

HCMS HIGHLIGHTS

May 1, 2015

Principal's Message:

GT Fair

Hill Country students in the GT program highlighted their independent study topics by presenting at the 2015 Exhibition of Passion Projects. Students presented a wide range of topics, including wildlife management, ethical hacking, and the physics of yo-yos, in a multitude of creative ways such as stop-motion animation, 3-D printing, and website design.

Wonderful Wellness!!!!!!

On Wednesday HCMS students engaged in our second annual Fitness Fest. It was a glorious day! All students learned about nutrition and medical well-being and participated in sessions on movement and fitness. The afternoon followed with a field day and farmers' market on our tennis court. The goal of the day was to focus on habits of living a healthy lifestyle and celebrating ways that movement can be fun. I loved watching our students try healthy snacks, make fresh spring rolls, try yoga, hip-hop dance, kick box, and learn about first aid. These were just a few of the amazing activities students were able to experience. A big thank you to the HCMS Wellness Committee led by Heather Schubert and our countless parent volunteers who made this day possible.

Latin Club Shines

Congratulations to Hill Country's Latin Students for their success on the National Latin Exam!

24 out of 38 7th grade students scored at or above the "national" average; 20 out of 38 students received awards.

20 out of 37 8th grade students scored at or above the "national" average; 19 out of 37 received awards.

The most notable mentions were:

- 5 8th Graders received top honors (Summa Cum Laude)
- 6 8th Graders received second honors (Maxima Cum Laude)
- 4 7th Graders received Outstanding Achievement awards

The scores are based on the performance of 150,000 students across the world who take the exam (schools in all 50 US States and 20 other countries participate in the exam).

7th Grade

Outstanding Achievement Awards

Alexia Zurovec

Nicole Zakiyan

Tian Dong

Melchior Jean

Achievement Awards

Alexander Wilson

Bear Gruzen

Aryan Wadhwa

Lance He

Melissa Khasbagan

Urvi Alamela

Skye Hospod

Shivani Lam

Julian Plyer

Amrit Chandar

Surya Rajesh

Nico Zucca

Shaham Noorani

Daniel French

Shruti Srinivasan

Grace Mankle

8th Grade

Summa Cum Laude and Gold Medal Winners

Helen He
Vikram Alamelu
Ethan Dintzner
Joseph Asfour
Nathaniel Boldt

Maxima Cum Laude and Silver Medal Winners

Isabel Burke
Grace Zhou
William Barksdale
Katherine Chiang
Jacqueline Garibay
Tucker Hazell

Magna Cum Laude

Joseph McKernan
Katherine Murr
Michael Jenkins
Lauren Freche

Cum Laude

Caroline Cullers
Ryann Finell
Sarah Clapsaddle
Addison Berrier

HCMS Scoreboard

The Hill Country Boys' Golf Team broke two school records yesterday at the Lake Travis Tournament—lowest team total ever (147) and lowest individual score ever in Hayes Hayden's score of 33, which is 3 under par. The boys' team 1 won first

place and team 2 took second place. All ten boys received medals! Nick Palmo received an individual medal for second place with a 34 Matthew Denton was third with a 35, and all three boys shot under par. Madelyn Jones received a medal for third place on the girls' side with a score of 40.

Last night the girls and boys' soccer teams fought hard, but were unable to pull out victories. Both teams lost to Marble Falls Middle School 2-0.

Cougar Club News

Hello, Cougars!

Nominations for 2015-2016 Cougar Club Board: The nominating committee has presented the following slate for board positions for next year. The current board has accepted the slate and will ask for a general membership vote at the May 6th meeting at 8:45 am in the library. Thank you to these incredible parents for stepping up to the plate!

President(s) - Zelda Minor and Laura Clark

President Elect(s) - Dinah Street and Stephanie Beard

VP IT/Communications - Kelle Turner

VP Finance - Polly Rickard

VP Parent Programs - Belinda Eckols

VP Student Programs - Leah Santos

Secretary - Brettne Shootman

Treasurer - Angela Billman

Treasurer Elect - Mary Torkelson

Advisor - Tish McKernan

HCMS Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast: Calling all volunteers!! Have you attended a field trip? Worked in the school store? Done any volunteering at HCMS this year?? If so . . .

You are cordially invited to the annual HCMS Volunteer Breakfast

May 6th, 8:45 am

HCMS Library

Sponsored by The Cougar Club

Please join as we celebrate YOU!

Teacher Appreciation week: TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK IS COMING! IT'S THE WEEK OF MAY 4TH AND WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please go to <http://vols.pt/ok5zKw> to volunteer and help show how special our HCMS staff is and how much we appreciate their investment in our children! Thank you for your contribution in making this a great and special week! *Also, be looking for our Teacher Appreciation THANK YOU NOTES that will come out in next week's newsletter which will be for our children to write a special note to their teachers.

7th grade field trip: Please volunteer to chaperone the 7th Grade end-of-year celebration on Thursday, May 28 to Austin's Park & Pizza. What a great time!! Sign up here: <http://vols.pt/i2LpN7>

Online School Store: The online school store is OPEN NOW. Please note, you will see a few changes - be prepared to create an account - it's super simple and will allow you to be able to sign into the school store to check your order history at any time. No more wondering what you ordered right before Hello!! Also you will be required to enter your student's Eanes ISD student number. This number is easily found on Skyward or any report card (same as school lunch code). Please understand this extra step will clear up possible order errors.

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Staff Appreciation Week

May 4-8

Booster Club General Mtg	Wednesday, May 6	8:45 - 11:00
CLT Meeting	Wednesday, May 6	4:00 - 5:00
8th grade Pedernales	Monday & Tuesday, May 18/17	
8th grade Pedernales Dance	Friday, May 22	
6th grade end of year celebration	Wednesday, May 27	
7th grade end of year celebration	Thursday, May 28	
8th grade celebration	Thursday, May 28	

EEF News

Registration for the 6th Annual EEF 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament opens Friday, May 1st! (see attached flyer)

Who: 2nd Graders - Adults

What: Tournament basketball, burgers & snow cones!

When: Monday, May 25th

Where: WHS TLC Parking Lot

Entry fees are tax-deductible. Proceeds benefit Eanes Education Foundation and fund teachers for the next school year! Register by May 14 to receive a T-shirt.

Sponsorship opportunities available! **Register today at**

www.EanesEducationFoundation.org

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Community Happenings

Hoops 4 a Cure 3x3 Basketball Tournament is May 15th! Sign up today for guaranteed t-shirt size & a chance to win a YETI cooler! The deadline is May 8th. Go to <http://hoops4aCureCTX.eventscff.org> or see the attached flyer.