

HCM'S HIGHLIGHTS

March 27, 2015

Principal's Message:

Eanes Board News

The Eanes ISD Board of Trustees has approved Friday, April 3, 2015, as the make-up day for the March 5, 2015, inclement weather day.

We recognize that April 3 may be considered a religious holy day for some students and families. Under Texas law, a student who is absent from school in order to observe a religious holy day may receive an excused absence. A parent/guardian must provide a written statement to the campus, indicating the religious holy day they are observing in order to receive the excused absence.

The District will move next Thursday's No Homework Night to Friday to honor its commitment to have a no homework weekend.

STAAR Information for 7th and 8th Grade Parents

Next Monday and Tuesday our 7th graders will take the Writing portion of the STAAR test. Next Tuesday our 8th graders will take the Reading portion of the STAAR test. Our students have been well prepared and are ready to apply their skills. Here are a few reminders that will help ensure that your student is in prime testing shape:

1. Have students get a good night's sleep.
2. Eating a good breakfast with protein is helpful.
3. Send healthy snacks, nothing sugary like candy or cookies. Also, please do not send messy snacks.
4. All students are encouraged to have water.
5. Students may only read after the test is done, so please send them with a book.

Due to a different schedule that often fluctuates based on student rate of test's completion, please do not plan to bring lunch in to your students those days, We

cannot always tell exactly when lunch will be. Students may bring lunch or purchase lunch in the cafeteria.

Thank you for your support.

Nurse Reed's Office

STAAR is around the corner, so now is a good time to talk with your children about healthy snacks to bring. Below is a healthy snack suggestion list for you to consider. We encourage that no snacks with no nuts be brought on campus.

Healthy Snack Suggestions:

- **No Nuts please**

Pretzels	Carrots
Crackers	Hummus
Gold Fish	Protein Bars
Granola Bars	Cucumbers
Raisins	Beef Jerky
Grapes	Hard Boiled Eggs
Apples	Celery Sticks
Bananas	Dried Fruit
Blueberries	Cliff Bars
Strawberries	Sunflower Seeds
Mango	Pumpkin Seeds
Bottled Water	Wheat Thins
Yogurt	Sugar or Fat Free Pudding
Bagels with fruit spread or cream cheese	Cottage Cheese
Applesauce	100 Calorie Snack Packs
String Cheese	Reduced Fat Cheez-its
Popcorn	Fruit Roll-ups
Trail Mix (without nuts)	

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.

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.

Go, Cougars!

Kathleen Sullivan

Cougar Club News

Hello, Cougars! What a great time of the year to be in Austin and to be a Cougar! Please see below the updates for the week:

General Membership Meeting: Don't miss the most exciting meeting we have planned yet! Please join us on Wednesday, April 1 at 8:45 am in the library for our next general membership mtg. We are excited to welcome Dr. Tom Leonard to discuss the proposed bond to fund Eanes ISD. Then we are giving each Eanes ISD school board candidate the opportunity to introduce himself or herself to you before you head to the polls in

April. And we will finish strong with a discussion from Deborah Davis Groves, an Independent Educational Consultant, who will discuss college preparedness. No, it's not too early to consider this! We want to help educate parents sooner rather than later!! Don't miss this meeting.

6th grade End-of-Year Event Volunteer needed: Each grade has an event planned as their end-of-year celebration. We need a parent liaison for the 6th grade. Please contact me if you can assist! It's fast approaching. Ernst.Renee@yahoo.com

8th grade parents needed: The 8th grade is going on a field trip on April 8th to the Bob Bullock Museum for the opportunity for the kids to learn about the La Belle exhibit, which is in full swing of being reassembled *inside the museum* to its original state!! It is a fabulous exhibit and one our kids will really enjoy seeing. We need chaperones! Please contact Jill Williams ASAP if you can help; jill.lear.williams@gmail.com

Volunteers needed for more testing: Ms. Hubbard (shubbard@eanesisd.net) needs help monitoring restrooms during the next round of testing. Testing is on April 20th, 21st, and 22th. 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!! shubbard@eanesisd.net

2nd Annual HCMS Fit Fest: HCMS is excited to hold this event on Wednesday, April 29, 2015. The staff works so hard and needs parent volunteers. Some positions needed:

*Set-up the day before (3:45 - 5:30)

* Morning Set-up & Speaker Check-In

* Session Helpers

* Field Day helpers

Please consider volunteering here: <http://vols.pt/tks9PF> Want to learn more about the Fit Fest? Check it out here: <http://hcmsfitfest.weebly.com/> (Check out the cool video under media tab)

Positions open for 2015-2016: The call for nominations for next year's HCMS Cougar Club board will be open from March 23 through March 30, 2015.

Open positions are:

- President Elect
- Treasurer Elect

This is the best way to get involved with our school—you can nominate yourself or a friend. Don't forget those incoming 6th graders! We'd love to include parents from all the elementary schools. Nominations with name and position can be emailed to the Co President-Elects Zelda Minors at zeldaminors@yahoo.com or Laura Clark at l_h_clark@hotmail.com.

Thanks for your interest!

Your 2014-2015 HCMS Cougar Club Board

APRIL

Booster Club General Mtg/Principal's coffee	Wednesday, April 1	8:45 - 11:00	Library
CLT meeting	Wednesday, April 1	4:00 - 5:00	Library
Report card treats	Tuesday, April 7	A, B, C lunches	Cafeteria
6th grade dance	Friday, April 10	7:00 - 9:00	Café/gym
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon	Tuesday, April 14	A, B, C lunches	Staff lounge
Eanes late start	Thursday, April 16		
Booster Club Board Meeting	Wednesday, April 22	8:45 - 11:00	Conf Room

EEF News

Eanes Education Foundation thanks our 2014-15 Real Estate Partners. Please show your support by patronizing our Real Estate Partners who support EEF's mission to *Fund the Gap Between Adequate and Excellent.*

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