

Hopper Middle School

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caretakers of Hopper Huskies, November 2009

November brings with it Thanksgiving, and we have much to be thankful for at Hopper Middle School. In October, we completed our first sis-weeks grading period, and I am proud to let you know that we had 77 students recognized for achieving Distinguished Honor Roll (straight As and all Es and Ss in conduct) and 291 students recognized for achieving Honor Roll (all As and Bs with at least 4 As and all Es and Ss in conduct)! This is a great accomplishment! Slightly over on quarter of our students were on one of those honor rolls! I would really like to see every student at Hopper achieving this success, and I do think it is possible. Please continue to encourage your child to do his/her best in all classes, to do classwork and homework, to stay for tutoring when necessary, to come to class on time and with all necessary materials, and to study when necessary. We want ALL Hopper Huskies to achieve to their full potential.

This month's Parent Coffee will be held on November 3 at 10:00 in our library. Please join us if you can. The coffees are a great way to stay informed with current events at Hopper and in CFISD.

I must apologize for the quality of the Hopper backpacks that we ordered this year. Some have held up fine, but many of them did not last well. We've managed to return the unused backpacks to the vendor, so we are now allowing any drawstring backpacks to be carried from class to class. We are looking for a vendor who will provide a better quality product, and if we find one, we will offer optional Hopper spirit backpacks should students wish to purchase them. But, for now, we are allowing students to carry other drawstring style backpacks to their classes. The larger, bulkier backpacks are still not allowed between classes because they do take up too much room in classrooms and do create a tripping hazard as teachers and students move about the room.

We are trying to "tighten up" or end of the day procedures at Hopper, and we need your help. Please encourage your child, is s/he rides the bus at the end of the day, to go directly to the bus after exiting the building. We have some students who use this as a social time, standing around and visiting with friends. Our buses, however, have to finish their Hopper route and then report to an elementary school to do another "run". Students who do not get on their bus in a timely manner cause our buses to leave our campus late, and then make the buses late to their elementary campus. We are now closing bus doors at an appropriate time after school, and students who have spent time visiting instead of reporting to their bus will have to either walk home or call home to arrange a ride. Please speak to your child about the importance of reporting to the bus directly after they leave the building at the end of the day.

I do hope you and your family have a wonderful November, and that your Thanksgiving holiday is safe, peaceful, and filled with joy and love.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Borneman
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