

HCM'S HIGHLIGHTS

Principal's Message:

The first Nine Weeks is a wrap!

Wow! We are already nearing the end of October! Yesterday, report cards were posted to Family Access. I hope you will take a moment to visit with your student about their school year thus far. As we close out one grading period and march into another one, it is good to reflect, celebrate, and set goals. Take a moment to talk with your student about the following:

1. What are you proud of with your school work? (Celebrate this!)
2. What was a challenge you had, and how did you overcome it? or What might you do to overcome it this nine weeks?
3. How did you stay organized? Did that work for you, or is there something you need help with?
4. What is a goal you would like to set for yourself this nine weeks?

Please know that if there is anything with which your student needs support to achieve the goals they set or if you have concerns about any classes or social/emotional issues, we are happy to help. Middle school can be a challenging time, and we are here to support students and parents.

I am proud of the hard work our students have done and their respectful behavior this nine weeks. They have done a tremendous job!

Important Health Information

Please see the below link regarding healthy practices.

<http://eanesisd.net/news/health-reminders>

GT News...

Deadline for Nomination for Testing for GT Program

The online consent for assessment form for testing for the GT program is 5:00 on Tuesday, October 28th. The form can be accessed on [Ms. Hanna's website](#).

Eanes ISD Space Science Night

Eanes ISD will host Space Science Night on November 13th at Westlake High School from 5:30 - 7:30pm. The event will showcase student experiment proposals and submission to the Mission Patch Contest for the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP).

The event will feature hands-on astronomy activities for students of all ages, including an inflatable planetarium and telescopes set up outside for viewing the planets. Retired astronaut Marsha Ivins will be the keynote speaker.

Food trucks will be in the parking lot for dinner and dessert.

More information, including a schedule, listing of hands-on activities, speaker bios, and food truck vendors can be found on the [district website](#).

HCMS Carnival...

Come one! Come all!

Come volunteer and check out your middle schooler at the HCMS Carnival! We have lots of options available! Early, mid-day, and afternoon shifts! Can't volunteer? No worries, we're looking for a lot of baked or bought goods for the ol' cake walk and you can sign up for that as well.

ALL VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ENTERED INTO A RAFFLE FOR A FEW FABULOUSLY FUN PRIZES!

[Just click here](#) or here (<http://vols.pt/JeZ1p5>) to go to Volunteerspot and pick your job.

Thanks for helping make the Carnival fun!

HCMS Scoreboard

Cross Country Runners

Maddie Dawson won first place for 7th grade making this her 5th overall individual victory this year. Jackson Arnette was 4th in the 8th grade division. Full results are not yet available.

Football Boys vs. Hudson Bend

7th Grade

7A 25-0

7B 12-36

7C 6-22

8th Grade

8A 38-6

8B 30-0

Volleyball Girls vs. Lake Travis

7th Grade

7A 25-15, 25-21

7B 25-22, 25-12

8th Grade

8A 25-15, 25-15

8B 25-13, 25-15

Go, Cougars!

Kathleen Sullivan

Cougar Club Updates:

Hello, HCMS families! I hope you had a great week. Halloween is just around the corner: Do you have your costume ready?!? Below please check out our updates . . .

Have you paid your *required* student fees? Please take care of that at the online store now. We will be contacting each parent who has not paid. Remember, this fee covers field trip transportation, consumables, and the carnival.

Upcoming events and opportunities:

Carnival - We've had an incredible turnout of volunteers for the HCMS Carnival on November 7!

There are just a few spots left for hands-on volunteers and LOTS of need for more baked goods for the cake walk!

Please take a look at the link and sign up if you can!

To sign up [click here](#) or go to <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/508576214010>

Veteran's Day: HCMS Veteran's Day Celebration is November 11. Please send pictures of your families' veterans to woodring1@sbcglobal.net. Please include your student's name and grade, the veteran's name, rank, branch of service, and years of service. This celebration is one of the finest things the Cougar Club and administration does! There will be a beautiful ceremony, and we want to honor our veterans with a lovely slideshow.

Pit tickets: The football season will be over soon - don't miss an opportunity to see your student at lunch. Come sell Pit Tickets! Please consider helping sell tickets during a lunch period. The volunteer spot is <http://vols.pt/o7txjv>.

Calendar:

Cougar Club Board Mtg. - Wednesday, October 29 - 8:45-10:30am

Report Card Treats - Tuesday, October 28 - All lunches

Eanes Late Start - Friday, October 31

Cougar Club general membership meeting - State of the District with Dr. Leonard - Wednesday November 5, 8:45 am

HCMS Carnival - Friday, November 7th

8th grade dance - Friday, November 7, 4-6 pm

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EEF News...

Thank you for taking part in the Smackdown! We are busy, busy, busy processing all of your generous gifts. We look forward to announcing the winning campus and overall Donation Day totals. We are so grateful for your donations! See the attached flyer with photos from Donation Day and view all of the tailgate photos by Nimai Malle here: <http://www.photosbynimai.com/School/WHS-Tailgate-2014/>

If you have not had a chance to make your gift to the Teacher Fund, it's not too late. EEF collects donations year-round in order to fund our fantastic, hard-working teachers. www.EanesEducationFoundation.org