



Hixson Middle School
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Hixson, TN 37343
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HMS WILDCAT NEWS

October 2017



HMS **PTSA**[®]

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Volunteer Opportunities

We need lots of help for our Fall Fundraiser

- *October 26th – Help set-up the Haunted Locker Room. Contact Schkira Woodall @ 423-314-2680
- *October 27th – Help give Haunted Locker Room Tours, Work as characters in the Haunted Locker Room, etc. Contact Schkira Woodall @ 423-314-2680
- *October 27th – Help chaperone the Halloween Dance, work the concessions table, setup, take down, etc. Contact Tiffany Patterson @ 423-902-0162
- *October 28th – Help work a booth at the Friends of Hixson Fall Festival. Contact Tiffany Patterson @ 423-902-0162

*If you would like to help with any food/hospitality opportunities and haven't received an email or seen the Sign up Genius, please contact Amanda Shackelford @ 423-322-1389

2017-2018 PTSA Board

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It's that time of year again to send in those BOX TOPS to help our school earn money!
BRING IN 5 BOX TOPS OR MORE
AND
...GET A DRESS DOWN DAY
Turn in date: Friday, October 20th
Put your name with Homeroom teacher and box tops in an envelope or ziploc bag.
no expired box tops please
DRESS DOWN DAY IS:
FRIDAY OCTOBER 27th

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

**Halloween Dance
and
Haunted Locker Room**

**October 27th from 6pm-8pm
@ Hixson Middle School Cafeteria
Hixson Middle School Students Only**

**Dance: \$5.00 Per Person
Tickets will be sold at the dance to use for concessions and the
Haunted Locker Room
Haunted Locker Room: 2 tickets per person per tour
Concession Items: 1 ticket per item**

**Sponsored by Hixson Middle School PTSA
Fall Fundraiser**





Fall Festival



**October 28th from 10am-3pm
@ DuPont Elementary School
Benefitting our Hixson Area Schools**

**Inflatables, Activities and Food!
Costume Contest include Pets
Stroller Parade at 11:30am**

**Sponsored by Friends of Hixson, Scenic City Credit Union,
and many other Hixson Community sponsors.**

HIXSON MIDDLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER SWEATSHIRT ORDER FORM

NAME: _____

GRADE: _____ HOME ROOM: _____

A. BLACK SWEATSHIRT W/DISTRESSED WILDCAT AND PAW - \$24				
AS _____	AM _____	AL _____	AXL _____	A2XL _____

B. BLACK SWEATSHIRT W/WILDCAT FOR LIFE - \$24				
AS _____	AM _____	AL _____	AXL _____	A2XL _____

C. SPORTS GRAY SWEATSHIRT W/WILDCAT THING - \$24				
AS _____	AM _____	AL _____	AXL _____	A2XL _____

D. BLACK SWEATSHIRT W/WILDCAT NATION - \$24				
AS _____	AM _____	AL _____	AXL _____	A2XL _____

E. BLACK SWEATSHIRT W/WILDCAT FRAME (GLITTER) & MONOGRAM - \$28				
PRICE INCLUDES MONOGRAM - PLEASE PUT IN MONOGRAM BOX BELOW OR HMS WILL BE USED				
AS _____	AM _____	AL _____	AXL _____	A2XL _____

F. DARK HEATHER GRAY SWEATSHIRT W/WILDCAT LOVE EMBROIDERED - \$30				
AS _____	AM _____	AL _____	AXL _____	A2XL _____

G. CHARCOAL SWEATSHIRT W/PEACE LOVE WILDCATS EMBROIDERED - \$30				
AS _____	AM _____	AL _____	AXL _____	A2XL _____

H. BLACK SWEATSHIRT W/WILDCAT YALL EMBROIDERED - \$30				
AS _____	AM _____	AL _____	AXL _____	A2XL _____

I. ADD MONOGRAM TO BACK TOP OF SWEATSHIRTS - \$5 (EACH) X _____ = \$ _____				
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PLEASE CHOOSE ONE AND LIST INITIALS BELOW

Male Monogram: First, Middle, Last _____ / _____ / _____ Example: MAG	Female Monogram: First, Last (Big), Middle _____ / _____ / _____ Example: MGA
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Amount Due: _____

For HxMS purposes only

Amount Received: _____	
Method of Payment: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Check
Parent Name: _____	Phone #: _____

Orders will be delivered to school 2-3 weeks from completion of the sale.

**HIXSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
SWEATSHIRT EXAMPLES**

A.



B.



C.



D.



E. GLITTER DESIGN



F. EMBROIDERED



G. EMBROIDERED



H. EMBROIDERED





We are excited to have our new co-sponsors: Ms. Bailey and Ms. Howard on board! We look forward to some awesome time together as we finalize our yearly calendar. If you want change then this is the place for you! Our next meeting is October 17 due to the fall break falling on our scheduled meeting date!



Our Jr. Beta Club is up and running. Welcome to our new members, and welcome back to those who were with us last year. The TN Jr. Beta Club Convention will be held in November, but check your calendar for important dates and deadlines. Please contact Mrs. Powell with any questions at powell_lori@hcde.org.

Technology Student Association (TSA)



Hixson Middle School's Technology Student Association, TSA, is looking for members who will participate in the 2018 Tennessee TSA State Leadership Conference, in which members will be given the opportunity to compete in over 30 different events involving leadership, research, public speaking, promotional design and debating technological issues.

Students are needed who have at least a 2.0 grade point average (without any grade that is below C); who have not been suspended; and who are in good standing with administrators and their teachers; who will be able to pay for all or a part of conference fees (\$70); who will be able to attend TSA meetings after school; and must be able to work individually as well as cooperatively with others as a team on projects for competitive events.

There is a \$16 membership fee for all students that must be submitted for state and national affiliations.

For additional information, please contact Mrs. Bulls, TSA Advisor, at 847-4810, or bulls_beverly@hcde.org.

TSA Motto: "Living to lead in a technical world."

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)



What is it? A student-led, non-denominational time of games, music, Bible study and prayer.

Who can come? Anyone! You do not have to be an athlete to come. Everyone is welcome!

When? Every Thursday at 6:45 a.m.

Where? Hixson Middle School Library

See Mrs. Chris Thomas, room 8219, for more information.

Academics

6th Grade Social Studies

In his book, *The Study of History* John Lucas states “...to remain ignorant of the deeds and writing of previous generations- is to bind oneself by the passions and prejudices of the age into which one is born.” World History is the “memory” of humankind.

It is this “memory” that has allowed 6th Graders to revisit the experiences of nomads in the Paleolithic Era, as well as, Ancient Mesopotamian Civilizations and Empires.

As quarter two approaches, we move into studying Ancient Civilizations of Egypt, India and China with our focus being on the cultural economic, geographic, political and historical structures. Increased exposure to primary and secondary sources will continue. Writings, such as, *The Upanishads* as well as, project based learning will also be incorporated to support the literacy relevant to these cultures. Investigation will be undertaken with regard to the evidence archaeologists and historians used to determine the economic environment of Kush and Egypt. Some exciting activities to look forward to include working with digital collections of Egyptian Pyramids, such as touring 3-D images of the Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza, analyzing pyramid texts on the wall of the burial chambers and creating advertisements relating to mummification.



Academics

**7th Grade Language Arts
Mrs. Birch & Mrs. Howard**

Reading Project and Fair

October 17th is our annual reading fair! We are excited to see all of the projects and share the love of reading. If you need more information about the Reading Fair Project, please visit the school's website or contact your teacher. Can't wait to see everyone there!

What's Happening

This quarter we will be digging deeper into texts and learning to write analytically about what we're reading. We start with Fantasy Book Clubs. Your student will be assigned a book to read in class. They will read along with their peers and have meaningful discussions as a group. Each student is a member of a team, and therefore, will have extra responsibilities. Please help us stress the importance of working together and doing their part. We are really excited about this unit; it's one of our favorites!

Google Classroom

Every student is now signed up for Google Classroom! This is where all of the class notes/presentations will be kept. If a student is absent, they're able to get the notes and class information from this site. Unfortunately, parents cannot have their own account, but the students have their username and password located on the first page 13 in their agenda.

Remind

Don't forget that we use the Remind website and app to send important information home. We will send homework information, reminders for important events, and due dates for tests and projects. To sign up for the Remind Service, text the following codes to 81010.

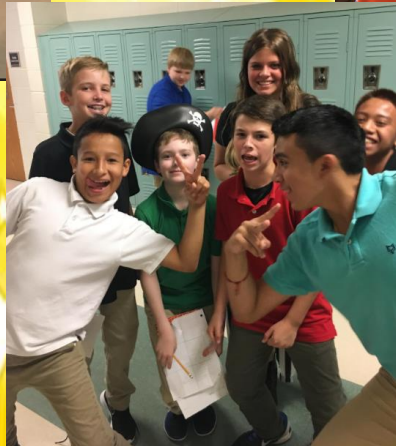
Birch's Class: @birch7207

Howard's Class: @howardrla

Academics

7th Grade Math

The students had to complete different math challenges to find their prize on Talk Like a Pirate Day.



Academics

8th Grade Social Studies

Mrs. Brewer and Miss Taeye's 8th grade Social Studies classes have begun a unit studying the American Revolution. Before Fall Break, students had the opportunity to participate in the "Revolutionary Battle of Hixson Halls". The activity simulated roles and events that may have taken place during a Revolutionary War battle. Students took on roles as soldiers, medics, or camp followers. They collaborated with their teams by strategizing and creating battle plans to capture the other team's flag.



Academics

8th Grade Math

Each quarter there is a project for a double test grade. The upcoming project will be based on Math Courses by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith. This will be due towards the end of the quarter. Do you want your students grade to improve? Then doing homework and test corrections ensures better learning, thus better grades.

Tina Childers

8th Grade Reading Language Arts

Revolutionary War Historical Fiction Book Clubs

The goal of this unit is for students to emerge from their participation in book clubs as knowledgeable readers who have new confidence in tackling complicated literature. Historical fiction provides a dramatically engaging backdrop for learning such complex skills. The Revolutionary War time period provides opportunities for cross-curricular connections since our 8th graders study this time period in their Social Studies classes.

8th Grade PBL

The goal of this unit is for students to emerge from their participation in book clubs as Students responded to How can we improve public education? by identifying a problem in their current setting, doing research, and coming up with a solution. Each student chose an issue in public education and developed a presentation with an "ask" included. Students had an authentic audience including Hixson Middle principals, Dean of Students, Academic Coach, Senator Bo Watson, and District 3 School Board Member, Joe Smith.



Academics

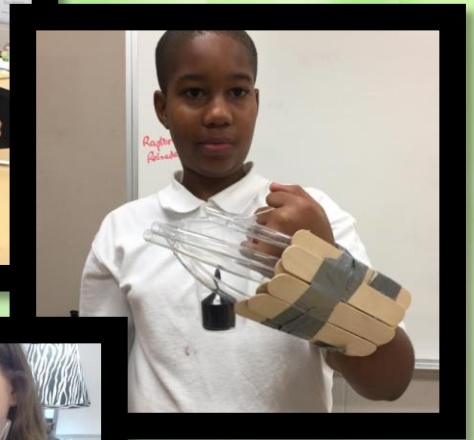
Gifted Education

Gifted Education students have been working on a STEM project designed by the American Society for Engineering Education called Lend a Hand.

Students began by designing and building a prototype of a gripper for an imaginary student with a physical disability. Students were given materials such as vinyl tubing, duct tape, and string. They received a budget to plan their materials. After submitting a design, they were able to “purchase” materials to build a prototype shown in the photographs.

In the second stage of this project, students will be using our new 3-D printer to create pieces that are put together to build a prosthetic gripper. After submitting the initial gripper for approval to an organization called Enabling the Future, students will then begin to build a gripper for an actual child in need of the device.

Look for more pictures next month as our project progresses!



Literacy News

Hixson Middle School Family Literacy Night & Reading Fair



**Tuesday, October 17th
from 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Program begins at 6:00 p.m.



Schedule

Doors open at 5:30 with snacks and drinks in the cafeteria.

Welcome and opening remarks 6:00-6:20

Reading Fair 8th grade 6:25-6:40, 7th grade 6:40-6:55, 6th grade 6:55-7:10

Awards 7:10-7:15 *take boards home with you*

Free book giveaway 7:15-7:30

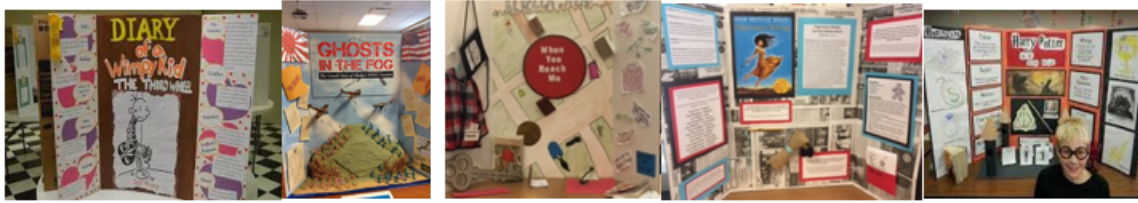
**Hixson Middle School invites all family members
to join us in celebrating reading.**

Students must be accompanied by an adult during Literacy Night.

**Students who have a parent or guardian in
attendance will be allowed to dress down
Wednesday, October 18 – Friday, October 20.**

Dress down clothing must follow school guidelines.

Literacy News



Reading Fair Project

Due: Tuesday, October 17th

The purpose of the Reading Fair is to give students an opportunity to share and celebrate reading. Students may work in pairs or individually. Partnerships will have to be from the same team and grade level.

Minimum Requirements (Grade of "B" 90) If project is missing criteria or is plagiarized, the score will be reduced:

Project must be on a tri-fold project board.

Identifying information (name of the student, grade level, and RLA teacher's name) should be labeled on the back of the storyboard. There is evidence that the student read a fiction or nonfiction book appropriate for middle school.

This evidentiary information is NOT printed from the internet.

Fiction book evidence should include: characters, setting, conflict, plot summary

Nonfiction book evidence should include: topic/person, time period, importance, information summary

The project includes a book review/recommendation to their peers.

The project is original and creative. It evokes interest and encourages others to read the book.

The display is neat and attractive. All information is neatly written or typed.

Exceeds Requirements (Grade of "A" score up to 100):

The project meets minimum requirements and will earn 3 points per additional item:

Presents project in person at Literacy Night (3 points + 1 additional point for dressing as the character/person in book)

Includes interactive component or model/diorama/artifact (3 points)

Creates handout or take-away item for project (3 points)

Grading: Projects will count as an assessment grade in Reading Language Arts class.

Awards: Additional awards will be given at Literacy Night for the following categories: Best Overall Project (each grade level), Best Artifact/Model/Interactive Component, Best Take-Away Item, and Best Dressed in Character.

Congratulations to our 2nd graduating TechGoesHome CHA class at Hixson Middle School.

Nine students and parents completed 15 hours of technology training led by Mrs. Holloway & Mr. Lewis. Students and parents created and presented projects to demonstrate their skills. All families purchased a Chromebook for \$50.

Participants: Caleb Staton & Tasha Bates, Julian Moore & Marisa Williams, Malachi Gibbs & Lawana Gustus, Molly Brewer & Jerad Brewer, James Sonty-Iztep & Modesta Iztep, Lance Mayweather & Myra Williams, Caitlyn Birch & Crystal Birch, Audrey Porter & Brian Porter, Erick Chaman-Arroyo & Mayra Arroyo.

Here is a link to our Flipgrid: <https://flipgrid.com/e2c616>

To learn more about TechGoesHome CHA, visit www.techgoeshomecha.org



Sports

Hixson Middle School Cross Country

Hixson's Cross Country ended their season on Thursday, Sept. 21st in HCDE Tournament
Hixson Girls' Times and Places:

Congratulations to JeJuan McCrary for taking 9th place medal.

Paris Simmons	32 nd Place	12:53
Sarah Brotton	43 rd Place	13:37
JaMiyah Gillispie	67 th Place	14:54
Brooklynn Merrell	81 st Place	15:53
Ya'Amie Atkins	104 th Place	19:18



Hixson Boys' Times and Places

JeJuan McCrary	9 th Place	9:43
Alex Huegerich	49 th Place	11:38
Logan Durham	54 th Place	11:47
Corey Holloway	111 th Place	14:57
Charlie McNeely	126 th Place	16:38

Thanks goes out to all the runners, keep running...each of you got stronger with each run...your run times show it!

A special "Thank You" to Mrs. Tiffany Patterson, our Team Mom this season....I couldn't have done it without your help.

Hixson Middle School Football

Congratulations to Reginald Hunter, Richard Hunter, and Landon Moore for being selected to the Western Division All-County HCAC team for Football



Talk Like a Pirate Day

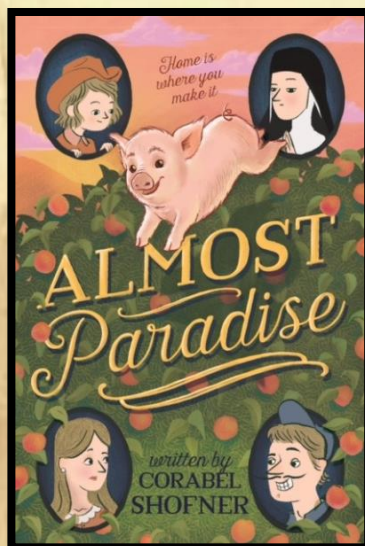


Junior League Grant to Build Outdoor Classroom

Congratulations to Hixson Middle School and Carrie Bishop for receiving a Junior League grant in the amount of \$750 to build an Outdoor Classroom for students at Hixson Middle School. Any parent who is willing to help with the construction of the Hixson Middle's Outdoor Classroom, please contact Mrs. Bishop at Bishop_C@hcde.org.

Author Corabel Shofner to visit Hixson Middle

Thanks to Humanities Tennessee 8th graders at Hixson Middle School were selected to participate in Student Reader Day. On Tuesday, October 17th each 8th grader will have the opportunity to interact with published author Corabel Shofner, and each student will receive a copy of her book *Almost Paradise* compliments of Humanities Tennessee.



News Channel 9 Educator of the Week

Mrs. Erica Williams and Mrs. Beverly Bulls attended the reception that was held for educators to welcome and meet Dr. Johnson on Sept. 18. The reception was hosted by the Hamilton County Education Association (HCEA) and the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Retired Teachers Association.



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Theme Week



Staff Birthdays

August

1st – Jessica Holloway
 25th – Amber Teeters
 26th – Stephanie Daniel
 31st – Lisa Wetzel

September

11th – Gerald Harwood
 28th – Rachel Labrador

October

15th – Jenny Matthews
 19th – Mr. Jackson



October Events

1	2	3	4	5 *Basketball Jamboree @ Loftis	6 No School – Teacher In service	7
8	9 Fall Break	10 Fall Break	11 Fall Break	12 Fall Break	13 Fall Break	14
15	16	17 *Fall Picture Day *Literacy Night 6pm *Soccer @ Soddy Daisy – Girls 3:30pm, Boys 4:45pm	18	19 *Girls BB vs. Sale Creek @ HMS – JV 5pm, V 7:30pm *Soccer vs. Tyner @ Hixson – Boys 5:15pm, Girls 6:30pm	20 *Report Cards	21
22	23	24 *Girls BB @ Tyner – V 5:15pm, No JV	25	26 *Girls BB @ Orchard Knob – V 6pm, No JV *Soccer @ Signal Mtn – Girls 5pm, Boys 6:15pm	27 *PTSA Haunted Locker Room/Dance 6pm-8pm	28
29	30	31 *Girls BB vs. Loftis @ HMS – V 3:45pm, No JV	Nov. 1 *Band Fruit Sale Begins	2 *Girls BB @ Red Bank – JV 5pm, V – 7:30pm *Soccer vs. Red Bank @ Hixson – Girls 4pm, Boys 5:15pm	3	4

**Events are subject to change