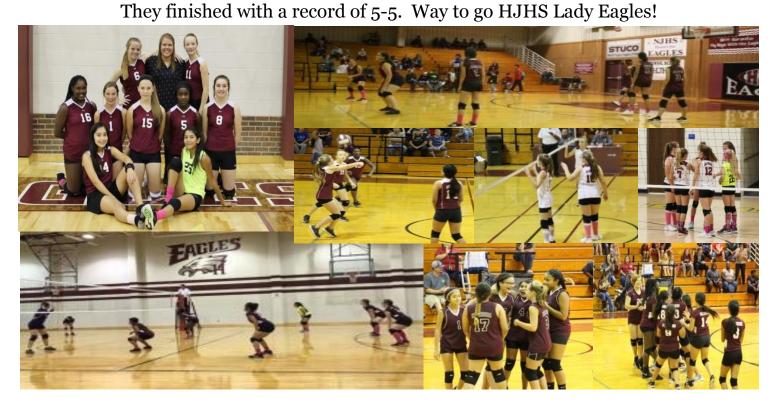


## VOLLEYBALL

By: Megan Allred

Our volleyball girls had a great season full of ups and downs, all while learning how to stick together through it all. Our 8th grade A team finished second in district this year, just behind Glen Rose. These ladies are a special group and I cannot wait to see what their futures hold. Our 8B girls ended their season with a record of 5-5. Through the struggles, they fought hard all season and made drastic improvements. The 7A girls finished their season strong with a 5-5 record. When the going got tough, they came together and pulled through. The change in confidence and skills since day one has been huge, and I look forward to building on it next year. The 7B girls were without a doubt our most improved group. These girls worked hard every day and it paid off.





What a **SPOOKY** good time we've had this great month of October! Students have been busy reading and writing book reviews when finishing a book, allowing other students to preview books before selecting their next book to read. Each book review is placed on our classroom library bulletin board for easy viewing and each student who completes a book review is placed into a drawing for free books and some awesome prizes! Additionally, students spent Halloween researching the history behind various Halloween traditions (pumpkin carving, trick-or-treating, candy and more) and writing summaries over the non-

fiction articles.









# MATH

#### By:Brad Faris

The students had a very eventful month of October in 6th grade math. We have worked on numerous lessons but some of the kid's favorites were when they worked with the "counters". This is a visual way of teaching how to add and subtract positive and negative numbers. We had several units in the book as well as lessons supported by the Chromebook showing this visual tool. It gives them several ways to see and touch how negative and positive numbers can be added and subtracted. Our students also took their CBA this month which allows us to focus our attention on the necessary lessons to reteach and touch again in the future. This allowed the kids to see what is needed from them also throughout the year. So, this will be a great benchmark and bar to set for the year.



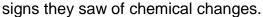








This month 8th grade science has been completing our journey through the basics of building blocks of all substances in the Universe! This is a big unit for us and, as a very abstract topic; students sometimes struggle to grasp these concepts. We have slowly explored the three subatomic particles, how they interact with one another, and how these building blocks called atoms bond together to make all of the wonderful (chocolate), or terrible (spiders) things in this world and in fact in the entire Universe. We have also learned about the periodic table, the elements contained on the periodic table, and how these elements combine together chemically to make so many different things. One of our final parts in the Unit is learning about the signs that chemical changes are taking place. We did several labs which demonstrated chemical changes where the students hypothesized what would happen, why things did what they did, and recorded observations about the experiments and the









# Social Studies By: Megan Allred

This month in Social Studies, the 7th grade students have learned about the early explorers and their reasons for coming to Texas. Just like the European explorers, the students had to write a proposal to explore new land, a new universe, or underwater caves. We also went over the mission systems of Texas and how the Spanish, French, and Americans all impacted Texas. We are getting ready to create our own missions!











By: Glenn Doyle

The Symphonic and Concert Bands kicked off the 2018-2019 school year with an outstanding concert performance as part of the Fall Fine Arts Festival which took place on October 23rd. The Symphonic Band will be part of the featured entertainment to honor all who served in our Armed Forces in the Veterans Day program which will take place at 10 am on Friday, November 9th.







By: Hannah Kellar

Theater students, Jackson Steele, Monica Hodges, Morgan Ward, Tory Brooks, Ajanaye Bullard, Jennifer Quiros, and Joseph Slayton did not disappoint in their performance of *Murder at the* Merrywether Mansion at the Fall Fine-Arts Festival. From Jackson's portrayal of the dimwitted Detective to Ajanaye's strong performance of Mrs. Merrywether, the matriarch of the Merrywether family, the students put together a solid show of which they could be proud. The audience seemed to enjoy themselves from start to finish as they laughed at Morgan's character of Rose Crimson, the over dramatic lover of the deceased Michael Merrywether (played with such ease by Tory Brooks). Not to mention the performances of Monica Hodges, Jennifer Quiros, and Joseph Slayton who all nailed the absurd and over the top humor of the show. While the actors did an outstanding job, the show wouldn't have been complete without our fantastic crew. Caroline Scarborough, Windsor Fischer, and Jovani Campos were the backstage crew, controlled the lights, and the curtain. There were many light and curtain cues throughout the play. It was a challenge for these three to time their cues perfectly, but they did! They worked out a system between the three of them that played flawlessly. The operation of the spotlight by Leonardo Lopez added that special something to the show. And Hayleigh Arellano's perfectly timed sound cues were not overlooked. Operating the sound was a tough job because of the many cues and how close each cue was to the other. But Hayleigh operated the sound like a pro. Our production of Murder at the Merrywether Mansion was such a blast to produce and to witness. The Fall Fine-Arts Festival will be a night to remember!







# Red Ribbon Week

By: Lesleigh Smith

The theme this year was "Life is your journey. Travel Drug Free!" Students traveled through the week participating in different drug awareness activities each day. Throughout the week we dressed in red, came as tourists with crazy socks, lit up the halls in our neon colors, represented our favorite sports attire and supported our Eagles in our spirit attire. Tuesday we welcomed Dennis Raasch who spoke to each grade level about the negative impact of alcohol and drugs. We ended the week with a BLACK OUT pep rally. The cheerleaders, students and staff had a great time showing

our Eagle spirit and staying drug free!







### SPECIAL OLYMPICS BOWLING

By: Kellie Mathis

We kicked off our Special Olympics bowling practice this month! The bowling alley in Cleburne was a gracious host as we learned to stand in line, order our own shoes, and seat ourselves for a couple hours of bowling fun. Each student bowled two games while learning the rules and regulations. We are excited to participate in the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament in Killeen on November 10th.

