

# THE Tiger Times



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## SPRING NEWS LETTER

**Hello students from HMS! We hope you all had a great Spring Break! Lets cheer on our spring sport players, and wish them good luck! Go Tigers! Remember even though it's the fourth quarter, don't forget to study and keep those grades up!**

**Be sure to take the advice column on the Hurricane Middle School website (found under the students/parents tab).**

**Don't forget to rise up!**



# Here are some spring facts!



Fact 1: Did you know the first day of spring is called the vernal equinox?

Fact 2: Typically, the first spring flowers to bloom are lilacs, irises, lilies, tulips, dandelions, and daffodils.

Fact 3: Tornadoes are most common in spring.

Fact 4: In March or April, the opening of the cherry blossom signals the start of spring in Japan.

Fact 5: After the first full moon, Easter always falls on the first Sunday

Fact 6: In the Southern Hemisphere, the first day of spring is also the first day of fall in the Northern Hemisphere.

Fact 7: In China they celebrate Chinese New Years in spring on the first day on the first lunar month.

Facts 8: Spring lasts from August until November in the Southern Hemisphere.

Fact 9: Did you know March is named after Mars, the Roman god of war.

Fact 10: Honeybees are more likely to swarm during the spring.

**Every Student Coming Back From Spring Break:**



**Students Be Like:**



**Weather in Southern Utah Be Like:**



**Poor Pennsylvania:**



## **The Surprising Spring Break Snow**

**By: Leighna Allred**

Two weeks ago it was the Washington County school district's spring break. However, instead of the usual high warm weather, we got low, cold weather. It was warm and nice

weather on Monday, but then it started to rain on Tuesday. From the rain on Tuesday and the cold weather during the night, the residents of southern Utah woke up to snow in



the morning. However, we do not get snow too often, so most of us were pretty excited to be able to play in the snow. Especially because there was no snow so we had time to play in it.

Many residents played in the snow most of the day, while others might have wanted to stay inside where it was nice and warm. The best thing about the snow is that it stuck to the ground which it does not do often here, but it finally gave us perfect snow for a snowman. Building a snowman is not the only thing that you can do in the snow, however. People can have snowball fights, go sledding down slick roads or driveways, build a snow fort, and overall just have fun in it. The people who chose to stay inside could have also had fun having a movie marathon or playing inside games. Either way, people had fun in their own ways. Although we were wishing for warmer weather, the snow did not stop the fun from happening.



**Our Girls Softball Team!!**

## **Hurricane 2021 Softball**

**By: Austin Terry**

Softball season has started and the Lady Tigers are off to a great start! Aniston's pitching looks amazing and Abby's hits are outstanding. The whole team is fired up and ready to go! The 2021 freshman roster includes Nicole Allred, Shaelyn Beach, Aniston Hutchings, Emma Patterson, Abby Stout, Avery Williams, and Mckinlee Wright.

Chris Hurst, the Varsity Coach at the high school, stated, "We're really looking forward to this season. The girls have been working really hard. We're confident. We're going to be very successful this year." And they are! In the first frosh game of the season, they bet Desert Hills, 15 to 7. These girls are amazing and full of talent. Five of the seven freshmen girls are on the varsity line up. On the varsity game in Pineview, all the girls contributed to their amazing win with Aniston Hutchings driving in a batter with her homerun. In a region 9 prediction of team rankings, Hurricane was placed last. I have just one thing to say about that. Go prove them wrong, ladies!

**ETS: The Leaders of the Future**  
**By: Emma Patterson**

Education Talent Search, or ETS, is a program for students who want to learn skills for studying, get ready for the ACT, and get help with finding what college to go to.

These exceptional students had to apply and have an exceedingly high GPA to enter this amazing program. These kids are paving the way for future generations. They will receive lots of tips that will help them in college, which will help them be successful leaders. About every month during home-room, these students go to ETS workshops that teach them how to be organized, how to study, and why college is a great place to go after high school. Also, every year the ETS students get to go on field trips to different colleges.

This makes it easier for them to get an idea of what type of college they want to go to. The more they keep learning, the closer they are to becoming the successful leaders of the future.



**New Seminary Teacher**  
**By: Naomi Dick**

At the end of quarter 3 the whole 9th grade was shocked to hear the news that Brother Pettus the seminary teacher was going to be moved to the high school at the beginning of q4. Some students were happy and some were sad to see him go.

Tajia Cambell, a 9th grade student said, "I almost cried on his last day teaching us because he was so sad to leave and he was a great teacher." Some students agreed with Tajia but others were relieved. The 9th grade was told that Brother Pettus would be replaced with a short 29 year old by the name of Brother Foster.

But then came the first day of seminary after Spring Break. They were surprised to find a very tall, not 29 year old Brother Dick. Brother Dick was transferred from Desert Hills High School in St. George, and was soon found to be a very interesting replacement. He showed the students his "super human skills," which consisted of running down cliffs and many other dare devil/stupid things.

When asked if Hurricane students were better or Desert Hills, he said "I've found the hurricane students to be average, maybe a little below." He then smiled mischievously and said to not put that in. When asked about his last name he said, "What were you thinking of? I like my last name, it means king in Hebrew."

The last quarter of the school year will definitely be interesting with Brother Dick.

**What did some of the students at HMS do over Spring Break?**

**By : McKagun Crane**

Everyone does something over the course of spring break, but what exactly do they do? When asked what did you do over the course of spring break Boone Howard said, "I drove a four wheeler for the first time."

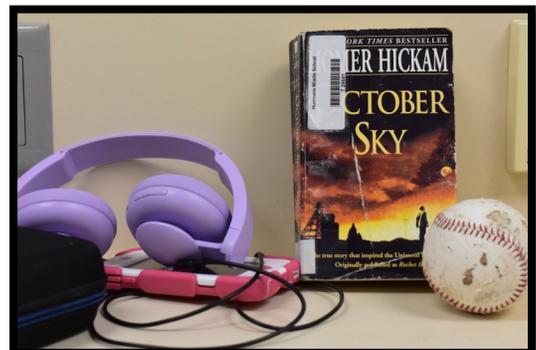
When Riley DuCrest was asked the same question he responded with, "I went to Florida for the first time."

What this shows is that over the course of spring break people try new things and go to new places.

However, what if they didn't try new things? Well when Wyatt Peterson was asked what did you do over spring break? He said, "I went to work."

That wasn't the only thing that the students at HMS do over the spring break since Evan Clark played video games over Spring Break.

In conclusion, even though people do different things over spring break do what makes you happy.



**Spring Break Was a Blast!!!**

**4th annual Washington County Youth Creative Writing Contest**

**By: Aniston Hutchings**

Have you heard of the upcoming creative writing contest? Well if you love to express yourself through the means of words this is for you. There are four divisions: Division 1 for grades 1-3, division 2 for grades 4th-6th, division 3 for grades 7th-9th, division 4 is for grades 10 thru 12.

The theme for this year is "Going Places" which can be figuratively or metaphorically. There are two categories you can enter your piece in: Poetry and Personal Essay. The poem can be in any format, it can be free-versed, or it can rhyme it has to be from 12 to 30 lines. The personal essay cannot exceed 300 words. You can only enter one piece per category.

The winners of the contest will receive cash and merchandise prizes. The winners will also be highlighted in a district-wide Chapbook. To enter this prestigious contest go to [highability.washk12.org](http://highability.washk12.org) and fill out the form entitled "Youth Creative Writing Contest" listed on the HMS Student/Parent page

For more information, you can contact the contest chair, Mr. Wadsworth at [reuben.wadsworth@washk12.org](mailto:reuben.wadsworth@washk12.org). Entries will be accepted up to April 16th, 2021. This is an opportunity for students to express themselves through the art of poetry.



**Things kids did over spring break**

**By: Caleb Stevens**

Spring break for some of us was just another day off of school. Although this isn't always a bad thing for most people. Some people just want to stay home and finally sleep in. A middle school student named Maxx Hall said he just stayed home and had a great time just staying home.

For someone else they had a more exciting weekend. Over spring break Richard Fredrick had his BIRTHDAY!! For his birthday he said he got a trampoline, and that he had a great time.

Over spring break a middle school student by the name of Jaze segler said that he "I worked as a salesman selling miscellaneous items and he worked on a pistachio farm." I'll be honest working on a pistachio farm doesn't sound too bad.

This one I think is best of all! Katie Elison had such a great and adventurous dream. In Mexico as they went bungee jumping and skydiving. Katie and her friend Rylee Wolsleger had their first kisses, Ross Lynch and Tom Holland. They had such a great time hanging out with them. Tom Holland taught Katie how to be the best spider woman ever. Ross lynch taught Rylee how to live the best summer at Big Momma's. They really enjoyed their time with these celebrities. -*The Dreamers*

**OPINION COLUMN**

**The disappearance of the plastic straw- A cry for justice**

**By: Grace Chamberlain**

If you, like many other students at the hierarchy we call HMS, have recently opened the small plastic parcel regularly included in your school lunch, you may have noticed a rather distressing difference. The absence of the plastic straw. Countless students have lamented its disappearance, since nobody really wants to risk drinking the milk without a failsafe in case of little pieces of ice in the bottom. Thousands of students since the beginning of Middle School itself have enjoyed numerous activities regarding the plastic straw, including bubble blowing, milk drinking, Jello-blowing, and Fry-sauce stirring.

"I didn't even drink the milk, but you got to have a straw for the Jello," said 9th grader Allie Miller.

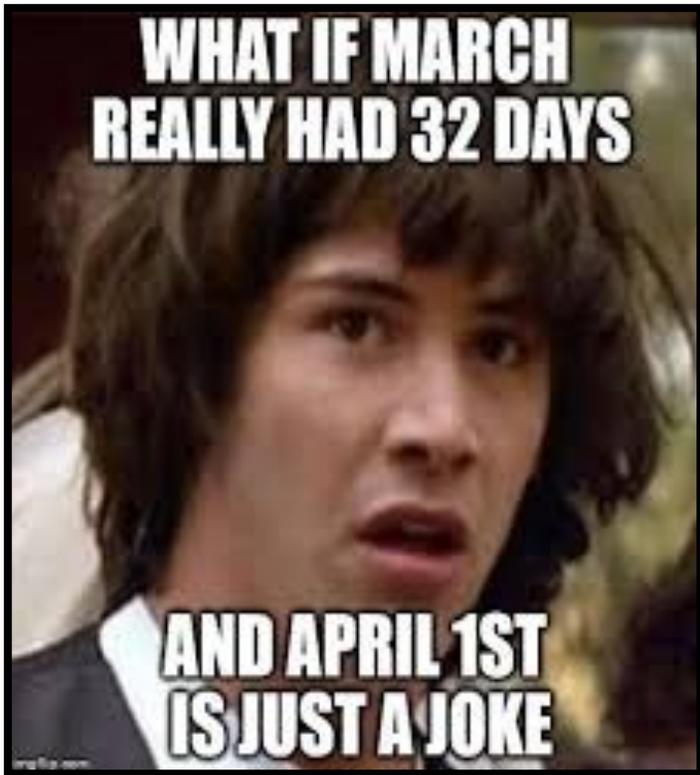
McKagun Crane said that, "Now it's very hard to drink milk without spilling!"

Where have we gone in a world where the need to get rid of single use plastics has us eliminating the one utensil in our lunch packets we can't live without? If we're trying to use less plastics, how about exchanging spoons and forks for sporks? That would eliminate much more plastic, without eliminating the fun.

Please bring back the plastic straws in our lunches! Even if it had to be paper straws it would be worth it! They are sorely missed!

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## Questions We All Have:



## Everyone on April 1st:



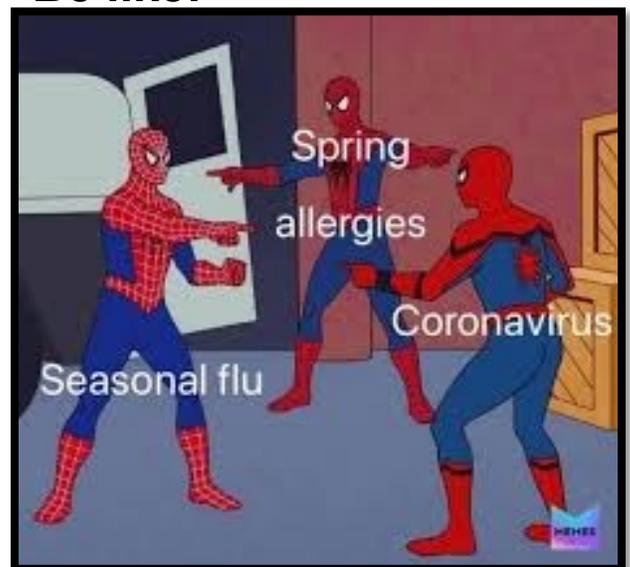
## Get Ready Teachers:

"I'm so glad April Fool's Day is on a school day!", said no teacher ever.



## Getting Sick in Spring

Be like:



# SPRING BREAK

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VACATION  
RAIN BOOTS  
ROAD TRIP

AIRPLANE  
SLEEPING IN  
FRIENDS  
SPRING

BLOSSOMS  
GAMES  
PUDDLES  
TULIPS

