

HMS Parent Newsletter

OCTOBER 22, 2021

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HMS Families:

For the past several weeks, students at HMS have been discussing how we are all part of a learning community and how each individual student and staff member brings unique skills, talents, and strengths to our school. At HMS we believe that we are better when we work together. As a part of this HomeBase learning, students have created a piece of art that showcases what they are proud of at our school. The student-created art pieces highlight some of the many things that HMS students take pride in including classroom learning, sports, arts, music, and our community. After creating their art pieces, each HomeBase class selected one piece to represent their class in a school-wide contest.

This week, the students of HMS selected a school-wide winner to represent what they are proud of at HMS. Our overall winner is Brooke R. from Ms. Broten's HomeBase class. She has won a pizza party for her HomeBase class. We also selected three HomeBase classes which had 100% student participation in the art project to win ice cream parties for their class. The winners are the HomeBase classes for Ms. Lyons, Ms. Maudlin, and Mr. Loper. You can view some of these amazing pieces below and can find all HomeBase finalists on our Facebook page.

Next week is our first school spirit week! Our student-selected spirit days are:

Monday - Pajama Day

Tuesday - Twin Day

Wednesday - Costume Day (see costume guidance below)

Thursday - Pink Out

Friday - Color War - students wear their class color (6th - red, 7th - yellow, 8th - green)

We are excited to see our students (and staff) show their school spirit!

Last night, we had the first band concert of the year! The sixth, seventh, and eighth grade bands treated their fellow students and family members to lovely music. Thank you to our band students and to Ms. Ritenburgh for this wonderful event!

Our office staff is here to help you with any questions or concerns. Please give us a call at 360-448-6440 if we can be of help.

Thank you for your support!

~ Meredith

meredith.gannon@hocksd.org



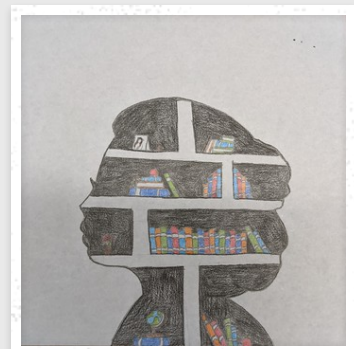
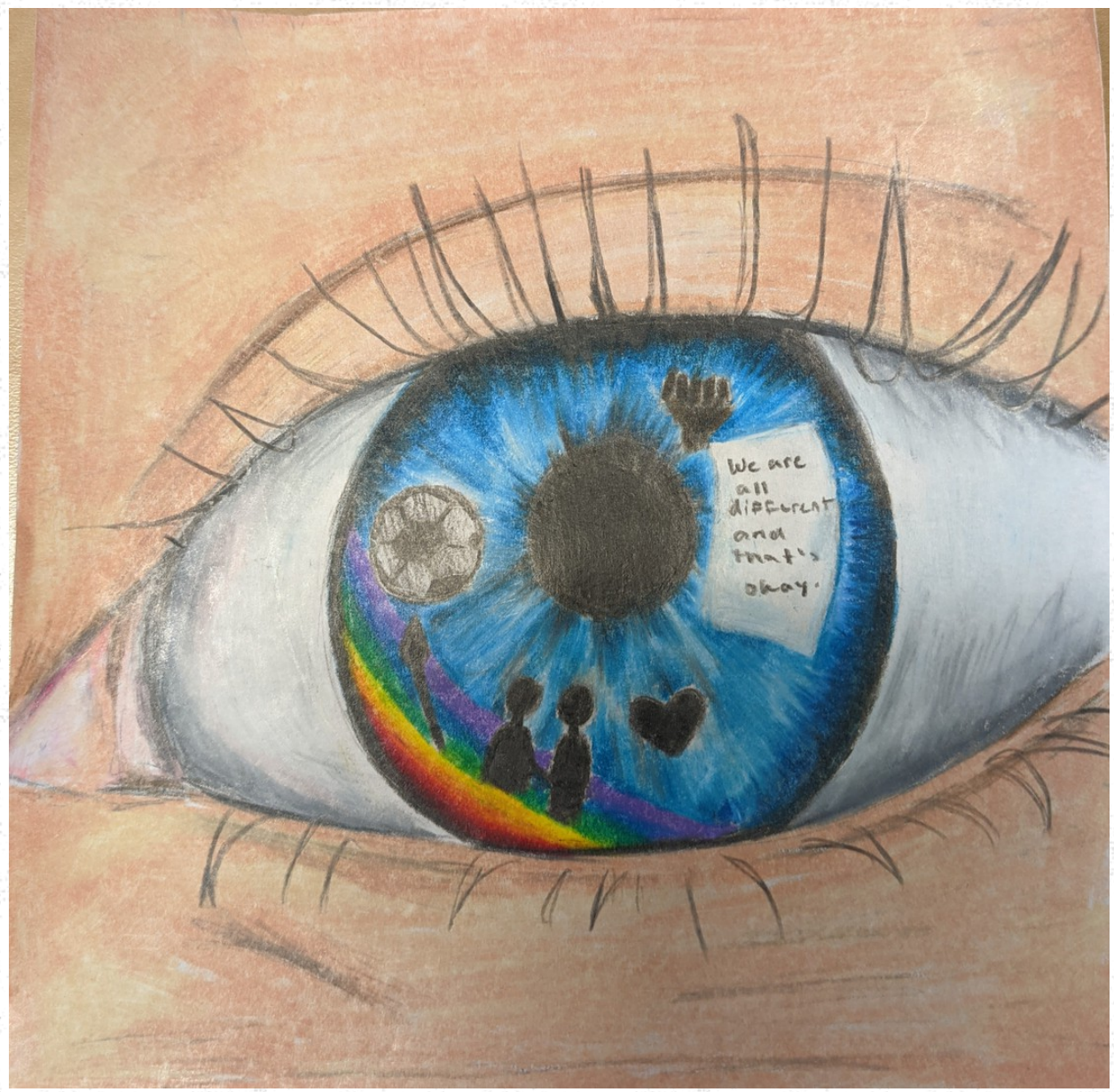
VETERANS DAY

HMS would like to honor our veterans with a virtual assembly this year and need your help.

Please complete this [Veterans Day form](#) if you'd like us to recognize a veteran in your life. In addition to honoring them in our video presentation, students would like to send them a thank you card if possible. Please include the Veterans address if you would like us to send them a card.

If you'd like us to include their picture in the video, please email one to janice.broten@hocksd.org. Pictures and the form must be received by Friday, November 6 to be included in the video presentation.

HMS SCHOOL-WIDE WINNER – BROOKE R.





COSTUME GUIDANCE

School appropriate costumes may be worn on spirit days. To make the school day productive and safe for all, please ensure that your child's costume meets the following guidelines:

1. Costumes, including all makeup and accessories, need to be put on at home. Students will be wearing their costumes all day.
2. Weapons or weapon-like accessories are not permitted at school.
3. Students are not permitted to wear full face masks or to cover their face (aside from school approved masks for COVID protocols) during the school day.

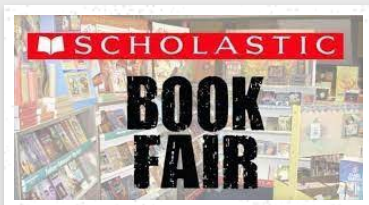
All costumes should comply with the school dress code.



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences will be held during the week of October 25 - 29. During parent-teacher conference week (Oct. 25-29), students will be dismissed each day at 12:20 p.m. We will run 25 minute classes using our [3-hour early release schedule](#).

At this time, our office staff have contacted all families who have a student that was selected for a parent-teacher conference. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress this year, we encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher(s) directly. Our staff would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.



BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to HHES -October 25th-29th and we are SO EXCITED! Please see the attached flyer for information. Also, this flyer and other details will be sent home with your HMS student. The link to schedule an appointment to visit the Fair is pasted below.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0f4ca8ae2aa0f9c52-scholastic1>

We also need volunteers to help make the book fair a success! Here's the sign-up if you can help- remember the fair supports ALL 3 schools...so you can volunteer even if you don't have an elementary age student.

[Scholastic Book Fair](#)

* All volunteers must be fully vaccinated and have proof of vaccination and volunteer form on file with HSD.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 25 - 29: Parent-Teacher Conferences - 3 Hour Early Release

November 5: Hearing Screening - Grade 7

November 6: Veterans Day Form due

November 11: Veterans Day - No School

November 24 - 26: Thanksgiving Holiday - No School



HOCKINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

 Facebook

 15916 NE 182nd Avenue, Brush...

 (360)448-6440

 hms.hocksd.org/