

Hillsboro Junior High School

SCHOOL SPIRIT

School spirit is at an all-time high at HJHS! We have had two awesome pep rallies with lots of student involvement. Bobble heads of staff members danced their way into the gym during the first pep rally. This opening skit was performed by volunteering staff from HJHS, HIS, and Admin. The Eagle Battle Cry has been phenomenal both weeks. Thursdays have been Spirit Days on our campus. Students and faculty are getting creative with their maroon and white attire. The most spirited student and teachers are nominated and then awarded a Sonic drink which is delivered to them the following day.



Students teaching Students

We have had lots of collaboration going on in our math classes. 7th and 6th grade accelerated classes combined to discuss one step, one variable equations. The 7th grade students took their first block of math time to create a lesson to present to and assess 6th graders. We met in the auditorium where the 6th graders were the students and the 7th graders were the teachers. We provided them with a broad rubric and asked the students to cover key vocabulary, provide guided practice, and end their presentation with an assessment to demonstrate student's level of mastery.



On Fridays, 6th grade is taking an opportunity to incorporate STEM activities into our lessons. Students were given plastic straws and masking tape and were challenged to build a tower that could hold a baseball. Some groups were successful and some were not. Discussions were had that some designs are not always flawless and that that is part of the engineering process. A few other STEM challenges were building a hurricane proof house with play doh, masking tape, and popsicle sticks. Also students were challenged to construct a candy catapult using only pencils and rubber bands.



Hurricane Harvey Support

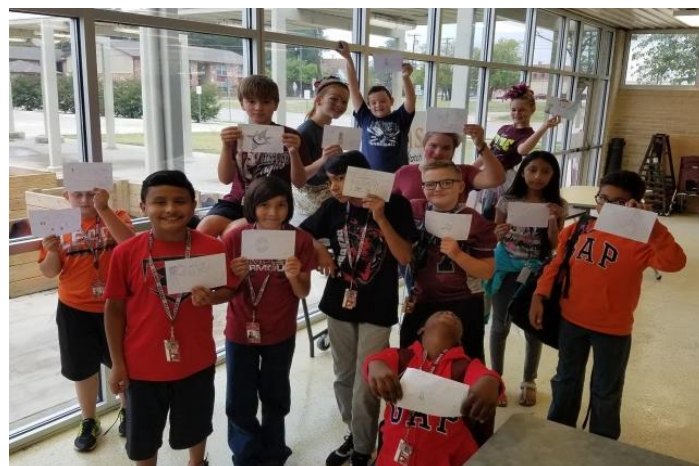
Many of our students donated items to teens displaced by Hurricane Harvey to Latham Springs. This was an excellent opportunity for our students to understand gratitude, show compassion, and know they are able to help and make a difference at an early age. Some of the donated items were pillows, towels and wash rags, and various hygiene products.

The NJHS used funds raised by HJHS staff and students to fill buckets with cleaning supplies needed in response to the recent hurricanes. We partnered with local groups to send these buckets of supplies to Florida. HJHS students were updated on where all their buckets traveled and saw pictures of their buckets being delivered to families in need. We are very proud of our students and their excitement to give back.



6th grade GATE

Thirteen students from 6th grade are GATE participants this year! They used Design Studio Kits to spark their creativity. Students picked an extraordinary card which is a novel character. Then they were given two cards. One was a project card that assigned them an object, structure, or other specific item that they had to invent. The other card had question prompts that had them reflect and think deeper to come up with details.



6th Grade has got GRIT

Growth, Resilience, Initiative, Tenacity

Every 2 weeks during KEY period, all 6th grade students and teachers assemble in the auditorium to announce grit key earners. Teachers from each subject choose a student who has been exhibiting GRIT during their class and they receive a customized key for their lanyard. At the end of the 6 weeks, we chose an overall GRIT student. Congratulations to Shelton Burrow, Landon Tucker, Juleisee Gonzales, Damian Sotero, Caden Hopson, Ma'Niya Williams, Gus Crain, Natalie Duffey, Riley Mata, Jaeden Rogers, Matthew Valdez, Ian Vicencio, Samuel Benitez, Gracie Harris, Madison Holland, Diego Ramos, Sherlin Trejo, Jazmine Carranza. Gracie Harris was the overall grittiest and received a #GotGrit t-shirt! We are super proud of all of these students for persevering during class to be successful!



7th Grade Writing

In writing our students practiced identifying parts of speech using QR codes. We worked in groups to identify the parts of speech and then used QR codes to grade our classmates papers. This was an exciting experience for our students to be able to scan the QR codes and see the actual answers. They were also excited to be using their devices. Thank You to Mrs. Ridder for creating this activity where our students can incorporate technology! Learning can be fun!

