

Havana Middle School



"Reading Accelerates Success"

Monday, January 13th— **Million Minute Marathon**

Students and teachers will participate in Sustained Silent Reading (SSR) during the last 30 minutes of 7th period.

Monday, January 13th— **Artistic Expressions**

Students will be informed of the contest and the rules and guidelines for participation.

Tuesday, January 14th— **Bear Café Literacy Lounge**

Books and magazines will be provided in the cafeteria for students to read during breakfast and lunch.

Wednesday, January 15th— **Parent Expo**

Reading strategies and activities will be shared with parents and students.

Thursday, January 16th— **Artistic Expressions**

All poems, essays, or artwork must be submitted during homeroom. Judges will evaluate the submissions and determine the winners.

Friday, January 17th— **Artistic Expressions**

The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of the Artistic Expressions contest will be announced and they will receive a HMS messenger bag filled with books, bookmarks, and lots of other goodies.

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Artistic Expressions Contest Guidelines

Grades 6-8

- **Theme:** “Reading Accelerates Success”
- Please encourage students to participate.
- Only one entry per student is allowed. No late entries will be accepted.
- Students must address the theme of Literacy Week 2014, “Reading Accelerates Success” through an essay, poem, drawing or still photography.
- All submissions are due during homeroom on Thursday, January 16, 2014 and must include the student’s name, grade and homeroom teacher’s name.
- There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner overall. If there are a large number of participants then there will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner from each category. Winners will receive a goody bag of books and other delicious treats. The first place winner will also receive an HMS messenger bag.
- **Essay:** must be limited to 250 words or less, typed or handwritten. Students will be judged based on their ability to clearly communicate the theme, creativity, and correct usage of grammar and spelling.
- **Poem:** is limited to 30 lines or less and may be in any form such as free verse, limerick or haiku. It can be typed or handwritten and should be free of any illustrations or clip art. Students will be judged on their ability to clearly and creatively address the theme.
- **Still Photography/ Drawing:** submissions must be no more than 8x10 and no smaller than a 4x6. Students will be judged on creativity, color, clarity, and style.