

Hopper Middle School

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

November 2008

Our campus has much to celebrate! We've completed our first six-weeks of school, and our students and staff are doing very well. We had 277 students who achieved Honor Roll status (All As and Bs with more As than Bs and all Es and Ss in conduct) and 114 students who achieved Distinguished Honor Roll status (ALL As and all Es and Ss in conduct)! This is a great accomplishment! I do remind students regularly that we could have ALL of our students on Honor Roll or Distinguished Honor Roll, if they pay attention in all of their classes, do all of their classwork and homework, ask questions in class if they have them, attend tutoring when they need to, and put forth 100% effort! Maybe someday we'll actually have all of our students achieve this goal! I would sure love it!

Additionally, we're having very successful fall sports seasons. Our Cross Country athletes represented us very well. Our volleyball and football teams have been successful, and have showed tremendous sportsmanship and TEAM spirit! I am proud of all of these student athletes. They make us proud both on the field/court and off.

We recently also received notice that Hopper Middle School received three Gold Performance Acknowledgements based upon our TAKS scores from last year. Two of our acknowledgments were in the area of Commended Performance. In both Reading and Social Studies, 25% or more of our students in all accountability populations received commended performance scores on TAKS. As a reminder, commended performance is a scaled score of 2400 – basically, getting almost every question correct on the test! Our third Gold Performance Acknowledgement was in the area of Comparable Improvement in Reading. This award is earned by scoring in the top quarter in growth of student scores of all of the campuses across the state with a similar student population to ours. So, our students' scores grew at a higher rate than at least three fourths of the rate that other, similar campuses' students' scores grew. Again, our students have made us proud.

The eleventh annual Salute to the Stars Gala was held at the Berry Center on Thursday, October 23, 2008. This event, which was sponsored by the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation, served two very important goals – raising funds to assist with Instructional Excellence Grants and student scholarships, as well as honoring the 2007 Spotlight Teachers. We know that you join us in thanking our table sponsor, Bay Architects, as well as the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation for honoring Hopper Middle School's 2007 Spotlight Teacher, Dana Palmer, 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.

The Board of Trustees met on October 27 to review attendance boundary options related to the opening of Swenke Elementary and Smith Middle School. Because additional time is needed to review the options, the date when the public can provide written input about the boundary options has been changed from October 29 to November 18. The Board of Trustees will meet on November 17 to further discuss attendance boundary options. This meeting will be at the Instructional Support Center at 10300 Jones Road and will begin at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public. On November 18 the public will have the opportunity to provide written input regarding the options being considered by visiting the district's web site (www.cfsd.net).

Remember, daylight savings time ends at the beginning of November. Starting November 3, all late buses will leave Hopper at 4:30. Our Monday and Friday late buses will no longer leave our campus

Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District
David Anthony, Ed. D., Superintendent

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at 5:00. Any students staying for after school activities who ride the late bus will leave at 4:30. If your child is involved in an after school activity, and you are picking them up, you should plan to arrive on campus at 4:30 unless there is a very specific instruction that the event will run later than 4:30.

We would like to invite you and your family to attend our 1st annual Fall Festival on November 22, 2008 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm on Hopper's football field. This event is in conjunction with the canned food drive. The cost is \$1 for 5 tickets. We will have Bounce house, games, face painting, pumpkin painting, Turkey give away, etc. Please join us for some family fun!

For information about FEMA Disaster Assistance, go to www.FEMA.GOV or call 1-800-621-FEMA.

Finally, please remember that you can get up-to-date information about events on our campus by visiting the Hopper website. Simply visit the district's website (noted above), then click on Campuses, Campuses again, and then Hopper. Our online calendar, and other information of interest, can be found there!

Wishing you and your family a very happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Borneman
Principal
Hopper Middle School