



Husky Headlines: Student Edition

A Newspaper for the Students of HPE

December Edition

December Fun Facts

By: Alex Gerling

During the winter solstice, branches served as a reminder of spring — and became the root of our Christmas tree. The Germans are credited with first bringing evergreens into their homes and decorating them, a tradition which made it's way to the United States in the 1830s. But it wasn't until Germany's Prince Albert introduced the tree to his new wife, England's Queen Victoria, that the tradition took off. The couple were sketched in front of a Christmas tree in 1848 — and royal fever did its work.

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Think win-win this holiday season! Spread kindness like confetti!

Calendar

By: Garrett Miller and Caleb Kramer

NOT a LATE START- EARLY RELEASE - End 2nd Quarter	December 20th
Winter Break	December 21st-31st
Christmas	December 25th
National Pie Day	December 1st
National Rosa Parks Day	December 1st
National Mutt Day	December 2nd
National Fritters Day	December 2nd
National Sock Day	December 4th
National Dice Day	December 4th
National World Trick Shot Day	December 5th

Teaching Staff of The Month

By: Brooke Winkle and Reese Stanley

Mrs. Selby

What is your favorite color? [Blue](#)

How many years have you been a teacher? [25 years](#)

Do you have any kids? [Yes, 2 boys Tyler and Logan and 2 grandsons, Palmer and Mickelson](#)

What is your favorite series of books? [I have a favorite children's author Patricia Polacco, but not a favorite series.](#)

What is your favorite subject to teach? [Reading](#)

What is your favorite holiday? [Christmas](#)

What is your favorite time of day? [12:30 because that is Read Aloud in my classroom](#)

Mrs. Robertson

What is your favorite thing about being a Kindergarten teacher?

[My students are my favorite thing about being a teacher! I love watching each child learn and discover new things.](#)

What is your favorite Ice cream flavor? [Mint chocolate chip](#)

If you had a favorite thing to bake what would it be? [chocolate chip cookie bars or brownies](#)

December Jokes

By: Mrs. Pikulski and Mrs. Fortney

Sean: Knock, knock.

Fawn: Who's there?

Sean: Murray.

Fawn: Murray who?

Sean: Murray Christmas, one and all!

What do you call a shark that delivers toys at Christmas?

"Santa Jaws!"

Where do snowmen keep their money?

In a snow bank

Sports Section

By Micah Dittmer

KC Chiefs December Schedule.

KC Chiefs@NY Jets 12/3/17 Time 12:00 pm

Oakland Raiders@KC Chiefs 12/10/17 Time 12:00 pm

San Diego Chargers@KC Chiefs 12/16/17 Time 7:25 pm

Miami Dolphins@KC Chiefs 12/24/17 Time 12:00 pm

KC Chiefs@Denver Broncos 12/31/17 Time 3:25 pm

MU Tigers Basketball December Schedule.

Miami OH Redhawks@MU Tigers 12/5/17 Time 8:00 pm

Green Bay Phoenix@MU Tigers 12/9/17 Time 8:00pm

North Florida Ospreys@MU Tigers 12/16/17 Time 8:00 pm

Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks@MU Tigers 12/19/17 Time 8:00 pm

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Habit of the Month

By: Will Chuba

So.... How's your month been? Have you been grateful? Did you eat tons of pumpkin pie?

Well, I hope you had a good break. Now December's here, and all you might be thinking about is getting a nail polish kit or a VR. But some things you *should* be thinking about are your favorite seven habits.

This month, the habit is Think Win-Win, the fourth of the seven. As one of the "team" habits, you'll have to jump out of thinking about yourself and start thinking about how you treat others. And this habit is a good example of that.

Now, you might be wondering, "What is this habit, anyway? Why should I care?"

Well, lucky you! Will Chuba's here gonna school you on how to Think Win-Win.

When you are mad at someone because they did something that hurt your feelings, you probably feel crummy. You might want them to feel bad for making you feel bad, and you make them feel terrible too. That's a "lose-lose" situation, one where no one really achieves their goal in a positive way.

Now, let's say you never yelled back at them. That a "win-lose" situation; a scenario where only one of the participants walks away feeling happy.

Comic

By: John Southard



A Must Read Book

By: Will Chuba

Looking for a book, but can't seem to find one that *really* interests you? Don't know if you want to go with a confusing mystery novel or an amazing fantasy book? Or maybe you just want to read about blue frogs. Well, look no further! I'm going to suggest an above-decent chapter book and an enjoyable picture book! Now, let's get reviewing!

Spy School by Stuart Gibbs

Ever heard of the Mark Twain *Space Case*? Well, this amazing book is by the same author, and he never fails to surprise. When Ben, a smart kid who can do Level 16 math is invited to a spy school, he is eager to join. But things quickly take a turn for the worse when he learns that being a spy doesn't mean you're growing up to be James Bond. When he finds out about bullies, fake skills on his record, and dangerous assassins, he's all wound up in a nightmare of an adventure. With sharp wit, descriptive chapters, and humor that will get you rolling on the floor laughing, read *Spy School* by Stuart Gibbs.

Parts by Tedd Arnold

Tedd Arnold is a great writer of picture books, and *Parts* is no exception. When a boy sees every idiom suddenly appearing oh-so literal, it's hard to find out whether people are being serious or not! With funny jokes and a new way of twisting words, *Parts* is a picture book must-read.

Do you like to go traveling with your family? **Yes absolutely.** We love going to the beach in Florida and also love going to the Colorado mountains.

How would you describe yourself as a teacher? I'm not sure how I would describe myself as a teacher but I hope my students (past and present) would describe me as kind, caring, compassionate, organized and fun.

Would you imagine yourself being a teacher in a different grade? I've always wanted to be a kindergarten teacher for as long as I can remember...even as a child. It's my absolute favorite grade to teach! I cannot imagine myself teaching anything else.

If you could be an animal what would you be? **an elephant**

Brooke and Reese,

Thank you for choosing me to be one of the teachers of the month. It was fun answering your questions.

With gratitude, Mrs. Robertson

GAMES

BY: RYLAN RYAN

[the lost gifts](#)
[santa's late!](#)
[santa the elephant](#)
[flappy santa](#)
[build a snowman](#)
[tree](#)

Click the links for a fun, interactive game.

Contrary to what you were expecting (at least, most likely), if they never yelled at you, that's fine. But you know what's better than all of these? Thinking of a way everyone can be happy.

When you swing on a swing and someone else wants it because there isn't a swing left, what do you think would be a "win-win" situation?

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If you guessed "taking turns," then you are 150% correct! If you can find a way to make everyone who's involved happy, then you have unlocked the next step to finding the leader in yourself! A good leader makes sure that no one leaves with bitter feelings and that everyone walks away happy.

Merry Christmas, leaders!

HPE HAPPENINGS ***BY: LAUREN MCCANN***

Highland Park has had many fun events in the past month including our PLMS choir concert, Special Friends Day, Halloween Party, Trunk or Treat, and you can not forget our school Spelling Bee. Howling Huskies did a **FANTASTIC** job at our PLMS concert! Great job 5th and 6th grade! We can tell you put in a lot of hard work!

Congratulations to Andrew Green in Ms. Kreikemeier's 6th grade class for winning our school-wide spelling bee. We can't wait for you to represent our school in February! Good luck!

SPECIAL AREA STAFF SPOTLIGHT

By: Kate Hagan

This month's staff spotlight features Mrs. Chavez, a cafeteria worker.

One fun fact about Mrs. Chavez is, that she taught herself spanish! Another fact about Mrs. Chavez is that she taught herself how to make hispanic food as well.

She learned to cook by her great-grandma, and started cooking at the age of six.

She enjoys cooking in the cafeteria because she gets to spend time with kids, including her own.

Her dream was to own a food truck, and she would make foods that would take you across the world!

Her heart was drawn to cooking because she wanted to make people happy, and to her cooking made people happy.

As a child, her mother always encouraged her and cheered her on!