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Happy Sunday HHS Parents/Guardians, and Students,

Hope you are enjoying this beautiful weekend and spending some time with family and friends. We had a wonderful homecoming week last week. Our students had a great time all week. Many dressed up according to our themes daily. One student brought an entire grill to school on our Soccer Moms vs Bar-B-Que Dads day. Now that is commitment! LOL! Our students cheered loudly at the pep rally and the football game, showed school spirit by wearing Homecoming Mums and garter mums, and the week culminated with then shaking a tailfeather at the Homecoming Dance. Again, it was a great week and a huge **THANK YOU** for the parent/guardian volunteers who helped in any way.

Yes, this is not the week for the Principal Update, yet there is some information which needs to be shared with you and it is time sensitive. *So here we go!*

- **HEF Student IMPACT Grant Application:** The HEF Student IMPACT Grant is now available! A Student IMPACT Grant is a wonderful opportunity to **empower** our students, **inspire** creativity and **effect change** throughout Hutto ISD. HISD place emphasis on seeing the student applicant be involved in leading others during the execution of their project as they work to enrich, enhance and maximize experiences in their classroom, on their campus, across our district or beyond. HISD wants to see these future leaders in action! A student who applies is required to have a faculty sponsor but the grant should be the work of the students.

Here is the timeline:

- Tuesday, October 1 - Applications Released
- **Wednesday, October 16 @ 12:00pm - Applications DUE**
- Wednesday, October 16 - Friday, October 25 - Scoring Committee Review
- Week of Monday, November 4 - Student IMPACT Grants will be awarded!

Here are some important links - [IMPACT Grant Description](#) and [Student IMPACT Grants](#). Please encourage your child to participate and apply and good luck!

- **Lee Martinez Elementary Rezoning:** Our 8th Elementary School is scheduled to open during the 25-26 school year and we need your help. Dr. Dustin Barton, HISD Assistant Superintendent of Operations would like **two parent volunteers from each campus to be present on the Rezoning Committee**. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please email Mrs. Mary Standard ([mary.standard@huttoisd.net](mailto:mary.standard@huttoisd.net)) by **Friday, October 11, 2024** and let her know you would like to be on the reasoning committee. The first two volunteers and two alternates will be chosen to represent Hutto High School.

- **2024 Fall Parent Survey Launch:** HISD is excited to launch the 2024 Fall Parent Survey to gather valuable insights on parent satisfaction, engagement, and areas for improvement. Aligned with our district's strategic plan, this initiative is essential to strengthening relationships among parents, families, students, and staff. Your support is key to maximizing participation. The survey will consist of 18 questions and take approximately 5 minutes to complete. You will receive an email from the HISD Communications Department **Monday, October 7, 2024** with additional information about the survey. The survey will be available to complete **Monday, October 7, 2024 to Friday, October 21, 2024**. Please complete one survey for each child attending a district school.
  
- **Yearbook Picture Retake Information:** If your child missed taking their yearbook photo, picture retakes will be held **Wednesday, October 9, 2024**. Additional information is linked [here](#). Retakes are only for students who have recently enrolled or for those who missed our original picture day. Retakes are not for those who didn't like their picture. LOL! 😊
  
- **PSAT:** If your child is a 10th or 11th grader, they will take the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) **Wednesday, October 16, 2024**. This test will be administered during the school day. A few things to ensure your child is prepared for that day:
  - Bring their Chromebook to school.
  - Bring their Chromebook fully charged.
  - Bring their Chromebook charger with them.
  - If they have a loaner Chromebook, have them go to the library for additional information.
  - Be sure they get a good night's rest and breakfast that morning.
  - *Encourage your child to do their very best!*
  
- **Senior Parent Night Info:** On **Wednesday, October 2, 2024** a Senior Parent meeting was held. At this meeting our HHS Counselors shared information and important dates. Click this [link](#) to see the slideshow presentation. Contact your student's counselor or the College and Career advisors if you have questions. Contact information for all counselors and advisors are on the last slide of the presentation and at the end of this Principal Update. Thank you to all the parents and students who joined us!
  
- **Student Pick Up and Drop Off:** Safety is top priority! With that said, we have moved our Special Education bus loop to the parking lot by our HISD PD Department (the teachers parking on the Golden Chick side between the school and the baseball and softball fields). This is a friendly reminder that you are not to pick up your child in this parking lot. Our buses will have on their flashing lights and no one will be permitted to go around the buses as we unload and load. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.
  
- **Taking Care of Hank:** We have an amazing student who has volunteered to be "Hank" our Hippo mascot. Hank loves to take pictures with our younger hippos, parents and community members whenever he is at athletic and/or community events. When you see Hank, give him a hi-five and make sure everyone is being kind to him. If you see anything different, be sure to let an administrator know.

- **PTSA:** Our PTSA is the greatest PTSA in town! This phenomenal group is always busy working hard for our students and teachers. When you see them, be sure to say **THANK YOU!**
  - **Announcements:** Dive into the HHS PTSA Newsletter! It's jam-packed with all sorts of juicy info! Have fun exploring! [HHS PTSA October Newsletter](#).
  - **Join! Join! Join!:** The goal is to have 250 members by the end of the school year. *Sign up and join the fun!* Join here: <https://txpta.my.salesforce-sites.com/JoinPTA>
  
- **College and Career:**
  - Visit our College and Career website - [College, Career, and Military Website](#)
  - What's going on around campus and various updates - [College and Career Newsletter](#)
  
- **Upcoming Events and Reminders:**
  - **HHS/NGC/RHA Yearbook:** Here is this year's official HHS/NGC/RHA yearbook site for this school year - [Hutto High Schools Yearbook](#).
  
- **Who to Contact:** Contact information for your child's counselor and assistant principal/academic dean is listed below. Please reach out to these individuals first for assistance. **If you need to meet with either of these individuals, please email them to make an appointment.**

Students by Alpha	Counselor	Assistant Principal/Academic Dean
A - C	Ms. Angela Entrekin <a href="mailto:angela.entrekin@huttoisd.net">angela.entrekin@huttoisd.net</a>	Ms. Molly Reardon <a href="mailto:molly.reardon@huttoisd.net">molly.reardon@huttoisd.net</a>
D - He	Mrs. Melinda Earp <a href="mailto:melinda.earp@huttoisd.net">melinda.earp@huttoisd.net</a>	Dr. Nina LeBlanc, Amanda Horn <a href="mailto:nina.leblanc@huttoisd.net">nina.leblanc@huttoisd.net</a> <a href="mailto:amanda.horn@huttoisd.net">amanda.horn@huttoisd.net</a> <i>We are on the hunt!!!</i>
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	<b>Lead Counselor</b> Mr. Johnny Kay <a href="mailto:johnny.kay@huttoisd.net">johnny.kay@huttoisd.net</a>	<b>Associate Principal</b> Amanda Horn <a href="mailto:amanda.horn@huttoisd.net">amanda.horn@huttoisd.net</a>

<b>College and Career Counselors</b>	Marie Bridgeman <a href="mailto:marie.bridgeman@huttoisd.net">marie.bridgeman@huttoisd.net</a>	Shameika Harper <a href="mailto:shameika.harper@huttoisd.net">shameika.harper@huttoisd.net</a>
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As always, I am humbly honored to serve!

Respectfully,

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*“Rowing in Excellence... Together!”*  
#Innovating Today, Shaping Tomorrow”

