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Hutto Middle School News

New Year's Resolutions

Happy New Year! Hopefully you have enjoyed time with family and friends. Although it is a new year, we are well into 2013-2014 school year. However, we can still make some resolutions. Let's resolve to get involved at HMS by connecting with teachers through the parent portal, emails, and HMS agenda. Let's commit to attend school and district workshops, visit our Parent Resource room, and volunteer.

District Spelling Bee Winner



Congratulations to our district spelling bee winner, Aaliyah Thompson. We wish her all the best of luck at the Big Bend Regional Spelling Bee in Tallahassee on February 8, 2014.

Hawk Happenings

The Hawk team teachers are proud to announce they have implemented the use of technology in their classrooms. Ms. Harrell uses the tab pilots and allows the students to access the MyQ program for remediation/acceleration in math class. In Mrs. E. Willis' class students use both the tab pilots and the iPads in order for students to research topics in social studies. Mrs. Duke's class uses computers to implement the read theory website. Finally, in Mrs. J. Willis' class students use the tab pilots for students to visit interactive science websites.

Important Dates

- 1/16 Parent Workshop 5:00 PM
- 1/20 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- 1/28 School Wide Fundraiser Begins
- 1/29 HMS Zaxby's Night
- 1/29 School Wide Practice Writing Test
- 2/4 Honor Society Induction 7:00 PM
- 2/13 Parent Workshop
- 3/5 5th Grade Writing Test
- 3/7 Buddy Pictures
- 3/7 - 3/13 Benchmarks
- 3/13 End of the 3rd 9 weeks

Parent Workshop

Helping your Child with Math

Hutto Middle School will be sponsoring a parent workshop on Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 5:00. Parents will learn how to help their student with math once they get home. Parents will learn some useful websites and apps that will be beneficial for extra math practice. All parents are encouraged to attend this workshop.

Attendance Policy

Submitted by: Dr. Gardner

Attendance is an important part of your child's academic success! Research shows a direct link to improved grades and regular attendance. Decatur County is committed to our vision statement: Excellence, Engagement, and Accountability for All. As a result, Decatur County has implemented a new attendance policy. HMS is working hard to ensure you are aware of this policy. Parents may receive automated one call messages, personal phone calls, and or mailed letters informing you of your child's tardies and absences. These are our attempts to keep you informed. If you have any questions our HMS contact person is Dr. Crycynthia Gardner and our district contact person is Ms. Debbie Jones.

McKinney Vento Program

If your family lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and is forced to live in any of the following situations:

- ❑ Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (example: evicted from home, etc.).
- ❑ In a motel.
- ❑ In an emergency or transitional shelter.
- ❑ Have a primary nighttime residence that is not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for humans (car, park, or campsite).

Then your children may have the right to:

- ❑ Enroll in school without proof of residency, immunization, school records, or other documents.
- ❑ Choose between their school of origin or the school zoned for where you are currently living, when feasible.
- ❑ Receive transportation to school.
- ❑ Attend school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless. Children cannot be separated from the regular school program because they are homeless.
- ❑ Receive all the school services available to other students.

For more information you may contact
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