

HCMS HIGHLIGHTS

March 6, 2015

Principal's Message:

The Domino Effect of Kindness

If you walk through the halls at HCMS, you will see a trail of dominoes lining the walls. Each domino was created by an individual student. In eighth grade English classes, students studied the power of evil and how it spread during the Holocaust while reading *The Diary of Anne Frank*. So, to prove there is also great power in kindness, they began a reflection on how spreading good deeds can also affect the larger world. Each student began to think about ways he or she might spread kindness in small or big ways. Then, each student filled out a domino, writing down a kind act performed within that week. Next, they spread the challenge to 7th grade, and our 7th grade ELA teachers had students focus on the idea of spreading kindness. Their dominoes are now displayed in the halls. The challenge has now been extended to our 6th grade classes. Undoubtedly, our students are making the world better through their acts of kindness!

Hill Country Players

This past week the Hill Country Players transported us to the mystical world of Ephesus in their dazzling production of Shakespeare's "A Comedy of Errors." The story was that of two twin brothers lost at sea, and how they both ended up in the same city years later. Through a series of hilarious mistaken identities, false claims, and mass confusion, the brothers are finally reunited. Congratulations to the cast and crew and to the Tech Design classes for putting on another great HCMS show!

Spring Participation Fees

If your son/daughter intends to participate in soccer, tennis, or golf, he/she may owe a participation fee if one was not paid for a fall sport. The maximum yearly fee for a student to participate in one or more sports is \$275.00. If you have paid

this fee, your student is clear to try out/participate in all spring sports. If the yearly participation fee has not been paid, please see the following list of rates:

Track only - \$200.00

Tennis only - \$200.00

Golf only - \$200.00

Soccer - \$275.00

One or more sports - \$275.00

The participation fee is due now and may be paid online at this time. Any past due fees for football, volleyball, or basketball may also be paid online now.

Fitness Festival

HCMS Second Annual Fitness Festival is fast approaching!

April 29, 2015

Please read the attached flyer for opportunities to get involved!

We're looking for speakers, volunteers, and sponsors!

Thanks!

- Fit Fest Committee

Latin Club News

On February 20th and 21st, the Hill Country Middle School Latin Club placed 3rd in Sweepstakes at the Area F Junior Classical League Convention and Competition. The Certamen team placed 3rd in the Certamen contest and participants in the Olympika events placed 2nd overall.

Individual accomplishments are as follows:

7th Grade

Urvi Alamela, Magna Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Amrit Chandar, Maxima Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Miles Dintzner, Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Tian Dong, 3rd in Grammar, Magna Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Skye Hospod, 1st in Polychromatic Art, Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Shivani Lam, 3rd in Decathlon, Maxima Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Liam McNamara, Maxima Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Shaham Noorani, Magna Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Shruti Srinivasan, Maxima Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Juliana Taylor, 1st in Roman Life, 3rd in Frisbee Throw, 1st in Softball Throw, Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Aryan Wadhwa, Maxima Cum Laude Pentathlon

Alexander Wilson, 3rd in Vocabulary, Magna Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Nicole Zakiyan, Magna Cum Laude in Pentathlon

8th Grade

Vikram Alamela, 1st in Latin Derivatives, 1st in Boys 100m Relay, Maxima Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Blake Ann Biles, Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Nate Boldt, 3rd in Mottoes, Abbreviations and Quotes, 1st in Boys 50m dash, 1st in Boys, 100m Dash, 1st in Boys 200m dash, 1st in Boys 400 m relay, 1st in Running Long Jump, Maxima Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Hayden Brewer, Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Nicholas Burd, Maxima Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Katherine Chiang, 2nd in Decathlon and 2nd in Reading Comprehension, Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Ethan Dintzner, 3rd in Boys 50 m Dash, 3rd in Boys 100 m Dash, 2nd in Boys 200 m Dash, 1st in Boys 400 M Relay, Maxima Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Jacqueline Garibay, Maxima Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Tucker Hazell, 2nd in Grammar, Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Helen He, 3rd in Latin Derivatives and 2nd in Polychromatic Art, Summa Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Michael Jenkins, Magna Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Joseph McKernan, 3rd in Grammar, 1st in Boys 400m Relay, 1st in Frisbee Throw, Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Anh-Ton Pham, Maxima Cum Laude in Pentathlon

Box Tops

Remember to send in your box tops. There is a drop-off box in the Main Office. The funds received from box tops 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. Items remaining in our lost and found will be donated on March 13.

Go, Cougars!

Kathleen Sullivan

Cougar Club News

Hello, Cougars! Hope you enjoyed that snow day! Please see updates for the week below:

7th grade dance: The dance is tonight! The dance is tonight! Please bring your 7th grade students tonight from 7-9pm -- it's going to be fantastic!! Students need their ticket and student ID and a few dollars for snacks - security checks for those ID's at the door!!

Volunteers needed for STAAR testing day: Ms. Hubbard (shubbard@eanesisd.net) needs help monitoring restrooms during the testing. Testing is on March 30 and 31, 2015. You can sign up for a 1 or 2-hour shift. Bring your laptops, books, etc., and multi-task! Please contact Ms. Hubbard if you can help!!

Spirit Night: Put down the pots and pans and have dinner out!! We are excited to see you at Noodles & Co (in the Randall's shopping center) on March 12 from 4-8pm for a spirit night that supports HCMS. See the attached flyer for the details.

Friends of Hill Country: How do we bring these wonderful events to HCMS? The hard work of volunteers and the generous donors of our families. Please take a note of these donors:

WINGMAN LEVEL (\$5,000+)

Rachael Carr

The Kinnaird Family

Family of Gabby Marcus

The Nelson Family

BFF LEVEL (\$2,500 - \$4,999)

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Jarrett Family

Kelley Family

Kolda Family

Jonathan & Vivian Lee

The Family of Christian McWilliams

Slimi Family

Steve and Erin Nelson

Anne & Chris Newton

Sayali Patel Family

The May Family

Hayashi Family

MacRae Family

The Sams Family

Mark, Enga, and Cole Santman

Amy and Justin Siegel

Lesli & Brant Smith

Soltero Family

Eric and Katy Taylor

Robby & Kelle Turner

The Welsh Family

Frank & Melissa Zidar

Zurovec Family

BRO LEVEL (\$250 - \$499)

Srinath & Kalpana Alamela

Ryan & Carla Amerman

Benevento Family

Boatwright Family

The Coles

Bright Family

The Brydson Family

Claudia Byrne & Erik Nordstrom

The Chirogianis Family

Magana Peon Family

The Cockrell Family

Hagan Family

Dawson Family

The Dennis Family

Dickinson Family

Ehlinger Family

Dorris Family

The Freche Family

The Gillespie Family

Gruzen Family

Hagan Family

Jenn and John Hamlin

Frank & Tina Hanzlik

Hudson Family

Nicole & Robin Jackson

Anonymous

Amy Janice

Kronenberg Family

The Lamme Family

Langston Family

Diane & Bryan Lee

Olivia Leonard Family

The Lovell Family

Magnusson Family

Ed and Tish McKernan

Family of Hannah Mickelson

Skinner Family

Robin & Paul Pagley

The Quinn Family

Kim & Jeff Rose

The Royce Family

Saltmarsh Family

Barrett Smith

The Stroud Family

The Townsend Family

Velasquez Family

Wang Family

Bill and Jill Williams Family

The Zahn Family

Our Co-Presidents for the 2015-2016 school year, Zelda Minors and Laura Clark, are working with a nominating committee to fill open positions for next year. Thank you to Tish McKernan, Belinda Ekols, and Dinah Street for taking this role. We have an urgent need to fill some positions as soon as possible, such as Spirit Wear Chairs, Hello Chairs, Friends of Hill Country Fundraiser Chairs, and

Carnival Chairs. Please consider stepping up and volunteering for one of the following open positions. Grab your best buddy and volunteer together - what a great way to get involved and make a difference in the lives of our students. Questions? Please contact the committee if you can help: Tish McKernan tishmc2002@yahoo.com, Belinda Eckols eckols@me.com, Dinah Street dinah@rsassoc.com, Laura Clark l_h_clark@hotmail.com, Zelda Minors zeldaminors@yahoo.com,

Renee Ernst

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MARCH

CLT meeting	Wednesday, March 4	4:00 - 5:00	library
7th grade dance	Friday, March 6	7:00 - 9:00	café/gym
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon	Tuesday, March 10	A, B, C lunches	staff lounge
Spirit Night - Noodles & Co	Thursday, March 12	4-9 pm	Noodles & Co
Spring Break	March 16 -20		
Report card treats	Tuesday, March 24	A, B, C lunches	cafeteria
Booster Club Board Mtg	Wednesday, March 25	8:45 -11:00	conference room

EEF News

The 2015 EEF Gala presented by Lexus of Austin

Thanks to the incredible support we received from the Eanes ISD/Westlake Community, we are proud to announce that the 2015 EEF Gala raised \$425,000 for our teachers, making it the most successful EEF Gala to date! (Flyer attached)

THANK YOU!

Desiree Figer

Communications & Data Management Associate

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FYI

Save 10% for the upcoming Colt McCoy Youth Football ProCamp! Use code **WESTLAKE** to take \$15 off!! To Register go to <http://www.procamps.com/ColtMcCoy!!!!>

Dates June 29th - June 30th, 2015

Times	Sessions	Start Time	End Time	Grades	Cost
	Colt McCoy Football ProCamp	09:00 AM	12:30 PM	1 - 8	\$149
	Colt McCoy Football ProCamp - Citi Preferred Offer	09:00 AM	12:30 PM	1 - 8	\$119

Location Westlake High School, 4100 Westbank Dr., Austin, TX, United States, 78746

Open to Boys & Girls, Grades 1 to 8

Learn from and interact with Colt McCoy!

Each camper will receive:

- an autograph from Colt McCoy
- a limited edition Colt McCoy Football ProCamp t-shirt
- a camp team photo with Colt McCoy