

# EAGLEGRAM



HIDDEN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL  Helping Students Find Their Wings Since 1972

## WELCOME NEW STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Exciting days are ahead as we gear up for the opening of the 2011-2012 school year! We welcome the rising sixth graders (Class of 2018!) and their families as well as a number of new students who have moved into our area. To our returning students and families, we say "we're glad you're back" and invite you to continue exploring ways to be increasingly involved in the life of our school.

Good communication is essential to facilitating each family's involvement. We have programs planned to ease new students' transition to Hidden Valley and we encourage everyone to regularly check our school website, utilize teacher-maintained class websites, and sign up for the HVM Parent Email Connection.



Look inside this current issue of the *Eaglegram* for information on the following:

- ◆ Schedule Pick Up Evening on August 11 from 3-6 PM
- ◆ New Student Orientation on August 19
- ◆ What students can expect the first day of school

Parents, please take note of the **PARENT CONNECTION** menu options on our website, designed with parents in mind. See it today at [www.rcs.k12.va.us/hvms](http://www.rcs.k12.va.us/hvms)

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### JULY 2011

#### CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- AUG 11 SCHEDULE PICK UP EVENING
- AUG 19 NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
- AUG 22 FIRST PUPIL DAY
- SEP 20 BACK TO SCHOOL PTA NIGHT

## SCHEDULE PICK UP AFTERNOON SCHEDULED

Our annual Schedule Pick Up Evening is scheduled for Thursday, August 11. On this evening, from 3-6 PM, PTA volunteers will be on hand to distribute class schedules, sell PE uniforms, and invite parents to join PTA.

Class schedules will include names of assigned teachers,

classroom numbers, locker numbers, and locker combinations. The building will be open for students to find their classrooms and practice opening their lockers. Locker shelves are available for purchase but students should first check to see if their assigned locker already has shelves.

Schedules may also be picked up after Aug. 11 during regular office hours but, due to confidentiality, students are not allowed to pick up schedules for other students. Schedules will also be available for all students in homeroom on the first day of school. **(See note on p. 4 regarding Tdap booster!)**

**6th GRADE & NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION  
AUG 19 HVMS CAFETERIA**

All new students and their parents (including all 6th graders) are invited to attend an orientation at the school on Friday, August 19 from 9:00-10:30 PM. The program will provide students an opportunity to meet each of their teachers and to locate their classrooms. Parents will meet with the administration and Guidance to learn about the program at HVM, the characteristics of the middle school child, and the specific guidelines and procedures at HVM. There will also be an opportunity for parents to tour the building. Buses will **not** run for this orientation program.



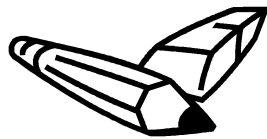
**BUDDIES NEEDED FOR NEW STUDENTS**

We need returning students as "buddies" for our new 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders coming in to HVM. If you are interested, call Guidance at 772-7570 and give us your name. You will need to be here at 8:30 AM on Friday, August 19 for orientation. We will meet in the FORUM. All Ambassadors should plan to attend. Come and bring a smile!



**SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST**

The list of suggested school supplies has been sent to Staples and Wal-Mart. The supply list is also posted on the school web site at [www.rcs.k12.va.us/hvms](http://www.rcs.k12.va.us/hvms).



**BUS ROUTES**

Bus routes will be listed on the Roanoke County web-site at :

<https://www.rcs.k12.va.us/transportation/route.shtml>

All students are encouraged to take advantage of the provided bus transportation to avoid being tardy to school.



**New School Hours**

School hours are 8:20 AM to 3:25 PM daily. Students are expected to be in class and seated at 8:20 AM or be counted tardy.

**CONTACTING TEACHERS**

Parents are encouraged to stay in contact with teachers throughout the year. If you ever have a concern, academic or behavior, or just need to verify information, please feel free to contact your child's teacher(s). Email addresses and class website information is located on the school website ([www.rcs.k12.va.us/hvms](http://www.rcs.k12.va.us/hvms)) or you may call or schedule a conference. Due to confidentiality, teachers are not allowed to use email for sensitive information, but emailing to set up a time to call works well. The following times are generally the best times to call.

**6th Grade EXPLORERS**

**Teacher Planning Time:**

**3rd Block 12:10-1:45**



**7th Grade INNOVATORS**

**Teacher Planning Time:**

**4th Block 1:50-3:25**



**8th Grade Adventurers**

**Teacher Planning Time:**

**Math & English: 1st Block 8:20-9:55**

**Science & Social Studies: 2nd Block 10:00-11:35**



**Welcome New Staff!**

We welcome to Hidden Valley several new staff members: Allison Anderson, resource; Sarah Bayer, math; Robin Hurst, math ; Tammy Odom, Latin; Brian Rubin, resource; Cole Shepherd, history; and Billy Tre-sky, history.

**Order Now**



**Hidden Valley Spirit Gear!**

**Now taking orders for Hidden Valley t-shirts, polo shirts, sweat shirts ... and more**

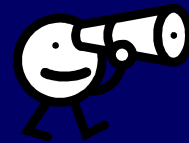
**Info available on the website!**

**Plan now to order on Schedule Pick-up Day, August 11 or send in your order to the main office, Attn. Mrs. Bidwell!**

## WHAT TO DO ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Monday, August 22 marks the first day of school for the 2011-12 school year. All students will report to their alphabetical homeroom at 8:20 for attendance and homeroom routines. For students who have not picked up their schedule or who have forgotten their homeroom, large posters will be displayed throughout the school listing homerooms for each grade. Plenty of assistance is available in the hallways for our new students who might need some extra help to find their way. During homeroom, materials will be given out that come home for parents to review and complete. Homeroom materials should be returned to the school on August 24 if possible.

**We'll be looking for  
YOU on AUG 22**



After homeroom, students will attend all of their classes. School is dismissed at 3:25.

Students will begin their day in their alphabetical homerooms for several days until most of the homeroom business is complete. Teachers will let students know which day we will begin a regular schedule.

### REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS & TARDINESS

After the first week of school, students report directly to 1<sup>st</sup> block. Our day begins with a moment of reflection, the Pledge of Allegiance and important news and announcements. It is important that students recognize that being tardy to school means missing valuable information. It is also important that middle school students recognize that being on time to school is their responsibility. The school day ends at 3:25.



Should it be necessary for your child to be tardy to school, please inform the school office. Students who arrive at school after 8:20 AM must report to the Attendance Office and be signed in by a parent. Students who arrive at school

from a doctor or dentist appointment may present a tardy note from that office, and no parent signature is required.

The following are recognized as excused reasons for tardies: illness, medical appointments, court appearances, and late buses. We cannot excuse tardiness due to car problems or heavy traffic since public transportation is provided. **Silent Lunch or After-School Detention is assigned to students with more than 3 unexcused tardies each semester.**

### VISITORS

Anyone visiting HVM for any purpose must sign in at the office upon arrival and **present a picture ID** to request a VISITOR'S BADGE. Identification is kept in the office until the visitor signs back out. Student visitors are not permitted.

Parents wishing to meet with a teacher should please make arrangements in advance by calling or emailing the teacher so that your meeting is more productive.

### PREPARING FOR EARLY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

On occasion, it becomes necessary to close school early. This may be necessary due to weather conditions, electrical failure, etc. Students and parents should discuss ahead of time the plan to be followed when schools are dismissed prior to the scheduled time. Once an early school closing has been announced, it is difficult for students to call parents for instructions. Limited phone lines make contacting the school very difficult. Should an emergency early dismissal become necessary, parents may call the COUNTY PUBLIC INFORMATION LINE at 562-6000 to obtain information regarding the dismissal. The RCPS Instant Alert System will also be used to notify parents of early closings. The Boy Scouts have it right on this one... Be Prepared!



### TRAFFIC PATTERN

**Mornings** If you drop off your child in the morning, turn right into the first entrance past the football field. This is the drop off lane. Proceed all the way to the end of the building to drop off your child at the sidewalk near the bus parking lot. When exiting, be cautious of entering buses.

If you plan to enter the building, please turn right into the second entrance and park in a marked space.

**Afternoons** Please turn right into the second entrance and park in a marked space to wait for your child to exit the building. Do NOT use the AM drop off lane! **Please be very careful when leaving, watching for pedestrians and buses!**



## MEET YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Mrs. Childress and Ms. Bruno, our school counselors, in the Guidance Office are here to help our young Eagles succeed as a students and citizens.

Students are assigned to the following counselor caseloads. If you have questions concerning your child during the school year, please contact the counselor assigned by the student's last name.

A-F Lisa Childress                      Si-Z Lisa Childress  
G-Sh Rennie Bruno

Mrs. Childress can be reached at  
[lchildress@rcs.k12.va.us](mailto:lchildress@rcs.k12.va.us) or 772-7570 x32011.

Ms. Bruno may be reached at  
[rbruno@rcs.k12.va.us](mailto:rbruno@rcs.k12.va.us) or 772-7570 x32012.

### RCPS Grading Scale:

**A: 90-100    B: 80-89    C: 70-79**  
**D: 60-69    F: 59 and below**



### IMMUNIZATION REMINDER

Rising 6th grade students must provide documentation on having had the Tdap booster shot prior to entry into school on Aug. 22. **Schedules will not be available for students who have not provided documentation.** If you have not already done so, please provide proof of immunization ASAP!



### LEGAL NOTICE REGARDING RESIDENCY

§22.1-264.1. Misdemeanor to make false statements as to school division or attendance zone residency; penalty.

Any person who knowingly makes a false statement concerning the residency of a child, as determined by § 22.1-3, in a particular school division or school attendance zone, for the purposes of (i) avoiding the tuition charges authorized by § 22.1-5 or (ii) enrollment in a school outside the attendance zone in which the student resides, shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor. (2005, c. 178.)

## STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

# SAP

Congratulations to all the students and their parents for making it through another school year. Some of you made it through with little difficulty and others with some struggles. If you would like some assistance dealing with any struggles or problems that may cause you stress or interfere with your progress next year, then please contact me. I can offer assistance with either individual counseling or small educational support groups during the next school year.

**Mr. Tim Hayes, SAP Coordinator at HVMS**  
562-3900 ext. 32019                      thayes@rcs.k12.va.us

**PROGRAMS...SMALL GROUP STUDENT SUPPORT**  
Stress Management, Life Skills, Anger Management, Bullying Resolving Conflicts, Substance Abuse Prevention, Violence, Prevention.      RED RIBBON WEEK

### REMOVAL OF CREDIT-BEARING COURSE(S) FROM THE SCHOLASTIC RECORD.....

The parents of any student enrolled in the seventh or eighth grade, taking a credit-bearing course, may request that the credit-bearing course be removed from their child's record prior to the beginning of the next school year. Please contact your child's Guidance Counselor if you have questions regarding this policy.

### Helping Parents Address the Challenges of Middle School

The Roanoke County Prevention Council offers "Guiding Good Choices" a parenting class that promotes communication and proven strategies for helping middle schoolers make healthy choices. For more information and class schedules please call 772-4341 or check our website at  
**[www.preventioncouncil4youth.org](http://www.preventioncouncil4youth.org)**

*Roanoke County Public Schools does not discriminate with regard to race, color, national origin, sex, or handicapping condition in an educational and/or employment policy or practice. Questions and/or complaints should be addressed to the Assistant Superintendent of Administration/Title IX Coordinator at (540) 562-3900 ext. 10121 or the Director of Pupil Personnel Services/504 Coordinator at (540) 562-3900 ext. 10182.*

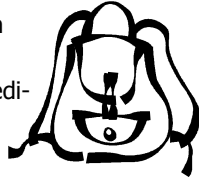
## STUDENT HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

Roanoke County Schools and Hidden Valley Middle School set high standards of expectations for student conduct and habits of character for the mutual safety and benefit of our learning community. All students will receive a student handbook with rules and other information designed to help our students be more successful. Some highlights are listed below.

### BOOKBAGS/BACKPACKS & PURSES

Bookbags/backpacks and purses must be left in lockers each morning when students arrive at school. The American Academy of Pediatric Medicine recommends that backpacks should not exceed 10-15% of a student's body weight.

Students are encouraged not to carry all of their "earthly possessions" with them at all times. Students are provided adequate time to visit their lockers between classes.



### DELIVERIES & MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS

Office personnel are not available to make deliveries to students. If a student knows that an item (lunch, homework, gym suit) is being delivered to the office, the student is responsible for checking in the office between classes to pick it up.



For significant occasions, parents, relatives or friends may wish to send flowers or balloons to a special young person. These expressions of love or concern should be sent directly to the student's home, rather than to school. Students may not carry flowers and/or balloons with them to class.

Messages are given to students during lunch and at the end of the day on the afternoon announcements. We do not interrupt instructional time for messages or deliveries, except in emergency situations. Messages and deliveries for students will only be accepted from the student's parents.

### CAFETERIA VISITORS

Occasionally, parents like to eat lunch with their child. Only members of a student's immediate family are allowed to eat lunch in the cafeteria. Parents are discouraged from bringing in fast food or pizza for their child. **Unfortunately, we cannot allow fast food to be brought into the cafeteria for groups of students and we cannot provide a separate party room.**

### DRESS AND GROOMING

Appropriate student dress contributes to the overall climate of the school. Not all fashion trends are appropriate for school. Student appearance/style must not be disruptive to classroom activities. Good judgment in the selection of school clothing will result in fewer interruptions during the school day. All students will follow these guidelines which have been adopted as a common standard by all RCPS secondary schools.

General Guidelines:

- ◆ Short/skirt length should be no higher than 5" from the top of the knee
- ◆ Sleeveless shirts are allowed; however, shoulder straps must be a minimum of 3 inches in width
- ◆ No undergarments, cleavage, or midriffs should be exposed
- ◆ Safe shoes are required at all times

The following should not be worn in school:

- ◆ Sleeves with oversized armholes
- ◆ See through garments (including knitted garments)
- ◆ Form-fitted shorts (i.e., biker shorts)
- ◆ Cut offs, torn, or ripped clothing
- ◆ Grossly oversized clothing

- ◆ Shirts with spaghetti straps
- ◆ Tube/tank tops
- ◆ Heavy or long winter coats
- ◆ Pajamas or bedroom slippers
- ◆ Bandanas
- ◆ Heavy, metal chains
- ◆ Any accessories with spikes (jewelry, belts, etc.)
- ◆ Dog chains or collars
- ◆ Sunglasses
- ◆ Headgear including hats, caps, sweatbands, bandanas, wave caps, or scarves (except for religious beliefs)
- ◆ Anything considered dangerous, distracting, or disruptive to the instructional environment is prohibited.
- ◆ Clothing or accessories should not bear messages or pictures that are profane, obscene, offensive to others, or promote gangs, violence, drugs or alcohol.

The administration at each school reserves the right to judge appropriate appearance. Students not adhering to the dress code will not be allowed to attend class. Parents will be called to bring clothing that conforms to the dress code or appropriate clothing will be provided. A warning letter is normally issued on the first offense, depending on the nature of the violation.

## STUDENT HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

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### ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

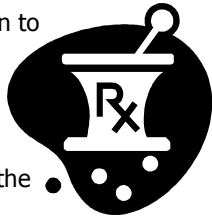
If a student becomes too ill to remain in school, he/she should request a sick form from the teacher. The nurse or office staff will call parents to pick up ill students. The student may see the school nurse whenever she is available. A student going home sick will remain in class, whenever possible, until his/her parent arrives. A parent must come into the school building before a student can be released. A student can only be released to his/her parent unless approval is given by the parent for a student to leave with another person. Photo ID is required.



### MEDICINE

School personnel may administer medication to students, in all grade levels, **only** when all of the following conditions are met:

1. Parents must complete the Parent Permission for Administration of Medication form.
2. **Parents** must bring the medication to school. Transportation of medication by students is not permitted.
3. The medication must be stored in the container issued by the pharmacy, with the name of the student, prescribing physician or dentist, name of medication, and time/dosage to be given.
4. Students should report to the office to request medications. Students are not called to the office.



Students **may not** administer any medications, prescription or non-prescription, to themselves. Prescription and non-prescription medication must be delivered to the school by the parent/guardian. Medication must be in the original container.

### INHALERS

Students may carry inhalers for asthma with them to be used when needed. Appropriate paperwork must be completed and filed with the nurse.

### ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

Regular attendance is directly related to academic success and we encourage students to keep absences to a minimum. For the well-being of everyone, though, students are urged to stay at home when contagious. Our focus is on excellent attendance rather than perfect attendance.

Parents should call to notify the school on the morning a student will be absent. HVM is required to make a reasonable effort to contact a parent whenever a child is absent. A call to the school reduces the time spent confirming absences. Parents can call before or after office hours and leave a message on the voicemail.

Upon their return to school, all students must get an admit slip from the first period teacher. A written excuse from a parent(s) stating the reason for the absence is required. The excuse should include full student name and grade.

**Excused absences:** (1) Personal illness or an illness in the family, (2) death in the family, (3) involuntary court appearance, (4) absences approved in advance by the administration (Prior Request), and (5) dental and doctor appointments. A pupil must have a statement from the doctor's or dentist's office upon returning to school.

All other absences will be considered unexcused. Unexcused absences will be referred to the administration for appropriate action.

### Prior-approved absences (Priors)

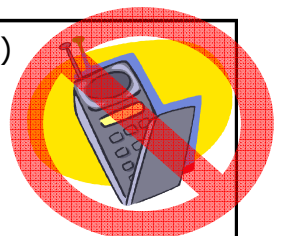
Students who are aware of a future absence must bring a note from their parent(s) indicating the reason for the absence and requesting the absence be recorded as excused. The attendance officer will evaluate the request and issue a Prior Request Form. The student must have this form signed by each of his/her teachers and return it to the office at the end of the day. The student is to pick up admit slip upon return to school from their first period teacher.

### PROMOTION POLICY

Students in grades 6, 7, & 8 must pass English, social studies, math, and science to be promoted to the next grade level. Students who fail to meet the promotion policy requirements must repeat the grade level or attend summer school to make up deficiencies. A student may take a maximum of two repeat courses in summer school.

**YOU USE,  
YOU LOSE!**

Students bring electronic devices (e.g. cell phones, iPods, games) to school at their own risk! Students are not allowed to use electronic devices during the school day and any such devices must be kept in the student's locker. Otherwise, they will be confiscated.



## Meet Us In the Middle

Middle school. Depending on our own past experiences and memories of those trying years of young adolescence, our concept of middle school is likely to produce feelings ranging from excitement to anxiety. As the parent of three children, I can identify with the emotions that many of our Hidden Valley parents experience as we prepare our kids for the years to come. For many students, new routines of changing classes and working locker combinations can lead to some apprehension while the prospect of meeting new friends and exploring new interests may be eagerly anticipated.

Whichever description best fits you, I want to invite each of our Hidden Valley families to meet us in the middle as we work together to help our students through the intellectual, emotional, and social challenges that lie ahead. Hidden Valley students are fortunate to work under the direction of teachers unequalled in their commitment, caring, and credentials, working in partnership with families that are supportive of their efforts. We celebrate the diversity of our community and believe that there is a place for everyone within the Hidden Valley family. Whether by checking your child's homework planner or by volunteering in the school, your role is important and valued and statistics show that your participation makes a difference! Working together, we can provide our children with a positive middle school experience that will prepare them for high school and life. We look forward to working with you and thank you for the privilege of working with your child.

### *Helping Students Find Their Wings*

Our mission at Hidden Valley Middle School is to cultivate knowledge, to promote civic responsibility, to provide opportunities for the exploration of interests and abilities, to foster positive attitudes, and to develop essential skills necessary for all students to become productive citizens capable of thriving in the dynamic world of the twenty-first century.

It's a tall order! Working together, we can achieve this mission, however, and help each student achieve now and prepare for future challenges. We seek to take each student where they are and help them reach their potential. This means challenging successful students to reach even higher and making sure that students who are still looking for success get the extra help they need.

## WELCOME, CAVE SPRING SQUIRES

We share the excitement of the Cave Spring community that a new school is under construction to serve the citizens of Roanoke County and are glad to be able to accommodate our 6th and 7th grade Cave Spring guests during construction. Any project of this magnitude is sure to bring some challenges and bumps along the way, but we will work closely with the administration and staff of Cave Spring Middle to make the transition as smooth as possible and correct and problems that may arise. Our attitude is that we are in this together and, with a little patience and flexibility, we will all emerge stronger at the end. We want to extend the same level of hospitality that we know would be extended to us if the situation were reversed. Welcome to the Cave Spring Squires, staff, and parents!



*Roanoke County Students Learning Together While Building for the Future*

[www.rcs.k12.va.us/hvms](http://www.rcs.k12.va.us/hvms)

# ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS

Beth Mast, Assistant Principal / Athletic Director

The Hidden Valley athletic department would like to welcome the following new coaches to our staff: Mr. Todd Cunningham, boys baseball coach; Mr. Scott Anthony, assistant coach for the boys baseball team; Mr. Patrick Knicely, boys soccer coach; Ms. Holland Long, head coach for the girls track team; and Ms. Carol Newell and Ms. Shanika Dillard, assistant coaches for the girls track team; and Kelly Eanes, head volleyball coach.. Our new Coaches are enthusiastic about working with our student-athletes and are looking forward to successful seasons!

## 2011 HVMS Football Schedule

<b>8/11</b>	<b>Clifton</b>	<b>HVMS</b>
<b>8/18</b>	<b>Glenvar</b>	<b>HVMS</b>
<b>8/25</b>	<b>Andrew Lewis</b>	<b>HVMS</b>
9/1	William Byrd	WBMS
9/8	Dublin	DMS
9/15	Read Mountain	RMMS
9/22	Central Academy	CAMS
<b>9/29</b>	<b>Staunton River</b>	<b>HVMS</b>
<b>10/5</b>	<b>Northside</b>	<b>NMS</b>
<b>10/13</b>	<b>Cave Spring</b>	<b>HVMS</b>



## 2011 HVMS Volleyball Schedule

<b>8/25</b>	<b>Northside</b>	<b>HVMS</b>
8/29	Central Academy	CAMS
9/1	Read Mountain	RMMS
9/8	Ben Franklin	BFMS
<b>9/12</b>	<b>Cave Spring</b>	<b>HVMS</b>
<b>9/13</b>	<b>Glenvar Middle</b>	<b>HVMS</b>
9/15	Northside	NMS
<b>9/19</b>	<b>Central Academy</b>	<b>HVMS</b>
<b>9/22</b>	<b>William Byrd</b>	<b>HVMS</b>
9/24	HVHS Tournament	HVHS
9/26	Andrew Lewis	ALMS
<b>9/29</b>	<b>Read Mountain</b>	<b>HVMS</b>
<b>10/3</b>	<b>Andrew Lewis</b>	<b>HVMS</b>
<b>10/6</b>	<b>Ben Franklin</b>	<b>HVMS</b>
10/10	Glenvar Middle	GMS
10/13	William Bryd	WBMS
10/17	Cave Spring	CSMS

## Important Athletic Reminders:

- ◆ Athletic ticket prices: adult ticket is \$4 and a student ticket is \$2. These funds are used to help offset the cost for officials, transportation to away games, and team equipment.
- ◆ Only 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are allowed to compete on the middle school athletic teams. 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are permitted to participate in a noncompetitive capacity.
- ◆ All participating students must have a current sports-physical dated on or after May 1, 2011. *No student will be permitted to participate in tryouts or practice without a completed physical form on file.* Blank forms are available online at: <http://www.rcs.k12.va.us/hvms/athletics>

## HVMS Car Magnets Now Available!

Car magnets are now available for sale in the main office featuring the HV logo. Car magnets are sold for the bargain price of \$5 per magnet. These are available to all students.



Students who are on the FINAL honor roll list are also eligible to purchase an honor roll magnet for \$5. The bumper sticker is still free. Proceeds from magnet sales will be used to help offset the cost of our positive student recognition program.

## Do You Know a Hidden Hero?

So many of our students give of themselves through community service and volunteering. These students do not seek recognition from others but they serve as role models for all of us.



We want to recognize students who volunteer 30 or more hours for a community organization during the school year. Such students should complete and submit a verification form no later than May 1. Verification forms are found in the student planner and on our school website: [www.rcs.k12.va.us/hvms](http://www.rcs.k12.va.us/hvms).

Hidden Heroes will receive a certificate and an official t-shirt.



Hidden Valley students are encouraged to get involved in school clubs and activities. A partial listing of options is below.

Visit the school website for updates...

[www.rcs.k12.va.us/hvms](http://www.rcs.k12.va.us/hvms)

**Destination Imagination, Builders Club, Spanish Club, Book Club, First Priority, SCA, Art Club, FOR Club, Lego Club, & Prevention Club**

## Hidden Valley Middle School Student Recognition Program

### ***What is it?***

A program supporting positive academic and behavioral outcomes for all students while promote financial and mathematical literacy school-wide. This program is part of our Effective Schoolwide Discipline initiative.

### ***How does it work?***

Students earn "Eagle Bucks" from HVMS faculty and staff for exhibiting desired values such as teamwork, scholarship, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, citizenship, relentlessness, and reflection. Students can then exchange their "Eagle Bucks" for items available at the school store. Students can save their "Eagle Bucks" in the school bank earning interest on their total deposit.

***Thanks to our PTA and many local businesses for their support of this program through donations and financial support. If you have or know of a business who would be interested in making a donation of goods, services, or monetary support, please contact Mrs. Mast.***

## From our PTA President...

It is hard to believe that another school year is upon us. Where does the time go? The PTA has been planning and continues to plan for another exciting year at Hidden Valley Middle School (HVMS).

I would like to thank everyone who takes part in the PTA activities. Your hard work and support is vital to the success of the PTA and could not succeed without you.

There are numerous opportunities for students to become involved in their school as well as parents such as the various opportunities within the PTA. There are three positions that remain open on the PTA board that need to be filled and include Incentives, Partnerships and Parliamentarian. If anyone is interested in these positions and would like more information, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is below.

Most of you know that Hidden Valley Middle School has a magazine sale as its sole fundraiser with 40% of each subscription coming back to the school. I want to remind those who have subscribed to magazines and have received a renewal notice to not renew until September as to ensure that HVMS gets the credit. The magazine sale goes through the month of September. The kick-off is Wednesday, September 7.

Hope you are having a great summer!! See you in August!!

Melissa Puckett  
HVMS PTA President 2011-2012  
776-0456 or apuckfam@verizon.net

HELP US REACH 100% PARTICIPATION  
PLEASE JOIN THE PTA

### *Volunteering at Hidden Valley*

No matter how much or how little time you have to contribute, there is a way you can volunteer at Hidden Valley. Most of our volunteer efforts are coordinated through PTA. To find out more, please email (hvms@rcs.k12.va.us) or call the office (772-7570) and we'll forward your contact information. Check out the PTA portion of the newsletter for more information or sign up on Schedule Pick Up Evening.

Volunteer opportunities:

- School Watch (a great way to exercise indoors by walking our halls!)
- Hospitality (send in refreshments for various meetings)
- Incentives (send in food labels and box tops)
- Drugs/alcohol awareness (help with proj. such as decorating for Red Ribbon Wk)
- Partnerships (have or know a business that might be able to contribute in a unique way?)
- Staff Appreciation (send in food and drinks for staff appreciation days)
- Main Office Reception (help answer the phone and greet visitors)
- Photocopying
- Your Voice (provide input on various committees) and much more...

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**HVM PARENT EMAIL CONNECTION**

Sign up today for the HVM Parent Email Connection! Participants receive via email the color version of the *Eaglegram* school newsletter which saves the school valuable paper resources for instructional purposes. You will also receive regular email reminders and announcements.

Simply send in the following information to the school office today!

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Email (write clearly, please): \_\_\_\_\_

Clip this out and mail it to: EMAIL CONNECTION  
HVMS  
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Or fax to 772-7519

Or (best option) email the info to **[hvms@rcs.k12.va.us](mailto:hvms@rcs.k12.va.us)**