



Howard Valentine School

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“Home of the Timberwolves”



Date: January 20, 2017
To: SISD School Board
From: Colter W. Barnes; Principal, Teacher, and Greenhouse Manager
RE: Howard Valentine Board Report for January 2017

Student Count: We currently have 20 students enrolled at Howard Valentine School; 4 kindergarteners, 3 first graders, 1 third grader, 1 fourth grader, 2 fifth graders, 2 sixth graders, 2 seventh graders, 3 freshman, and 2 juniors.

Update: Some notable projects from January are as follows:

Science (Elementary and MS):

The students are currently investigating astronomy (“space” science), with a focus on our solar system. Students are also looking into how objects in space affect our daily lives. For instance, the sun as our primary heat source and the moon as the source of our tides. Eventually students will build a model of the solar system at the school.

Culture Fair:

HVS hosted its first Culture Fair (see attached pictures). Students researched different countries and presented both a poster board and short speech to the community (alike to a science fair). We’re very proud of our students; everyone really pulled it together and had a display with fascinating information, and most students were able to cook and share food native to their country.

Civics:

The high school students are done with their civics course, but are still completing their service projects. Thankfully, some are continuing to keep working on their projects to bring them to fruition. One of our students spent the whole day last Friday afternoon cleaning, moving, and organizing supplies from a container to another storage building in order to use it for a Coffman Cove Thrift store (see pictures). Special thanks to Colter, Dave, and Jonathan for helping support and/or move everything! We hope to have the thrift store up and running later this spring; donations welcome!

English:

Our students are developing a community newsletter (bi-weekly?). Currently students are working on first drafts. We hope to include pictures, event descriptions, what is going on in different classes, etc. and have copies (digital & print) available for parents as well as community members.

Culinary Arts:

Our culinary arts class is learning about the adverse affects of microwaves, GMO’s, preservatives, etc. They are learning/cooking healthy snack alternatives with no added sugar, whole food ingredients, and quick to prepare.

Friday Activity:

Our new staff member Ghingher Erickson hosted a pillow-case making workshop on Friday, January 13th. Many students participated and they all left with a finished product, not to mention the valuable knowledge of how to work a sewing machine.

