

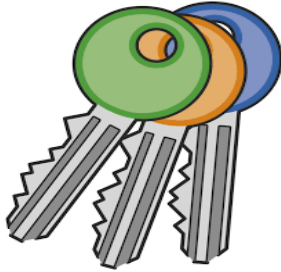


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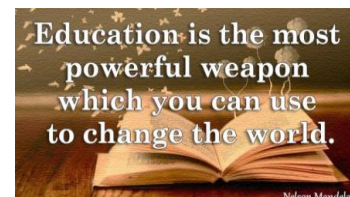
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The theme at HJHS this year is Knowledge Empowers You (K.E.Y.). Education means more than acquiring knowledge. It empowers people to develop personally and become active citizens. Meeting students where they are is **key** to their social, emotional, and academic success. A piece of this puzzle is to allow them to be empowered in the learning process. We want to ensure that we are teaching the whole child and providing each student a learning experience that meets their personal needs. Who knows the child better than themselves? Students are aware of their likes and dislikes, their own opinions, the things that they feel confident with, and the things that challenge them, as well as the dreams they have. Sometimes we need to step back, let go, and empower our students to take charge of their own learning. When students are empowered, the school becomes a better place for all to learn. By empowering students, you can engage them further in learning, and provide a more democratic learning experience. It all starts with conversations. Empowering learners begins with discussion and the building of a student learning community. Students and teachers working together creates a powerful learning environment that fosters the success of all. We want our students to be engaged, challenged, and supported everyday they are with us. Empowering our students to take charge of their learning opens doors in all directions. Teachers and students have a lot to learn from each other. After all, as the pioneering American librarian John Cotton Dana once said, "Who dares to teach must never cease to learn." Empowering students helps us all do just that.



# ED CAMP

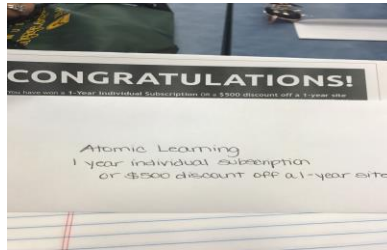
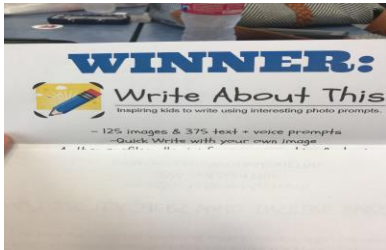
EdCampHOT 2017 was amazing! Camp was filled with educators who are passionate about creating student-centered classrooms/educational experiences and dedicated to being lifelong learners themselves.

[Student Panel @ EdCampHOT 2017]



[Birds of a Feather Flock Together 6-8 Grade Session @ EdCampHOT 2017]

[HJHS Teachers Won Several Raffle Prizes @ EdCampHOT 2017]



## District Strategic Planning

Leadership academy participants and administration met for two days of collaboration with the Schlechty Center. Questions and goals were used to reflect on our past, where we are, and where we are going. We had great conversations about our beliefs, vision, and partnerships with all stakeholders. Everyone was in agreeance that the school, community, and families must continue to work together for our students!

