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Welcome to the Principal's Corner for Holt Junior High School. My name is Marshall Perkins and I am very proud to be your son or daughter's Principal for the 2011-2012 school year. The faculty and staff of the Junior High take immense pride in providing your children the best possible educational opportunities available. In addition, we are passionately devoted to fostering strong, positive relationships with your children as they mature both socially and emotionally. Please expect nothing less than the best quality experience from the faculty, staff, and administration of Holt Junior High School as we are committed to meeting the needs each individual child. We have a fantastic faculty and staff that are committed to doing "Whatever it Takes" to ensure that each student receives the attention and support needed to succeed.

The Principal's Corner will be updated monthly in-order to capture the exciting activities that are taking place at Holt Junior High School. Please feel free to email me directly and let me know what you think. Your input, including compliments and suggestions for improvement are greatly appreciated. As Principal, I encourage you to become involved in Holt Junior High School as part of our Parent Advisory Committee, chaperone school events, or serve in a variety of other volunteer roles found within the school. Please feel free to stop by and see for yourself the exciting learning opportunities that are taking place here at Holt Junior High School. Together we can make a difference!

Anti-Bullying Assembly

With bullying on the rise, Holt Junior High School has taken a proactive approach in dealing with the dilemma faced by school districts, students, and parents alike. On September 12, 2011, the Wonder Wheels BMX Stunt Team came to Holt Junior High School. The stunt men, Bill Nitschke and Tyler Sparr, performed a variety of street and ramp tricks on their freestyle bicycles. Students were mesmerized by Bill's Backward Time Machine and Tyler's impressive 360 Superman tailwhips and sky high backflip off a 6 foot box ramp. During the performance, the stunt duo shared their own experiences of being bullied as a middle school student. They talked about how bullies made fun of them and tried to stomp out their dreams. They encouraged our students to have their own dreams and surround yourself with positive influences. The program was well received by our student body and we look forward to additional anti-bullying programs this year.





Remembrance of the Tragedy on September 11, 2001

Capturing the emotion, pain, suffering, and heroism that took place on September 11, 2001 is no easy challenge. This Tuesday at the start of intervention period, students, faculty, and staff joined Mr. Perkins in a moment of silence to recognize the 3,000 innocent men, women, and children that were lost to senseless acts of terrorism.

Following the moment of silence, and the pledge of allegiance, I asked that teachers click on the URL below and play the video entitled "*Man in the Red Bandana*". When the 14 minute clip was finished, I asked that teachers have their students participate in a reflective writing activity. Special Note: Parents you owe it to yourself to view this video clip. I encourage you to discuss the video with your child.

<http://espn.go.com/video/clip?id=6929979>

Assigned Student Reflective Writing Activity:

Hopefully we will never find ourselves in a situation like that faced by Welles Crowther on that fateful day, but by remembering people like Welles we honor all those who died – and hopefully can learn something about the human spirit.

On notebook paper, respond to ONE of the following:

1. Reflect on how the actions of people like Welles Crowther can be a life-lesson for each of us even if we never find ourselves in such dire circumstances.
2. What three (3) words would you use to describe Welles Crowther? Explain WHY you would choose each.