

Principal's Weekly Update
Mrs. Janiece Dilts

Sunday, January 20, 2019

Holiday: Monday, January 21, is a holiday. We have no school.

IMPORTANT SURVEY: Our students from the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest need some data to continue their contest at the national level. Please take a couple of minutes to complete this survey. The deadline to complete the survey is **Friday, January 25. Thank you for your help!**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfaymPGjr1P31psD3vKwUvHUI-d0BF7BMbOvGtvKXW_0qAB-Q/viewform

Yearbooks: Don't have your kids miss out on the memories. 2019 YEARBOOKS are still on sale for a lower price until **February 28th**. Go to the HGMS homepage and click the YEARBOOK link on the right. This will take you to YEARBOOK sales. Also, 8th grade parents, don't forget to purchase a YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD for your rising high schooler. You can find this link on the YEARBOOK site as well.

Volunteer Hours for Students: Calling all volunteers- we are going to paint inspiring messages in our bathrooms and we would love to have your help! Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 26th at 10:00 AM and help us surprise our students and brighten up our school. Please let us know if you can join us by signing up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0945a9a922a31-hges>

Treasurer for Booster Club: At the end of this school year, the Booster Club will be in need of a new treasurer. We are putting the request out to the whole school family to possibly find someone who might be interested in the position. We would love to find someone who would be willing to work with the current treasurer some for the remainder of the year so that it would be easier for them next year.

Wake Up and Read: The Dawgs Leadership Club and the Media Center are teaming up to support Wake County's [Wake Up and Read](#) initiative. Wake County's goal is to collect 110,000 books for children in 13 schools to promote literacy and develop a community of young readers. HGMS will hold a book drive from Jan 10th-Feb 15th. Books can be dropped off in the media center, and the Dawgs Leadership Club will count, sort, and pack all books that are collected. If you would like to clean off some bookshelves at your home, please consider donating to this awesome cause!

Also, please encourage your students to participate by donating new or gently used books.

Book donations should be appropriate for children birth to age 12 and can be dropped off in the media center.

To learn more, visit www.wakeupandread.org

Circulation Numbers: Our Bulldogs are reading! During the months of October and November, our students checked out **5,000 books from the media center**. This number does not include books they purchased from the book fair or checked out from classroom libraries! Independent reading builds vocabulary, comprehension, and writing skills, as well as, an understanding of the world around them. Thanks for all you do to encourage reading at HGMS!

State Winners in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest: Ms. Schelin, our track 1 6th grade science teacher, led a group of students in some research to see if they could find a problem in our community that

needed a solution. These students took a look at school transportation and the amount of incidences where students get injured or killed from accidents and came up with a solution. They now will move on to the National level to try to win the National Award. We couldn't be more proud. Here's the announcement from Samsung: <https://news.samsung.com/us/schools-named-state-winners-solve-for-tomorrow-contest/>. This group will now be featured in the News and Observer. Please check in to follow their progress.

Athletics: Our boys' and girls' basketball teams will face off again Apex Friendship Middle School starting at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 24 at HGMS.

Instructional Spotlight: The 7th grade, track 1 students were dissecting chicken wings in preparation for their work with frogs. Ask them what the purpose of dissecting a chicken wing is. It is interesting to find out how much they already know!!