## Physical Education Winter Newsletter

What's going in Hazelwood P.E?

At Hazelwood my goal is to teach students Physical Education with a purpose. The #1 purpose at Hazelwood is for students to develop fun sport and fitness skills that promote lifelong healthy habits. Continue reading to see how we are working to accomplish this in your child's grade level.

## Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades

K-2 students will continue to learn and review locomotor and manipulative skills as the school year continues. We are working hard to master throwing, catching, rolling, dribbling, and kicking skills. It is important to "Put 1<sup>st</sup> things 1<sup>st</sup>" and learn these skills early because they are the building blocks for what students will learn as they move to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. In the coming weeks we will be beginning a Parachute unit. Students will practice synergizing to make shapes and complete fitness activities using the parachute. This is always a favorite at Hazelwood and I am looking forward to teaching this unit.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grades

3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have been working hard to improve Basketball skills during P.E. This has worked out very well, because of the number of students involved in local recreation leagues. Students are also working very hard to improve fitness scores. We will continue to talk about the 5 components of a fitness and ways to improve each of them. Our next fitness test will be in February, so continue to work hard toward improving your fitness levels.

Thank you for your continued support of the HES Physical Education program! If you have any questions about what we are doing here at Hazelwood please email me at <a href="mailto:cconard@haywood.k12.nc.us">cconard@haywood.k12.nc.us</a>.

"Physical fitness is not only one of the most important keys to a healthy body; it is the basis of dynamic and creative intellectual activity."

John F. Kennedy