

COUGAR CLUB NEWS 9/8/17

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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi Cougars!

It was so nice to see everyone who was able to make it to our first PTO meeting yesterday! If you didn't have a chance to join us, you can look for minutes from the meeting, available on our website next week. In the meantime, be sure to mark your calendar for our October 12th meeting when our guest will be Dr. Leonard.

I'd also like to say thanks to everyone who jumped on the email sent out last Friday and took care of your Student Fees! Right now we're edging ever closer to 100% paid with 6th grade at 86%, 7th grade at 71% and 8th grade at 63%!

And finally, don't forget to check out our website for all upcoming activities, volunteer opportunities and just about anything else you might possibly need to know.

Have a great week!

Alice Meadows

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HCMS FUNDRAISING 101

Do you find yourself thinking your child isn't the only one returning to Middle School and that there's a parent learning curve as well? We are here to help you and to provide a HCMS financial vocabulary study review that should get you up to speed!

HCMS Student Fees: \$55 required fee for each student which covers: *field trips/grade level events (\$30), classroom consumables (\$10), carnival wristband - there are no other carnival costs for students - no tickets to buy, etc. (\$15)*. Hopefully you've already paid this. If not, head over to [the online store](#) and check that box – our budget counts on these fees!

Cougar Club Membership: \$20 per family. All families are automatically welcomed in the club, but the Cougar Club simply can't exist without financial support and participation from our parents. Your membership helps toward *dances for each grade, Career Day, monthly teacher lunches, library support and more!*

Friends of Hill Country Campaign: This is the fancy name for our Cougar Club one-time fundraiser. Any donation amount is happily welcomed! ALL of the funds collected stay at our campus to fund the "things" our campus needs. Your FRIENDS dollars ensure we have our *crossing guard, bus transportation for all school events, as well as teacher and department start up funds* to enrich the learning environment on our

campus.

This is also how we pay for needs that come up throughout the year – for example last year’s contributions helped pay for *library improvements, an iPad mobile lab, Drama workshops, classroom calculators, science equipment, hallway bulletin boards, sound system, orchestra podium, health DVDs, poetry kits, classroom software, HCTV equipment, special ed. needs, teen skills equipment, and science subscriptions*. Whew!

Cougar Dash: Cougar Dash is the portion of the Friends of Hill Country Campaign that’s visible to the kids. During the Cougar Dash, each grade competes to have the highest percentage of donations based on their class size - winner gets an ice cream party out on the fields during school! *Any donation made to the Friends of Hill Country Campaign over the summer or online or during Hello will go toward these Cougar Dash numbers*. If you have two kids in two different grades, your donation will be split between them. Can kids donate? Sure, some do, especially if the dash gets close, there’s a box for donations in the office and envelopes will come home next week. We have a giant poster in the gym to track the progress of each grade and we’ll be updating you here in the newsletter and online. It’s all about participation!
This year’s Cougar Dash Crosses the Finish Line on September 30th!

Eanes Education Fund: The Eanes Education Foundation funds additional teacher and staff positions for our district. 100% of your EEF donations stay in the district.

COUGARS NEED TO KNOW

Tip of the Week

Do you find it difficult to remember when and if you purchased items or made a donation to our school? You are not alone! Here’s how you can easily view your purchase history whenever the need arises: [visit the Online Store](#), click on “my account,” click on “log in to my account,” under “track your recent orders” click “view all.” This will populate your entire order history and allow you to view details of each order placed.

HCMS Harvey Relief Efforts

We love that the HCMS Student Council and NJHS are leading the relief effort at the school by asking fellow students to donate \$25 Visa gift cards or to make a welcome kit (list available at <http://hcms.eanesisd.net>) that will be taken to the Austin Relief Network. All donations are to be collected by your student's advisory teacher.
#HCMSCougarsCARE2017

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.

PE & Athletic Wear Exchanges & Refunds

Pre-ordered PE & Athletic wear is available in the School Store during lunch periods. You can also exchange PE and spirit wear at the School Store during lunch. For refunds, you or your child will need to fill out a refund sheet, which you can obtain in the school store or download from the "forms" section on HCMS Cougar Club website. Contact Zelda Minors with questions: ZELDADMINORS@YAHOO.COM

COUGAR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Teacher Appreciation Lunches

Each month the HCMS Cougar Club provides lunch for the staff as a thank you for all the hard work they do for our kids. The main course is provided, but we need additional items to be donated each month. Please consider signing up to help set up, clean up or donate an item or two. 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.

First lunch is September 12th. We are still in need of a few items!

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

Questions? Contact Laura Clark l_h_clark@hotmail.com

School Store

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

School Store Closings Week of September 11:

We currently have no scheduled volunteers during C lunch on the 11th and 14th. The School Store will be closed during C lunch on these days unless you sign up today!

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.

COUGAR KUDOS – A Shoutout to Rock Star Parents!

Extra special thanks to the parents who helped guide kids to and fro on Picture Day – **Cara Fox, Barbara Legere, Susan Claunch, Alyssa West** and **Stephanie Dwyer** – you guys are awesome!

FRIENDS OF HILL COUNTRY CAMPAIGN: 100% Participation

The annual Friends of Hill Country campaign is underway and we need you! This is a one-time donation to the Cougar Club that pays for things we use throughout the year. To learn more about our campaign, [click here](#).

[Or better yet here to donate today!](#)

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

9/12: Teacher Appreciation Lunch

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

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 9/5/2017)

6th Grade is at 12.8%

7th Grade is at 12.8%

8th Grade is **WINNING at 14.4%**

THANK YOU 6th GRADE!

Anonymous
Aaron
Basu Roy
Bernard
Blackbird
Brinkley
Brooks
Casey
Cockrell
Combs
Cooke
Coulter
Crockett
Dennis
Dwyer

Finger
Flores
Haddock
Jones
Kabiri
Kayser
Kocs
Law
MacRae
Marcus
Masters
McCabe
Medina
Narvaez

Nicola
Ohlmeyer
Ott
Patel
Perry
Pflum
Quinn
Richert
Sanders
Stokes
Thomas
Thompson
West
Wilson

THANK YOU 7th GRADE!

Anonymous
Alam
Beck
Berry
Bishop
Brainard
Briggle
Brinkley
Browning
Brunel
Brydson
Carlton
Corbett
Curtis
Davis

Depwe
Ferguson
Fisher
Gillespie
Hamlin
Hicks
Hubert
Hudson
Kotagiri
Lara
Morales
Muench
Murray
Newton

Newton
Ott
Patterson
Peterson
Rajesh
Restivo
Seiders
Shapiro
Soltero
vanVoorhis
Wall
Wilkes
Yates
Zurovec

THANK YOU 8th GRADE!

Aaron
Anderson
Barksdale
Basu Roy
Biles
Blahuta
Brinkley
Brooks
Brown
Butler
Butler
Carr
Coffee
Cox
Deviney
Dickinson
Drazic

Franke
Harper
Hendrix
Horton
Hubert
Hudson
Humble
Jarrett
Kenney
Klubnik
Lee
Lowrimore
McIntire
McMahan
Meakin
Mountain
Newton

Newton
Parfan
Perkel
Prince
Riezebeek
Robertson
Rodriguez
Rose
Russell
Salisbury
Shah
Torkelson
Walls
Weiss
Wiltshire
Woodruff
York