On Friday, Katy ISD Superintendent, Dr. Hindt, sent a memo discussing the "unofficial letter grades" being released by the Texas Education Agency. A copy of his letter is attached to this e-News for your convenience. Katy ISD is sharing information about the state, district and your child’s campus as part of the state legislative requirements. Copies of the 2015-2016 School Report Cards for the state, district and campus are available for your review in the front office of our school, or can be accessed online at http://tea.texas.gov/perfreport/src/index.html.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 5TH GRADE STUDENTS: Parents of current 5th grade students are invited to an information session regarding the secondary Pre-Advanced Placement (PreAP) program. This information session will be repeated three times on Jan. 12th at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the ESC in room 1200. A 7:00 p.m. session will be held in English in room 1200 and in Spanish in the ESC boardroom. Parents may attend any one of the three sessions.

PROCLAMATION 2017 PARENT INPUT: Proclamation 2017 includes instructional materials for Career and Technical Education, Languages Other Than English, Algebraic Reasoning, Statistics, AP English Language and Composition, and AP English Literature and Composition. These materials will be implemented during the 2017-2018 school year. Instructional materials under consideration will be on display during business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) for parent and community input at the Education Support Complex from January 9 – 27, 2017. In addition, instructional materials will be available for review from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, Thursday, January 19, 2017 and Thursday, January 26, 2017.

SPRING 2017 AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS
REGISTRATION IS OPEN! We are excited to introduce a hands-on science club to Hayes this semester. Mad Science is an interactive after school program for students who love learning about science. There are 2 six week sessions and they meet every Thursday at JHE until 4:45pm. Session 1 is 1/19-2/23 and Session 2 is 3/2-4/13. The cost of each session is $128. For more information and to sign up for the program visit: http://houston.madscience.org

The Abrakadoodle Art Program is continuing this spring. The spring session is 1/24-2/28. The class meets on Tuesdays until 4:45pm and the class fee is $108. To sign up, please visit: http://www.abrakadoodle.com/tx-katy-and-west-houston-register/

LIBRARY LOWDOWN
Texas Bluebonnet maps are due Friday, January 20th. If the students (grades 3-5) read at least 8 of the books and complete 2 of the activities on the back of their Bluebonnet map, they will be invited to the Bluebonnet Bash on Friday, February 3rd. The Bubble Man is coming! It will be a great party!
Authors Annabeth Bondor-Stone and Connor White will visit Hayes Elementary on Friday, January 20th at 2:30 pm! Students in 1st—3rd grade will enjoy an energy-filled presentation and will have the opportunity to learn from these authors! You can pre-order autographed books and receive them that same week. Please fill out the book order form that is coming home with your student(s) today and return it to the library by January 18th.

Please send exact cash amount or make checks payable to JHE

COUNSELOR’S CORNER

CORE Essential for JANUARY: KNOWLEDGE

KNOWLEDGE—Discovering something new so you can be better at whatever you do.

The animal is the OWL and the color to wear on Tuesday’s during the month of JANUARY is GOLD

SAVE THE DATE
Tuesday, January 24, 2017
MMJH Cafeteria
6:00 - 7:20 p.m.

All 5th grade MMJH parents and students are invited to join us here at MMJH for our Curriculum Night. We will showcase our 5 core classes as well as our Fine Arts/Elective department. We look forward to meeting you.

MUSIC NOTES

5th Grade: Fifth graders will be starting to play recorders during Music class next week. Recorders must be brought to EVERY Music class for the next nine weeks. Each student will be preparing their Recorder Karate folder, and should bring it home nightly. You may wish to have your child keep their recorder and their Recorder Karate folder in their backpack and only take it out to practice at home. Once practice is completed, return the recorder and the folder to the backpack. Students should aim to practice 10-15 minutes per day, at least four days per week. For students that do not have a recorder, and would like to purchase one, soprano recorders can be purchased at Music and Arts in La Centerra or Guitar Center near Main Event.

Soaring Singers 5th Grade Choir: Just a reminder that choir rehearsal starts at 7:30am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. A student reporting to choir rehearsal later than 7:35am will miss sign-in and will be considered absent. However, the student may talk to me at the end of the rehearsal to have the status changed to tardy. Three tardies will equal one unexcused absence. Please keep in mind that after three unexcused absences, a singer will be dismissed from choir. Absences caused by illnesses, family deaths, or a doctor’s appointment will be excused. If a student is absent, he/she must bring a note stating the reason for the absence and it must be signed by the parent or legal guardian.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at KimberlyPeterson@katyisd.org
**CHALLENGE CHAT**

For those who recently moved to the Hayes area, welcome! We are screening transfer students for Gifted and Talented services. If you are interested in our Challenge program, please contact me. As transfers, we are screening for Kindergarten - Grade 5.

5th Grade screening results will be sent home by January 27th. Kindergarten screening results will be sent home by February 21st.

General Screening for Grades 1 – 4 is underway. The screening results will be mailed home at the latest by June, 2017. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at SarahGClark@katyisd.org

**PTA NEWS**

It’s auction time! We are currently seeking donations for this year’s Silent Auction. The Hayes Silent Auction, held on the night of the school Open House, is an exciting opportunity to bid on class parties, JHE special event seating and parking, luxury gift baskets, designer jewelry, autographed sports memorabilia, tickets to sporting and theater events, and so much more. Organized by the PTA, the funds raised support various school programs and events. Last year’s auction raised $15,000! Please fill out the form attached to the eNews, or go on online to www.jhepta.org/silent-auction.html to fill out the form and check out last year’s Silent Auction Catalog.

There are three ways to donate:

1. **Business Donations:** Do you or a family member run a business or work at a company that could donate an item? We’d love to promote your business.
2. **Gift Cards or Tickets:** Donate a gift card from a restaurant or store, or donate tickets to an event.
3. **Class Gift Baskets:** Each class creates a themed basket by grade level; you can buy an item representing the theme. When you are out holiday shopping, please consider purchasing an item to donate.

**Class Basket Themes**

- **Pre-K** — Dress-Up (costumes, masks, accessories, etc.)
- **Kinder** — Family Game Night (board and card games)
- **1st** — Art (crayons, markers, coloring books, paint, play dough, etc.)
- **2nd** — Legos
- **3rd** — Sports
- **4th** — Movie Night (DVDs, popcorn, candy)
- **5th** — Cooking Fun (cookbooks, items you’d cook with)

All donations should be new, unwrapped and sent to the front office by January 13th, 2017.
Want to get a bidder number or order dinner on the night of the auction? Please fill out the *attached* form and return it with your student!

Thank you for your generous support of our students!

*Questions? Please contact Melissa Rosbert at melissarosbert@gmail.com*

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**What:** Father/Daughter Dance

**When:** Friday, 2/10/17 6:30-8:30 PM

***Please see the attached invitation***

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**UPCOMING DATES:**

- **January 13:** Watch D.O.G.S. Day  
  Spirit Day—Wear your JHE spirit shirt
- **January 16:** MLK Holiday/School Holiday
- **January 20:** Watch D.O.G.S. Day  
  Spirit Day—Wear your JHE spirit shirt
- **January 24:** Abrakadoodle spring session begins afterschool
- **January 26:** Mad Science begins afterschool