

Hopper Middle School

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IT'S ALL ABOUT THE TEAM!
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Parents, Guardians, Caretakers of Hopper Huskies,

December 2009

Looking at the calendar, it is nearly Thanksgiving as I write this parent newsletter, and both the Thanksgiving and Winter breaks are approaching. I remain thankful that I have a job I enjoy, that I work with people who are dedicated to the mission of their profession, and that our students continue to show growth in their development as students and as evolving, maturing adults. I am also grateful that we again have had a strong showing for Honor Roll and Distinguished Honor Roll during the second six-weeks grading period. A total of 219 students earned Honor Roll for all As and Bs (with at least 4 of them being As) and all Es and Ss in conduct. Sixty-eight students earned Distinguished Honor Roll, which means those students had straight As and all Es and Ss in conduct. I remain proud of these students, but also continue to believe that all students could be on Honor Roll and Distinguished Honor Roll if they made the decision to make school a priority. If your child is not performing up to the level you believe they are capable of, please visit with him/her to talk about school, and consider contacting your child's counselor to see about meeting with his/her teachers. If we work as a TEAM, we can accomplish great things with all students.

If you are contacted by a teacher or other staff member, please know that we are doing so to help your child to be successful. Please support us in our efforts. Also, if your contact information has changed, please update it by contacting Agnes Williams at 281-463-5328. It is critical that we have current contact information for many reasons, most importantly for your child's safety.

Posted on the CFPDAS homepage (www.cfsd.net), you will find a link to a calendar input form. It is the first posting in the District News box. If you are interested in giving input to the 2010-2011 instructional calendar, please do so. The input form can be accessed through November 24.

Hopper is involved in NPFH – No Place For Hate – this year. Students have signed a resolution to the following:

I promise to do my best to treat everyone fairly.

I promise to do my best to be kind to everyone, even if they are not like me.

If I see someone being hurt or bullied I will report it to an adult.

Everyone should be able to feel safe and happy at school.

I want our school to be No Place For Hate.

Please help us in our efforts to make Hopper a place where any sort of hate, prejudice, or bullying is a thing of the past.

Ms. Bontke, our yearbook sponsor, is currently selling ads/personal messages for our 2010 yearbook. This year the yearbook staff is attempting to sell ad spots in the back of the book where parents can write a message to their student(s). The text only ads cost 5 dollars the text and picture ads cost 10 dollars. The purchase deadline is 12/18/09. A form is enclosed, or you can contact Ms. Bontke by calling the school or via e-mail at jillian.bontke@cfsd.net.

The twelfth annual *Salute to the Stars Gala* was held at the Berry Center on Thursday, October 22, 2009. This event, which was sponsored by the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation, served two very important goals – raising funds to assist with staff development grants and student scholarships, as well as honoring the 2008 Spotlight teachers. We know that you join us in thanking our table sponsor, Tandus, Inc., as well as the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation for honoring Hopper Middle School's 2008 Spotlight teacher, Denman Watson III, and providing funds for students and teachers. If any business or individual is interested in sponsoring a table for next year's *Gala*, please contact Marie Holmes at 832.381.2333.

I sincerely hope that you and your family have a blessed holiday season, and are ready to start semester 2 when we return to school on January 6! HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Robert Borneman
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Hopper Middle School

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