

## COUGAR CLUB NEWS 9/15/17

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### **A (quick) NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

Thank you so much to all the parents who came to our first Cougar Club meeting last week – the turnout was amazing and I sincerely hope you can all come again next month!

A special #rawr to Danielle Wiest who shared some insightful, real-life information with us about transitioning kids, and sparked some great questions and conversation among the group.

Until next time,  
Alice Meadows  
#rawr

### **COUGARS NEED TO KNOW**

#### **Tip of the Week**

Doesn't it feel good to empower your kiddos? One way you can do that is to provide them the tools to take ownership of their test schedule. Every grade level has a master test calendar that lists all planned test dates in one place. Encourage your child to locate the grade level calendar by visiting HCMS home page and clicking on "Our School," then "Testing Calendars." Forgot you had a test??? I think not!

#### **THE PIT 101**

Middle Schoolers like to go to the football games, however because they've been known to be a rowdy bunch, The Pit was created.

**What is the Pit?** An area down by the in-zone exclusively for coral-ing middle school kids during home football games at Westlake Stadium.

**How does my kid get tickets for the Pit?** Tickets are sold during all three lunches on the Thursday and Friday before a home game.

**Do they just need the Pit ticket to get in?** Kids must show their School ID *AND* a Pit ticket to get into the Pit. Kids can show their school schedule if they have not yet received their ID or have lost it.

**If I've bought stadium tickets for my family, can my middle schooler use that to get into the Pit?** No. Even if your kid has a stadium ticket, you must buy a separate Pit ticket for them to get into the Pit.

**Can you come into the stands with a Pit ticket?** No. The Pit ticket is strictly for the Pit. If kids want to come into the stands, they have to buy a stadium ticket and be released from the Pit by an adult.

**Can kids just come and go from the Pit?** Kids can get dropped off at the Pit at any

time, but must be picked up by an adult and once they leave, they can't go back in.

### **HCMS Harvey Relief Efforts**

The response to HCMS Student Council and NJHS request for kits along with the rest of Austin has meant that that particular need has been met. They are still asking fellow students to donate \$25 Visa gift cards. All donations are to be collected by your student's advisory teacher.

#HCMSCougarsCARE2017

### **Yearbooks**

Cougar Club will not be selling yearbooks this year! Orders for yearbooks will be handled directly through Jostens. Purchase today by visiting [Josten's Website](#)

### **Student Planners**

Available for purchase in The School Store. Agenda's are \$10 each. Students can pay cash or check (made out to HCMS Cougar Club) at The School Store during their lunch period.

## **COUGAR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER NEEDS**

### **School Store**

Sign up today! <http://signup.com/go/NZUSPJq>

### **School Store Closings Week of September 18:**

The Store needs 1 additional volunteer during C lunch on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. We currently have no scheduled volunteers on the following days. The School Store will be closed during these lunch periods unless you sign up today!

**Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> (assembly schedule)**

### **Pit Ticket Sales**

Pit tickets are sold every Thursday and Friday during lunch before home football games. Interested in volunteering to sell tickets? Email Clarissa McWilliams [clarissa.mc@me.com](mailto:clarissa.mc@me.com).

### **Teacher Appreciation Lunches**

It's a great opportunity to get to see some of your kid's teachers and show some love. Donations can be dropped in the office the day before or morning of the lunch. Our next luncheon is on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Want to volunteer and/or donate? [Teacher Appreciation Lunch Volunteer Signup](#)

Questions? Contact Laura Clark [l\\_h\\_clark@hotmail.com](mailto:l_h_clark@hotmail.com)

## **COUGAR KUDOS – A Shoutout to Rock Star Parents!**

Thank you to **Laura Clark, Dinah Street** and **Chrissy Butler** for putting together this month's Teacher Appreciation Lunch and to **all the parents** who dropped off the La Croix, Brownies, chips and extras that make these lunches such a delicious success!

## **FRIENDS OF HILL COUNTRY CAMPAIGN:**

**Goal is 100% Participation**

**Cougar Dash (our grade level competition) ends September 30<sup>th</sup>. As a school community, let's commit to improving upon our participation levels from last year:**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade** ended with 31.7% participation – winner winner, ice cream dinner!!! Can they pull it off again???

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade** ended with 28.9% participation

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** ended with 24.4% participation

To learn more about our campaign, [click here](#).

Check out our Cougar Dash Grade Level Competition Update at the end of the Newsletter! We would LOVE to see your name added to the list of donors!!

## **COUGAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

9/19: Author Visit – Mike Lupica – Afternoon Assembly Schedule

9/21: Fine Arts Facility Reception 6:00-7:00pm

9/21: Penny Swap & Drop Presentation 7:00-8:00pm

9/26: District Early Release & No Homework Night

9/29: Pep Rally – Assembly Schedule

9/30: Cougar Dash Crosses the Finish Line

FRIENDS OF HILL COUNTRY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**COUGAR DASH**



**Thank you to our HCMS Families  
for supporting the Cougar Dash!**

(as of 9/10/2017)

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade is at 13.9% (31.7% last year)**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade is at 14% (28.9% last year)**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade is **WINNING** at 14.6% (24.4% last year)**

**THANK YOU 6th GRADE!**

Anonymous	Dwyer	Narvaez
Aaron	Finger	Nicola
Aaron	Flores	Ohlmeyer
Basu Roy	Haddock	Ott
Bentley	Jones	Patel
Bernard	Joseph	Perry
Blackbird	Kabiri	Pflum
Brinkley	Kayser	Quinn
Brooks	Kocs	Richert
Casey	Law	Sanders
Cockrell	MacRae	Stokes
Combs	Marcus	Thomas
Cooke	Masters	Thompson
Coulter	McCabe	Wehring
Crockett	Medina	West
Dennis	Momin	Wilson

## **THANK YOU 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE!**

Anonymous	Fagan	Newton
Alam	Ferguson	Newton
Beck	Fisher	Ogilby
Berry	Gillespie	Ott
Bishop	Hamlin	Patterson
Brainard	Hicks	Peterson
Briggle	Hubert	Rajesh
Brinkley	Hudson	Restivo
Browning	Hughes	Seiders
Brunel	Jack	Shapiro
Brydson	Kelley	Soltero
Burke	Kotagiri	Touchstone-Denham
Carlton	Lara	vanVoorhis
Corbett	Miller	Wall
Curtis	Morales	Wilkes
Davis	Muench	Yates
Depwe	Murray	Zurovec

## **THANK YOU 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE!**

Aaron	Foster	Newton
Aaron	Gernert	Parfan
Anderson	Harper	Pendri
Barksdale	Hendrix	Perkel
Basu Roy	Horton	Prince
Biles	Hubert	Riezebeek
Blahuta	Hudson	Robertson
Brinkley	Humble	Rodriguez
Brooks	Jarrett	Rose
Brown	Kambe	Russell
Butler	Kenney	Saha
Butler	Klubnik	Salisbury
Butts	Kugler	Shah
Carr	Lee	Torkelson
Coffee	Lowrimore	Walls
Cox	McIntire	Wehring
Deviney	McMahan	Weiss
Dickinson	Meakin	Wiltshire
Drazic	Mountain	Woodruff
Franke	Newton	York