

January 31, 2014

Dear Harlandale Family Member;

Condolences

On behalf of Tracy Maki's family and the Superintendent's office staff, thank you for the many kind expressions of sympathy and condolences. Tracy suddenly and unexpectedly passed away on Tuesday, January 28th after suffering a major heart attack. Visitation on Sunday will be held from 5 until 9 PM at the Brookehill Funeral Home and the chapel service will be on Monday at 10 AM.

Counseling Week

The week of February 3- 7 is designated as National School Counseling Week. I know you'll join me in recognizing and thanking our counselors for their valuable contribution to our district. Counselors have a great impact on student success, achievement, and well-being. We are very privileged to be surrounded by such dedicated and committed educators.

Harlandale Education Foundation Fund Drive

This year's annual Harlandale Education Foundation **Scholarship Fund Drive** will be held from February 12-26. HEF began in 1999 and its mission is to offer its graduates financial assistance toward their goals of pursuing higher education. Every Harlandale I.S.D. student who goes on to college, university or technical/trade school is eligible for a scholarship. Students who graduate in 2013 and do not receive the Pell Grant are eligible for \$1,250. Those who do receive the Pell Grant will be awarded \$625.

Last year Harlandale employees contributed **about \$50,000** to the fund. It is the goal of the Harlandale ISD to have a participation rate of 100% district-wide and reach a donations goal of \$55,000. Each gift will be matched dollar for dollar by a friend of Harlandale. Payroll deductions are the most efficient way for employees to support the HEF but may also make a contribution via cash or check. All employees' donations are completely voluntary.

The Harlandale Education Foundation, Inc. is an approved 501 (c) 3 charitable organization and your contribution is tax-deductible.

Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Melanie Petrash, Adaptive Physical Education Coach at Jewel Wietzel Center. Coach Petrash was selected the 2014 Harlandale Teacher of the Year. She will receive the KENS 5 ExCEL Award, be featured on television, and serve as the district's nominee for the Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching Award. We applaud all of our nominees for their outstanding contribution to our district.

Sincerely,

Rey Madrigal
Superintendent