



Hedgie Herald Principal Message September 19, 2025

Fall is around the corner, which means there will be colder mornings. As a reminder, we have a Lost and Found spot where all materials left outside are kept. So if you are missing hoodies, jackets or sweatshirts, stop by the main office and we can let you take a look in the Lost and Found! It is already starting to fill up.

Thank you for your continued support!

If you need anything, please feel free to call the school or reach out to me directly if you have any questions or concerns, bcline@wcpss.net.

LAPS for Holly Grove - COMING SOON!!!!

Laps for Holly Grove is coming soon!

Tracks 1 & 3 are on Oct 17, and Tracks 2 & 4 are on Nov 7. Laps is our one fundraising activity where our students are directly asking for donations that will fund all PTA initiatives throughout the year. This year, Laps will be a half-day event with fewer stations, focused on running and some favorite activities. We will then have a family movie night on 11/14 to celebrate our fundraising efforts. More details to come, but save the date!

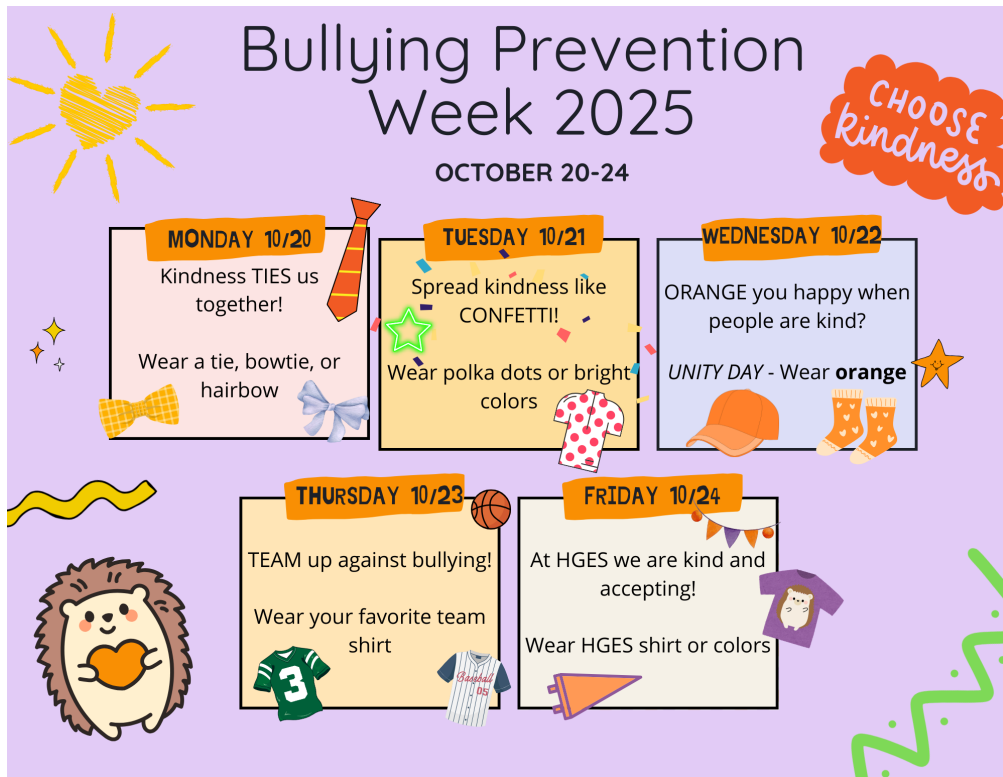
Volunteer Sign-up Links:

[PTA Classroom Liaison \(Will be with your child's class at Laps\)](#)

[Laps Day-of Volunteer \(Do not sign up if you are already a Classroom Liaison\)](#)

Bully Prevention Week

Mark your calendar for October 20-24 for our first spirit week. See Below.



NCDOT Aviation Art Contest 2026

We are excited to launch the 2026 North Carolina Aviation Art Contest for students born between 2008-2019.

Almost 13,000 North Carolina students from 825 schools have participated in the contest since 2013. We hope your students will join the fun while competing for cash prizes.

Entries must be RECEIVED by Friday, January 16, 2026. No extensions will be offered.

This year's theme is "Fly to Save Lives." Read more about the theme at the NCDOT Division of Aviation's [art contest website](#). We invite all students who live in or attend school in North Carolina to focus their creativity on how aviation and air sports can help save lives.

All students who participate will receive electronic Certificates of Participation. Additionally, the **top three** entries in each age group, determined by date of birth, will be forwarded to Washington, D.C., to be judged in the national competition. The artwork of the national winners will be sent to Switzerland to compete in the international competition.

Student Winners by Age Group	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Junior	\$75	\$50	\$25
Intermediate	\$100	\$75	\$50
Senior	\$225	\$150	\$100

For the winning students' schools:			
Junior	\$100	\$75	\$50
Intermediate	\$100	\$75	\$50
Senior	\$100	\$75	\$50

Student artwork will be returned after the competition if:

- The student submits return packaging/mailer and postage **at the time the artwork is submitted.**
- The student does **not** place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at the national or international level. The national and international contests may retain winning artwork.

Contest tips and rules, entry forms, and the required Certificate of Authenticity may be found on the NCDOT Division of Aviation's [art contest website](#).

Mail artwork submissions to:

North Carolina Aviation Art Contest
 NCDOT Division of Aviation
 Attn: Haven Bailey
 1560 Mail Service Center
 Raleigh NC 27699-1560

Breakfast & Lunch Menus

Menus are available on our interactive [Meal Viewer](#) website, which gives you the flexibility to:

- View menus in PDF and print if desired
- [View 5 weeks of menus for breakfast and lunch in real time as necessary changes are made](#)
- Set up multiple profiles at the schools of your choice
- See any menu changes posted by the manager at each site
- Choose menu items based on allergens
- View nutrients and carbohydrate count for each menu item
- Print menus with carb counts per item and items with allergens designated
- Add nutrients for meals eaten, even partial meals
- Submit ratings on your favorite items
- *Free and reduced lunch applications are also available at the school, please stop by the front desk for an application.*

Follow HGES on SOCIAL MEDIA and via our SCHOOL'S WEBSITE

See what's happening at our school, and follow us on [Facebook](#) and the main [Website](#)

Upcoming Events:

[Holly Grove Elementary Calendar of Events](#)



[Click here to view the most recent PTA Newsletter - September 17](#)



Stock the Lounge

It's the first-ever *Stock the Teacher Lounge September* at HGES, brought to you by the PTA!

Let's show our amazing teachers some love all month long by filling their lounges with snacks, drinks, cups, and other goodies they'll enjoy and appreciate!

Drop-off donations in the PTA bin located outside the front office window — or make it even easier by ordering from our Amazon wishlist and having items sent straight to the school.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2DZMPUTOL7236?ref=wl_share&fbclid=IwY2xjawMuTexleHRuA2FibQlxMABicmlkETFnSDBTbIzZSW9GbVdTeTRIAR7itUohYPWm_Kx464ssixn0-MtwBk1EKnv4Nn6ajOeDuCpPveKTyxwrPCNIQg_aem_SIH_4GHg_Cs11AsHN-0Qfw

Thank you for helping us support and celebrate our wonderful teachers!

Hedgies Give Back

Hedgies Give Back, new this year!

We sponsored a hedgehog via the World Wildlife Foundation! Check out the PTA bulletin board near the gym for fun hedgehog facts and to see the impact sponsorship makes.

We donated \$1000 to Rex Road Elementary PTA to help them start their PTA! We miss so many of our former hedgies and want to kick off their new school year in a new school in the right way.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at bcline@wcpss.net or call the front desk at (919-577-1700)

Mr. Cline, HGES Principal

Mrs. Fricke, HGES Assistant Principal

Reminders:

September 23 - Fall Picture Make Up Day - Tracks 2 & 4

October 16 - Fall Picture Make Up Day - Tracks 1 & 3

October 17 - LAPS for Holly Grove Tracks 1 & 3

November 4 - No School - Election Day - Teacher Workday

November 7 - LAPS for Holly Grove Tracks 2 & 4

November 11 - No School - Veteran's Day