

HILLSBORO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Rotary Club

Student of the Month

My name is Trevor Manning and I am an 8th grader at Hillsboro Junior High School. I transferred to Hillsboro ISD this year and felt very accepted. I grew up in Hillsboro and my dad is also from Hillsboro. I play football, basketball, track, and baseball. Outside of school I enjoy fishing, hunting, playing video games, and spending time with my family. After high school I plan to attend college at Texas A&M University. I would like to get my degree and become a chemical engineer. Thank you for selecting me as the student of the month.



My name is Brylee Tucker and I am an 8th grader at Hillsboro Junior High School. I am a member of the Hillsboro FFA chapter and show lambs. I am a member of the Silver Spurs 4-H equine club where I show my Appaloosa horse, Freckles. I compete in halter classes, English equestrian classes, western pleasure classes, trail classes and participate in speed events for fun. At school I am involved in cheerleading and Wee Paws club. I enjoy hiking, hunting and fishing with my family. Thank you for this honor.

5K Running Club

The 5k Running Club participated in St. Mary's Love Run in West, Texas on February 10th. We came away with a couple of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place age group medals. It was really cold and windy that morning but the kids braved through it. We are looking to volunteer as support staff in nearby upcoming 5ks.



Wee Paws

Wee Paws welcomed our speaker, Tanner Finley, who is one of the Animal Control persons for Hillsboro. He spoke to us about the many incidents he has on his job and the many different animals he has captured. These animals range from opossums, raccoons., skunks, to a ferret on IH 35. We were pleased to learn that the stray animals he has to catch are not just put down after the three-day period for an owner to claim them. Paw Pals works with animal control to find forever homes for these animals. Many are taken to Colorado and various other adoption agencies. We also learned about the responsibility of owning a pet and the required vaccinations. We were very pleased to have him as our speaker. We are always excited to provide learning opportunities through our own community!



Picture from previous Paw Pals speaker

DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Mrs. Hawkins took two 6th grade teams to Abilene to compete. Super 7 was Benjamin Johnson, Gus Crain, Coleman Arnett, Jacob Dollar, Windsor Fischer and Estrella Perez. They placed 3rd in the Structural Challenge division and were able to walk across the awards stage to receive their medal! Their challenge was to create a structure out of specific materials and meet certain criteria, that would hold the most weight. The structure then had to be worked into a skit, that integrated in the weight dropping and a natural disaster. A special thanks to Stephanie Johnson for assisting and taking the lead in having them ready! The Musical Creatures was Meredith Mackey, Caroline Scarborough, Madison Holland, Alyseia Peterson, Morgan Ward, and Andrew Villarreal. They received medals for 5th place in their division, Change of Tune. Their challenge was to write a two scene script that included original or edited music and an obvious change in plans. A special thanks to Amanda Scarborough and Jason Mackey for stepping up and helping out, to get us ready in those last couple weeks of crunch time!

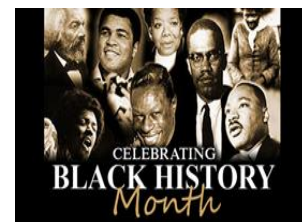


The 7th graders were also represented at the Destination Imagination event at McMurry University in Abilene, Tx. Our team consisted of six members: Austin Cook, Jackson Steele, Mekena Mcvean, Alan Beltran, Ryan Volcik and Levi Alvarado. They competed in the Improv challenge where the only prop they could use was a bed sheet and they had to incorporate this into a skit. They were allowed to research 8 explorers and cultures. At the competition, they were given two of the explorers, a culture, and national treasure from that culture to which they created an eight-minute performance in two minutes and performed it. Even though our team did not place in their event, HJHS is very proud of their effort. Special thanks goes out to Ms. Lobato from the High School for helping the team prepare for the competition.



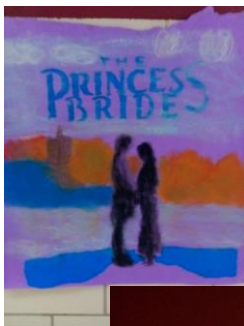
SIXTH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

THE SIXTH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES CLASSES CELEBRATED BLACK HISTORY MONTH BY RESEARCHING AND CREATING PROJECTS ON VARIOUS BLACK HISTORY CONTRIBUTORS. THESE PROJECTS WERE PRESENTED IN CLASS. THEY ARE PROUDLY DISPLAYED IN THE HALLWAY. THE SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS ALSO WATCHED DISNEY'S RUBY BRIDGES AND HER STRUGGLE TO FIGHT FOR INTEGRATION. THE STUDENTS WERE ABLE WRITE FROM HER POINT OF VIEW, AFTER THE MOVIE, WHEN THEY WROTE ABOUT HER THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS DURING HER EXPERIENCE AT SCHOOL.



ART

Art students watched the classic adventure film *"The Princess Bride."* Students worked in groups to create life sized characters from the movie. The beloved characters are along the art hallway and sometimes cause a double-take for how life like they are. Our Andre the Giant is 7 foot 4! This was some exceptional work done by the art students at HJHS!



Writing Camp

7th grade students rocked it out this week by attending a writing workshop on Monday and Tuesday. We had a guest come in from the Houston area to teach strategies to be successful on the STAAR. Monday was all about writing and brainstorming. Tuesday was all about revising and editing. It was full of activities, student participation, and fun!



Nutrition Class

Our Nutrition class was invited to the Hillsboro Rotary Club on Wed. to create our famous smoothie drinks for the Rotary Club. Our Students really enjoyed being invited to join in on such an occasion to be a part of the presentation for the Rotary boy / girl of the month. We give thanks and honor for being asked to participate with such a great organization.

