

Growing Leoming Outdoor Student Space

Students welcomed the help from Permaculture Specialist Nannette Blair on January 31st to get the GLOSS (Growing Learning Outdoor Student Space) under constructions. HJHS received a grant from Chartwells for a student designed container garden outside the cafeteria that can be used for growing fruits and vegetables and an outdoor classroom. Grant money has been used for purchasing various containers, seeds, and soil. Different classes and clubs have built different types of containers, planted different seeds and watched them grow using an indoor greenhouse and grow lights and designed the layout of the space. We appreciated Nannette Blair for joining us in our journey and helping find the best layout possibility and best growing practices. Keep a look out as the GLOSS takes shape.



Education

If you have not read a graphic novel, you are missing out! Yes, they are similar to comic books, but have all the literary elements, along with bold print and fabulously colored pictures. The students in Mrs. Comer's classes are enjoying reading and doing projects with the graphic novels that were paid for with grant monies. Reading these days is not just reading from a textbook, especially for reluctant readers. Graphic novels grab and keep their attention and make them want to read, no small feat!!



Foundation



The 7th grade students will reinforce learning while practicing skills through working in 10 new stations that correlate with the curriculum. Into the Forest, Nature's Food Chain Game allows students to discover the fascinating world of natural food chains. They will explore biology, the human body, cell reproduction, bacteria and viruses, plant processes, sponges, Cnidarians and Worms through game board play and questions. They will discover and gain comprehension of cells, chromosomes, genes and DNA. They will also use a complete set of visual, digital and hands-on resources designed to support classroom discussion with the skills to master key concepts on Work, Power and Simple Machines.

Our 7th and 8th grade ELAR teachers Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Vaughn recently received a grant for six touch screen Chrome Books. The addition of Chrome Book into the classroom will allow students to become more familiar with Google Classroom and other Google Apps in preparation for High School. We are always thrilled to implement new technology into the classroom. Thank you Education Foundation!

Grants





HJH EagelBots are up and running thanks to the HISD Education Foundation! We were thrilled to be awarded a grant in the amount of \$878.42. The money from the grant helped not only to supply materials for our HJH Robotics Club but enabled the EagleBots competition team to purchase parts to help in our quest for success at our first competition which is Saturday February 11th. We are all learning together as we go with robotics with a goal to build the program and next year have all three grade levels at HJH compete. The current 8th graders are working hard hoping to gain enough knowledge to help expand the program into High School.

Thanks HISD Education Foundation!!!

The Junior High Math Department received 30 Hub Innovators to be used with our TI NSPIRE calculators. We will start incorporating STEM activities within our math lessons using the innovators. Students can create codes to make the calculators flash different colored lights, make different noises, and even sing songs!





Turn Up the Volume for Student Voice

Ms. Polly received a grant for headphones and microphones for every computer in her lab. This will help student in their audio/video production units and with projects for other classes. This will also allow a higher quality sound than previously used. These will complement the high quality video camera and green screen equipment from last year's grant.

Mrs. Moulder received a grant for more innovative seating. She won a rolling desk at a conference and her students have really enjoyed being able to be on the move in the classroom. After seeing the excitement from her students she decided to write a grant for more. We are so excited to add more of these desks to the classroom! Thank you Education Foundation!



Hil County Fair

This year HJHS had many outstanding creative participants for the 2017 Hill County Fair. The many entries from HJHS students included Canvas paintings, still life drawings, Jewelry box, Painted shoes, Wooden hanging crafts, Tin American Flag, photography, wall hanging décor and showing animals. We are so very proud of our HJHS students and their many talents!





Hello, I am Thomas Pratt and I am in the 8th grade at Hillsboro Junior High School. I am quarterback on the football team, I play basketball and run track. I am also first chair alto saxophone in our school band. I have managed to keep all A's this school year, though I have to give credit to my sister for helping me a ton in Algebra. I take school very seriously. I really appreciate this award. Thank you!



Hello, I am Gabriella Walker and I'm in the 8th grade at Hillsboro Junior High School. My family owns El Conguistador restaurant, so I've lived in Hillsboro my whole life. I am a part of many different activities on and outside of my campus. I play vollgyball, baskgtball, and throw shot-put in track. I am also in National Junior Honor Society, Cagle Ambassador, in the theater and I volunteer at First Baptist Christian School during the summer. I would like to say thank you for choosing me for this award.

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