

# ***HCM'S HIGHLIGHTS***

**November 25, 2014**

## **Principal's Message:**

Last week I had the opportunity to travel to Seattle with our Symphonic Band. While I was reminded of the tremendous talent our students have, I recalled something greater and something very timely as we approach this Thanksgiving break. During our trip some of our students became ill with a stomach bug. What I witnessed from the parents and directors was incredible compassion and flexibility. All the adults worked together to care for these students, while also making sure the well students still got to all the special events we had planned. All of the adults pulled together to ensure that all the students who were far from home and feeling terrible got the support and TLC they needed. As we found ourselves needing extra help, all the adults were happy to jump in and support no matter what the task was. This reminded me what makes our community so great—no matter what, we care for and support our students. This kindness and dedication to students at all times is what sets this community apart from so many others! I am thankful to work in a place where students are supported and cared for regardless of the situation. This Thanksgiving I wish each of you peace and joy with your family and friends.

## **NJHS happenings!**

Hill Country's NJHS students traveled to Popham Elementary School with Mrs. McClennahan on Thursday for the annual Book Buddy trip. Our students took loads of books and spent the morning reading to the first graders, who treated them to games, dancing, and plenty of smiles! Mrs. McClennahan thanks all of the parents who contributed by sending books or chaperoning. It was a sweet and very rewarding day!

## **The BOOK FAIR IS COMING to the LIBRARY!**

December 8 - 11

Cash, Checks, Credit Cards

Click here for more details (the snowflakes are linked): <http://goo.gl/qJs3TK>

## **Volunteers Needed for the HCMS FLL Robotics Tournament!**

We need volunteers to staff the HCMS Robotics Tournament on Saturday, December 13th.

- We need volunteers for set-up from 4:00 - 6:00 on Friday, December 12th.
- We need middle and/or high school student volunteers for shifts from 8:00 - 12:00pm and 12:00 - 4:00pm on Saturday, December 13th.
- We need volunteer judges (Online training module provided) from 8:00 - 4:00 on Saturday, December 13th.
- We need some other adult volunteers to assist with staffing the judges' hospitality room.

In addition, we are accepting monetary donations toward feeding our volunteers. In-kind donations are also accepted. These contributions are through WESTA (Westlake and Eanes Science and Technology Association), an educational and scientific 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

This is a great opportunity for Austin area companies that would like to support STEM Education. Please contact Angie Hanna ([ahanna@eanesisd.net](mailto:ahanna@eanesisd.net)) if you are interested.

## **Box Tops**

Remember to send in your box tops! The funds received from clipping and sending these in 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. Due to the recent cold weather, we will extend the date to claim lost items to December 1.

## HCMS Scoreboard

### Basketball Girls vs West Ridge

7A	33-28	8A	35-12
7B	11-16	8B	34-6

### Basketball Guys vs West Ridge

7A	56-34	8A	75-46
7B	30-13	8B	44-33

*Go, Cougars*

*Kathleen Sullivan, Principal*