

HCMS HIGHLIGHTS

April 10, 2015

Principal's Message:

Help Us Celebrate Our Teacher of the Year!!

It gives me great pleasure to announce our 2014-2015 Teacher of The Year—Krista Bradham. Ms. Bradham has taught math at HCMS for the past 9 years, and has taught all grades and levels. Let me tell you, she is no ordinary math teacher. She has creative stories, songs, games and very active ways to help students learn math and bring relevance to their learning. When I spoke to a few students, here is what they had to say:

"She is awesome!"

"I struggled in math before I had her and now I am better and like math so much more."

"If you don't know something, Ms. Bradham will work with you to make sure you understand."

Not only is she great in the classroom, she actively works on campus initiatives and is constantly learning new technology and honing her skills. Hill Country is so lucky to have a teacher as dedicated and passionate about teaching as Ms. Bradham is!

8th Grade Scoliosis Screening

We will be conducting spinal screening for all 8th graders on April 30th and May 1st through the Social Studies classes. The purpose of spinal screening is to detect the signs of abnormal curves of the spine at their earliest stages so that the need for treatment can be determined. Scoliosis, a common spinal abnormality found in adolescents, is a sideways twisting of the spine. It is usually detected in children between 10 and 14 years of age. Kyphosis, sometimes called round back, is an exaggerated rounding of the upper back and is often confused with poor posture. Many cases of curvature of the spine are mild and require only ongoing observation by a physician when they are first diagnosed. Others can worsen with time as the child grows and require active treatment, such as bracing and/or surgery. Early treatment can prevent the development of a severe deformity which can affect a person's appearance and health.

The procedure for screening is simple. We will look at your child's back while he/she stands and then bends forward. For this examination, boys and girls will be seen separately and individually.

Parents will be notified of the results of the screening only if professional follow-up is necessary. This screening procedure does not replace your child's need for regular health care and check-ups.

According to Texas State law, all children in grades 5 and 8 are required to be screened. If, for religious reasons, you do not wish to have your child screened, you are to submit an affidavit of exemption to the nurse's office by April 24th, 2015. You may also choose to have your own private physician screen your child and written documentation of this exam must be sent to the nurse's office.

Please call if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Nurse Reed

2015-2016 Cheerleaders

Parents, on April 13th at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria, there will be an informative meeting in regards to cheer tryouts. Please plan to attend.

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

Yearbook Happenings

Hello, Hill Country Families! If you haven't had a chance to purchase a yearbook, now is the time! The kids have an absolute blast on yearbook signing day, making memories that last forever. To purchase your yearbook, visit the HCMS website and use the online payment option!

Thank you,

Emily Molina and Jenny Buttler, Yearbook teachers

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.

HCMS Scoreboard

HCMS Guys:

Through the hard work and athletic skills of our boys, the HCMS 7th grade track team won its first district championship! Hill Country scored 173 points, 42 more than any other team. The 8th grade tracksters also showed their physical and mental toughness, bringing home the 3rd place trophy. Please congratulate these athletes for their dedication and accomplishments this spring!

HCMS Ladies:

Congratulations to all the 7th and 8th grade girls who competed in track this season. The athletes involved achieved individual as well as team success. They worked very hard to increase their physical and mental toughness throughout the season. The 8th grade team improved on their final results from last year and finished 5th in district. The 7th grade team had a competitive finish, missing the district championship by only 9 points, finishing 3rd overall. They are already preparing to avenge this next year! Nice job, Lady Cougars!

The following athletes finished top 6 in the District for their events:

7th grade:

Kaitlyn Wills, Genevieve Gehlken, Presley Bennett, Rylee Baptiste, Elise Smoot, Maddie Dawson, Kara Nelson, Casey Campbell, Lexi Zurovec
Great job, Ladies, and Go, Cougs!

8th grade:

Hope Strong, Tosca Johnson, Laura Laboon, Campbell Griffin, Hannah Marcus, Emily Krpec, Mackenzie Youngblood, Allison Huang, Sophia Jackson, Emmy Helmi

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 add up and can help supplement our yearly expenses.

Go, Cougars!

Kathleen Sullivan

Cougar Club News

Hello, Cougars! This is the time of year when the Cougar Club starts planning for the future and looking to thank those who volunteered this past year. Please plan to attend our last general membership meeting on May 6 at 8:45 am in the library for an HCMS Volunteer Appreciation breakfast. We are excited to take the

opportunity to say THANK YOU to our volunteers. Looking forward to seeing you all that morning! Please see updates for the week:

Online School Store: The online school store will be opening the beginning of May. This year, in anticipation of a "paperless" and streamlined **Hello** event, we are urging parents to handle all purchases, payments, and Eanes registration requirements *online and early!* More details will come via email and newsletter this month.

6th grade dance: The 6th grade dance party is TONIGHT from 7-9 pm. Your student will need a \$5 entry fee and extra \$ for snacks. School dress code will be enforced. Don't miss this fun event!

Volunteers needed for testing: Ms. Hubbard (shubbard@eanesisd.net) needs help monitoring restrooms during the next round of testing. Testing is on April 20th, 21st, and 22nd. You may sign up for a 1 or 2-hour shift. Bring your laptops, books, etc., and multi-task! Please contact Ms. Hubbard if you are able to help!! shubbard@eanesisd.net

2nd Annual HCMS Fit Fest: HCMS is excited to be holding 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)

Renee Ernst

Cougar Club President

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APRIL

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

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Desiree Figer
Communications & Data Management Associate
Eanes Education Foundation

Hoops 4 a Cure:

Please see attached flyer for information. First 100 to register will be allowed to participate.