



**Honey Creek Continuous Progress Charter School**  
**Gopher Tales October 2025**



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PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL: Laura Biesterveld**

Hello Honey Creek families. I am excited for this school year. The beginning of the year is so exciting because we're getting to know all of the students and their families. Our attendance goal at school is 95% or better - this is fewer than 9 absences all year. Too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school making it harder to learn to read. Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.

Honey Creek School begins at 7:15 AM. Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom because teachers will have to slow down learning to help others catch up. Your child will feel better about school and themselves when they have regular attendance. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school, college, and in their career. Please visit <https://www.attendanceworks.org/> for more information. Please know that you can reach out at any time if you have any questions or concerns you'd like to discuss with me. Thank you for your partnership!

**Upcoming Events**

Friday October 3:

PAC 5:30, library

Saturday October 4th

Soc. Red 9:00, Soc. Blue 11:00

V-ball 11:00

Tuesday October 7

AR Shopping

**Parent Teacher Conferences**

2:30-6:15

Wednesday, October 8:

**Student Early Release**

**Student Pick up at 12:00**

Saturday October 11

Soc. Red 9:00, Soc Blue 10:00

V-ball 10:00

Tuesday October 14

AR Ice Cream Party

Wednesday October 15

**Parent Teacher Conferences**

2:45 - 6:30

Friday October 17

**NO SCHOOL**

Saturday October 18

Soc Red 12:00, Soc. Blue 10:00

V-ball 12:00

Monday October 20

**NO SCHOOL**

Monday October 27

Picture re-take Day

**Chipotle Fund Raiser**

4-8

Friday, October 31

Harvest Day Parade

1:00

**ATTENDANCE  
MATTERS**

**YTD Attendance: 94.7%**

Thank you Honey Creek families for making sure your children are at school everyday! School starts at 7:15 and ends at 2:00. When your child is sick, please make sure you call the attendance line voicemail @ 414-604-7900 and leave the following:

1. Your Child's name
2. Classroom teacher
3. The reason they are not coming.

Tardies and early pickups **do count** as negative minutes which turn into negative days if it is regularly occurring.

**Stop Hug & Go** is in operation on Eden Place 7:10 - 7:30. Once received at the curb your children are safe to enter the building and you may pull away. Please pull all the way forward so others can pull behind you. Let's try to minimize the cutting in front of stopped cars and wait for the next group to pull away so you can pull up. Thank you for keeping our students and families safe!



Our Accelerated Reading Program combines technology, reader incentives, computerized measurement, and quality books to enhance our children's enthusiasm for reading. We have access to over 185,000 book titles. There is an Accelerated Reader Quiz available for most popular children's literature. If you wish to find out whether a quiz exists for a

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particular book, go to the website:  
[www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com).

If a quiz is found, your child will be able to take that quiz at Honey Creek. There is a Parent Guide to Accelerated Reader located at:  
<http://www.renaissance.com/2016/09/09/parents-guide-renaissance-accelerated-reader-360/>.

Our students anxiously wait for the opportunity to shop for prizes with the points they have earned by reading. Thank you to Honey Creek PAC for their support of this program. Some local businesses such as AMF Bowling, Burger King, Discount Liquor, Cousins, Rocky Rococo, Oscar's Custard and Herb Kohl Foundation have sponsored us in the past, but we need your help in obtaining more prizes for this worthwhile program. We will accept donations; monetary or otherwise. Perhaps your employer or someone you know would be willing to donate items we could use as incentive prizes.

Students that read and pass tests for 6 books before October 10th are invited to attend an Ice Cream Sandwich Party in our gym on October 14th..

Each month Ms. Biesterveld sets point goals for Accelerated Reading; the AR goal for September is 12 pts and October's is 25 pts.



### FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Fall Sports are underway with **The HC** putting three teams on the field: 4th- 5th Volleyball, and two 4th -5th Soccer teams. All in, we have 37 of our student-athletes on the field representing Honey Creek. The more coaches we have, the more students can have opportunities to play.

**Winter sports are next. We are in the process of confirming coaches for :**

1st - 3rd Co-ed basketball (2 teams), 4th- 5th Coed basketball, 1st - 3rd cheerleading (**new**), 4th 5th Cheerleading, and 1-3 and 4-5 Indoor Soccer .

We will also have 4-5 volleyball again. **October 1st** is my winter sports meeting for the leagues and the deadline to get teams into the league happens soon after. Please contact me 414-604-7921 if interested **SOON!** ~Andy

### Parent Activity Committee

Hello! It was good to see everybody at the Popsicle Party and at the Gopher Gathering! We are excited to get this year going with many activities for children and families to come together and have fun. Our next meeting will be **Friday October 3rd at 5:30 in the library**. One of the items we will be discussing is what PAC membership looks like and what kind of perks families can gain by becoming a member (other than lots more cool things to do as

families). We are also planning the details of our Harvest Parade. There are many activities that we would like to do this year, but we will need people to assist with them. Be sure to check out the **Honey Creek PAC Facebook** page for meeting dates and announcements!

**Honey Creek  
Parents  
Extraordinaire**



This is a family group designed to be a safe space to discuss various issues of our children who might have needs different than most. **Whether you are diagnosed or not, or just have questions about what other parents are doing when challenges arise; with homework, with change, with making friends, with bedtime routines - we are here for you. Please contact me if you would like to learn more about this very supportive group. We would like to get together this month. You can contact me at 414-604-7921.**

### Stay in touch with Honey Creek

Please bookmark the Honey Creek website,  
<https://schools.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/honeycreek/> to stay informed of all the happenings at our great school! Join the Honey Creek Continuous Progress Facebook page -our public page, and join the Honey Creek PAC facebook page - our private page as well.



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