

HCMS HIGHLIGHTS

November 14, 2014

Principal's Message:

Eanes ISD Space Science Night!

We would like to congratulate all students who participated in Eanes' 1st Space Science Night at Westlake High School. Hill Country and West Ridge students displayed their scientific proposals for the Student Spaceflight Experiment Program (SSEP). There were over 135 scientific research proposals on display. Additionally, over 600 students from across the district displayed their mission patch designs for Eanes' 2015 participation in SSEP Mission 7. Sarah Wang from Bridge Point Elementary and Ian Harvey from Westlake High School won the mission patch competition, and their patches will accompany the winning Eanes' SSEP experiment proposal to the international space station (ISS) in April of 2015.

In addition to celebrating the wonderful scientific and artistic work done by our students, families were treated to a variety of free events and activities, including experiencing a planetarium presentation, building three varieties of rockets, observing moon rocks & meteors, building star charts, and making star hats. Former astronaut Marsha Ivins capped off the evening with an intriguing talk. Marsha has been on six missions to space, including participating in the construction of the ISS. Marsha shared her experiences of being in space and her hopes for the future of the United States space program. This festive evening celebrated the hard work of our Hill Country scientists, and allowed families to celebrate our understanding of the universe.

HCMS LIBRARY BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're hosting a Winter **Book Fair** in the library from December 8-12, and we need your help! We are using VolunteerSpot to manage our volunteers.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our Sign-Up on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/YxVST7>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on VolunteerSpot.

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact us, and we can sign you up manually.

Thanks!

-Heather Schubert & Jeni Testa

Box Tops

Remember to send in your box tops! The funds received from clipping and sending these in really adds up and can help supplement our yearly expenses.

Lost and Found...

Our Lost & Found is overflowing with coats, lunchboxes, gym bags, and water bottles. Items are now out on tables in the cafeteria. Please encourage your child(ren) to claim any articles they are missing. Due to the recent cold weather, we will extend the date to claim lost items to December 1.

Chap Fans!

On Friday, November 14, your Westlake Chaparrals will host the Round Rock Dragons for the Bi-District Title here at Chaparral Stadium/Ebbie Neptune Field. Kickoff is set for 7:00PM. We are excited to host our own playoff game and hope you will plan to attend and help us create a great atmosphere.

A few things to note:

- We are **not** going to have the Middle School PIT Section. All fans will sit in the stands.
- Ticket Booths and Gates will open at 5:30 PM.
- Kickoff is set for 7:00 PM - not our usual 7:30.

Ticket Price Information

Game Night - Ticket Booth will open at 5:30PM

Reserved - \$10

All General Admission - Adult and Student - \$9

Go, Cougars

Kathleen Sullivan, Principal

Cougar Club Updates:

Hello, HCMS families! I hope you have dusted off those warm, winter clothes. Luckily, the weather played in our favor for the annual carnival last Friday. It was a hit! I personally loved watching the kids laugh and enjoy all the amazing games and activities. Many thanks to our carnival committee who worked tirelessly to organize this fun day: Karen Willis, Nikki Jackson, Zana Wilson, Zelda Minors, Tish McKernan, Kelly Hyde, Alice Meadows, and of course, to all of the volunteer parents!!

Please check out our updates:

Upcoming events, opportunities and notices:

Carnival: (a note from the carnival committee) Whew! Thank you again to all our volunteers for coming out Friday and helping to make the HCMS carnival a fun & wonderful experience for our kids! And, thanks to all our donors for allowing us to offer a fun raffle as a token of our appreciation to our parent volunteers!

Here's a list of our winners:

Mattress Pro, Sealy Posterpedic pillow - Julie Ohlmeyer

Kelly Hyde, Personal chef, "breakfast in bed" basket - Bena Blakeslee

rehabfx, one hour massage - Ayiesha Selwanes
Kristin Butler Jewelry, gold leaf earrings - Michelle Bjork
Train 4 the Game, 21 day membership - Shannon Hudson, Caryn Abraham & Jane VanGinkel
Top Notch-Zocalo-Galaxy Cafe, \$50 gift card - Thomas Whisnant
Jewels By Tay, trio of lava beaded bracelets - Kim McMath
CC Designs, beaded necklace with tassel - Amy Siegel
CC Designs, beaded necklace with tassel - Zana Wilson
Dolce, haircut - Lindsay Walsh
Dolce, braiding - Diana Owens
Dolce, style & blow-dry - Tish McKernan
Photographers of Westlake, head shot & digital image - Mathew Robertson

We would also like to give a big THANK YOU to Dr. Kunik and Dr. Raymond for a very generous financial donation, as well as some fun cinch bags the students were excited to receive. Also, much appreciation to the Dolce stylists for volunteering to braid, color and flash tattoo our children.

We are so lucky to live in a community that is so willing to help support our schools and our children.

The 2014 Carnival Committee

Karen Willis, Nikki Jackson, Tish McKernan, Zelda Minors, Kelly Hyde, Alice Meadows & Zana Wilson

Veteran's Day: HCMS Veteran's Day Celebration was a beautiful day for all! Many thanks to our hard-working committee members and especially to Jennifer Woodring for coordinating this awesome event. Please take a moment to check out the lovey picture display on the main school hallway bulletin board.

Annual HCMS Staff Thanksgiving Pie Swap - Every year the Cougar Club coordinates the collection of over 100 pies for our hard-working staff. This year we have a little twist - we have contacted Nothing Bundt Cakes, and they have a special offer to our parents who will buy a bundt cake for our staff. Please see the attached flyer with details. We are also asking for homemade and store-bought

pies as well. Please consider a pie or cake donation this year so we can continue this wonderful tradition for our staff. Sign up TODAY:

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/9bf29X>
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

7th grade Field Trip Chaperones needed - The 7th grade has a wonderful field trip planned, and we need parents! Follow the link to sign up to chaperone the 7th Grade Field Trip on November 18. The students will be attending both the Bob Bullock Museum and the Texas State Cemetery.

Chaperones need to be at either the Bob Bullock Museum or the Texas State Cemetery by 9am (depending on your child's rotation). Students will board the buses by 1:45pm to return to HCMS. Chaperones will be required to pay \$18 to cover the museum entrance & movie fees. <http://vols.pt/VXWwTi>

We are in need of a few good parents:

The Cougar Club is looking for an 8th grade parent to work with 8th grade team leads to organize the yearly field trip. Please contact me if you are interested.

We also need a parent who is willing to reach out to a few local businesses to gather "Freebies" and coupons for the students who show positive behaviors.

Library: We are hosting a special event for parents in the Library on Wednesday, November 19, from 10:30 - 11:30am. Random House Publishing Company's local rep, Liz Sullivan, will be here book talking about the latest and greatest adult books out now!

It'll be a fun hour of books and treats!

We've created an Evite for the event:

<http://www.evite.com/event/01FF4EQOMBGPHAA7QEPELYGUEYEAC4>

Booster Club Board Mtg	Wednesday, November 19	8:45am - 11:00am	conference room
Principal's Brown Bag Lunch	To be rescheduled	11:30 - 12:30	Library
Eanes late start	Thursday, November 20		
Thanksgiving Pie Swap for staff	Tuesday, November 25	7:45am - 9:00 am	Staff lounge

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