HMS Parent Newsletter

December 3, 2021

A Note from the Principal

HMS Families:

Throughout the Fall, HMS students have been focusing on acts of kindness and making positive contributions to our local community. The generosity and goodwill of our students is something we celebrate daily at HMS and we are so proud of our amazing students!

This year, all HMS students created a piece of art representing the thing they are most proud of at HMS. Students created art pieces about their school work, teachers, band, sports, art, and many other topics. Our staff has been hard at work piecing together this student art into one large mural. Over the Thanksgiving Break, our custodial team hung the student-created mural in our HMS hallway. While each piece of student art is lovely, together the art pieces have created a beautiful image. We hope that the mural reminds our students that while we are all different, when we come together, we can create something truly special. You can see a picture of our HMS mural below and we encourage families to take a look in-person when you are next on the HMS campus for a concert, sports event, or meeting.

Our PWT Raise Craze fundraiser has now ended. We are proud that our students completed 108 acts of kindness and raised a total of \$2,100. These funds will help to pay for our recently delivered PWT class colors shirts. Our PWT has also partnered with Starbucks to give our HMS students the chance to share kindness throughout the community. If your stop by a Starbucks later this month, you may see some HMS student art on your coffee sleeve. More information about our next PWT event, HMS Nothing Bundt Cakes Fundraiser, can be found below and you can order by clicking here.

We are excited to see so many of our HMS students showing their school spirit by wearing their PWT class colors shirts. Our students leaders in ASB have planned another fun spirit week for this month. December 15 - 19 will be our next spirit week. See below for our dress up days.

Finally, the staff at HMS would like to thank those who have contributed to our HMS Food Drive. We have already collected more than 3,000 food items that will go to those in need in our community. Our Food Drive runs through December 16 and we are hoping to reach our goal of more than 5,000 items (our 2019 total). A huge thank you goes to Mr. Loper for coordinating this event and to his HomeBase students for collecting and counting food items.

~ Meredith meredith.gannon@hocksd.org

HMS Mural - Better Together





Spirit Week

We will have our next school spirit week on December 13 - 17. We hope to see all of the students in their spirit wear.

December 13 - Flannel Day

December 14 - Holiday PJs

December 15 - Ugly Sweater Day

December 16 - Dress Like a Snowman Day

December 17 - Color Wars (6th - red, 7th - yellow, 8th - green)



HMS Awards

Please join me in congratulating our HMS award winners for the month of November. These students were selected for an HMS award by one of their teachers for consistently demonstrating **H**onorable, **M**otivated, and **S**afe and secure behavior.

November Award Winners

Laurel E., Ellie D., Xavier A., Joe W., Karina O., Mathew H., Taylen H., Lucy S., Grayson R., Jesse R., Ava N., Eli O., Kendall M., Cole W., Cyrus H., David V., Tristan S., Hazel S., Lorelei W., Ryder H., Rosalynn B., Lindsey T., Sally J., Margot C., Kyla B., McKenzie C., Mya E., Daria P., Caleb C., Penelope D., Madalyn S., Mia H., Cruz G., Kellan M.



Food Drive

Thank you to the many HMS families who have already contributed canned food to our HMS Holiday Food Drive! Our food drive continues through December 16. We are working hard to surpass our 2019 total of 5,000 food items donated.

Our HomeBase classes have been enjoying the friendly competition and are excited to be making a positive contribution to our community!

Points Competition

All non-perishable food items donated are worth one point. There are special bonus items that can be turned in for additional points on special Bonus Days.

Bonus Point Food

Pancake Mix and Syrups and Cereals Friday, Dec. 3, 3 points

Canned Meat (tuna, shrimp, spam, clams, chicken, etc.), Crackers Tuesday, Dec. 7, 3 points

Condiments, Salad Dressings, (usually these are in bottles or jars, no packets)

Friday, Dec. 10, 4 points

Cooking Oils

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 4 points

Peanut Butter and/or Jellies, Potatoes (5lb or 10lb unopened bags of potatoes, no single potatoes, peanut butter substitutes, such as Nutella, will be accepted)

Thursday, Dec. 16, 4 points

There are also three Combo Points Days. On these days, 2 extra points will be earned for each combo pair (above and beyond bonus points).

Food Drive Combo Dates

Friday, Dec, 3rd Pancake Mix and Syrup

Thursday, Dec. 16th Peanut Butter and Jelly

Double Points will be awarded to each HomeBase class that has at least 10 regular food items in their basket on any pick up day (Tuesdays and Fridays).

Bombs (negative points)

All Campbells Soup products are affectionately known as 'bombs'. These will count for negative points and can be placed in the basket of any HomeBase class during the first 5 minutes of HomeBase. Products less than 20 ounces will count for two negative points. Products greater than 20 ounces will count as four negative points.

Thank you for your generosity!



8th Grade Families

8th Grade Families,

The deadline to submit a baby picture of your 8th grader for the yearbook has been extended.

Please submit ONE baby picture of your 8th grader by December 10, 2021. Late submissions will not be accepted, as our yearbook runs by strict publication deadlines.

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Thank you,
The Yearbook Staff
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The Sweetest Way to Support Hockinson Middle School

Fundraiser Cake Flavors Available:

Chocolate Chocolate Chip | Red Velvet White Chocolate Raspberry | Lemon

Individual Bundtlet Cost: \$5

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FOOD ALLERGEN NOTE: Our cakes contain wheat, milk, eggs and soy. Cakes may contain traces of tree nuts and peanuts.

Upcoming Events

December 8: Hearing Screening - Grade 7

December 8: Last Day to Order PWT Bundt Cakes

December 9: HMS Winter Concert - 7 p.m. at HHS

December 15: PWT Bundt Cake Pick Up

November 24 - 26: Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

December 13 - 17: Winter Spirit Week

December 13, 14, and 16: Pep Assemblies

December 20 - 31: Winter Break - No School

January 3: Return to School

January 17: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

January 27: HMS Student Awards Evening - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

January 28: End of Semester 1 - No School

