we had two assemblies for 8th and 9th grade students from the JATC (Jordan Applied Technical Center) about the programs available at the JATC and the requirements students must meet in order to enroll in one of their programs.

At the end of the month, we took career photos with props and cutouts during both lunches for display and for the end-of-the-year slideshows.

Thank you to the entire CTE Department for an amazing CTE month!

School Safety Planning

In light of the tragic events in December at Sandy Hook Elementary School, Jordan School District Administration, local school administrations, and local responders have taken the time to review our own emergency procedures. Jordan School District has a uniform emergency response system that schools follow. Although some parts of the system are customized to the needs of the school and the school size, the overall structure is the same. Fort Herriman practices these drills and includes responders in the drills for their own practice and advises on what we could improve upon. We will be reviewing our emergency procedures with the School Community Council at our upcoming meeting on February 20th. If there is a situation where Fort Herriman Middle School has to go into lock down please remember the following:

First, coming to the school will only create more problems. All entrances will be closed to the school and access will not be allowed. Responder's soul focus should be upon the safety of our children.

Second, the school will not be answering the phone during a lock down. Also, we would ask that you try to limit communication with your students via cell phone. We understand your number one priority in any situation is to ensure that your student is safe. It is also our number one priority. We will need student's undivided attention to listen to procedures and instructions. We have advised the students that calling on cell phones during a lock down is not acceptable behavior as the talking could jeopardize the safety of all students. **ABSOLUTE SILENCE IN A LOCK DOWN IS IMPERATIVE.**

Finally, there are procedures in place for the orderly pick up and return of all students to their parents. Students will not just simply be released to go.

We would ask for your cooperation with these items in the event that we would need to go into a lock down situation. All parents will be updated via the SKYLERT system, which will include emails, texts and phone calls.

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