



HORAGE MANN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL ENRICHMENT MODEL:

Staff members have been working to develop all kinds of Enrichment Activities as part of the School Enrichment Model (a model for gifted/talented education) -

Some of the topics which students will have an opportunity to explore:

The Holocaust

Mock Trials - Reenact the actual Boston Massacre Trial

National Quiz Bowl Competition

Crime Scene Investigations

Treasure Island Book Group

Fashion/Cosmetology

Women in the Media

Architectural Design

Landscape Architecture (parent - Mr. Greg Drake is running this cluster)

Antique Road Show

Cooking

Mysteries through short stories and the media

Young Entrepreneurs

Music Critics

NBA Fantasy Draft

Ken Burns' The History of Baseball

Electronics

Save our Society—Community Service Group

Chess and high level strategy games

and many more -



ANOTHER S.T.E.M. PARTNERSHIP!

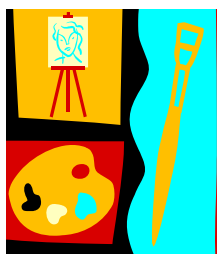
Thirty HMMS students enjoyed an exciting day at the US Army Natick Research, Development and Engineering Center. Students participated in a parachute lab, software simulation lab, soldier computer/communication systems lab and other hands-on activities. Our goal is to promote interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics as seen through real-life experiences. Special thanks to Mr. Bob O'Brien (for connecting us to Natick Labs) and Mr. Dave Chin, Ms. Ellen Forman and Mr. Bruno Nosiglia. A large group of 8th graders recently participated in hands-on experiences through the City Lab project (Boston University Medical Center) - Thank you Ms. Jacqui Berger!

LINKING ART AND HISTORY:

Thank you Ms. Jane Pichette, HMMS art teacher and Mr. Sean Nelligan, 8th grade history teacher for planning a trip to Fogg Museum to promote interest and understanding of the Renaissance through its art. Ms. Pichette wrote a grant through the Franklin Cultural Council to support this trip. The HMMS PCC also helped support this trip!

DRAMA CLUB AUDITIONS:

Please encourage your child to participate if he/she loves drama and performing. Students will be auditioning to perform in a 30 minute play as part of the Massachusetts Drama Guild's Middle School Festival in May. Rehearsals will be held every Friday until March 23rd! Auditions: Friday, Feb. 5th



BOSTON GLOBE SCHOLASTIC ART COMPETITION:

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for their work in the Scholastics Art Competition:

- Kathleen Kilroe - Silver Key
- Liam Devine - Silver Key
- Drew Kelley - Silver Key
- Gina Terrasi - Silver Key
- Katherine Teixeira - Silver Key
- Ashley Muratore - Honorable Mention
- Elizabeth Hannon - Honorable Mention

Thank you Ms. Pichette for your enthusiasm and hard work in support of our students. Our students worked very hard, coming in over school vacation to work on their projects!

MATH TEAM TO COMPETE AT NATIONAL COMPETITION ON SATURDAY, FEB. 6TH :

The HMMS Math Team will be competing at the Math Counts Competition on Saturday!! Our team currently holds on to a first place lead in regional competition!! Thank you Ms. Ridley for all of your work on this!

HATS FOR HAITI: Our Student Council recently led the first of several initiatives to raise funds for earthquake relief in Haiti! Thank you to our students who participated.

NOTES FROM MRS. CAMERON, SCHOOL NURSE:

A reminder to parents . . . All students in grades 6-8 need to have documentation of scoliosis screening by their physician or they will need to have it done in between February 11 and February 26 in school.

All seventh grade students need a physical during the year. Please turn in the physical forms to the school nurse.

No medication is to be brought to school by any student including over the counter medication. ALL medication needs a doctor's order to be dispensed by the nurse except Tylenol, Motrin or Tums which now just needs written parental permission to be dispensed by the nurse.

NEXT SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SEPAC) MEETING:

February 24, 2010: Homework Workshop

This interactive presentation provides an overview of the 8 functions of the brain and how they impact learning -- specifically in reading, writing and math. Wendy Van Gyzen, M.Ed, from the Dunn Institute for Learning Differences, will provide strategies for supporting successful homework completion for students with a variety of learning styles, and provide a framework for decreasing the nightly struggle around various assignments.

All meetings are held at the Franklin Municipal Building, 355 East Central Street, 3rd floor training room. This workshop is free and open to the public. For more information about future events, upcoming workshops and being added to our confidential email list, visit www.Franklin.ma.us/SEPAC.

Upcoming events:

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| February 11 | Tri-County Interviews |
| February 11 | PCC Meeting—9:00 a.m. |
| February 15-19 | Winter vacation |
| March 17 | Report cards issued |
| March 18 & 19 | Parent conferences—dismissal at 10:40 |
| April 29 | Trivia Bee—Franklin Education Foundation—7:00 p.m. at the Thomas D. Mercer Auditorium at HMMS |

The 2nd Annual Horace Mann Yard Sale will be held the Saturday before Mother's Day. Keep saving your items!

MCAS DATES:

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| March 22 | ELA Practice Test—All Grades |
| March 23 | 7th grade long composition |
| March 24 | ELA Session 1—All Grades |
| March 25 | ELA Session 2—All Grades |
| May 11 | Math Session 1—All Grades |
| May 12 | Math Session 2—All Grades |
| May 18 | Science Session 1—Grade 8 |
| May 19 | Science Session 2—Grade 8 |

Franklin Middle & High, February 2010

Middle Lunch Price: \$2.50, High School Lunch Price \$2.75

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 1 Chicken Patty On Bun Lettuce, Tomato Oven Fries Fruit, Milk | 2 Barbequed Ribs On Bun Oven Fries Fruit, Milk | 3 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potato Green Peas Wheat Bread Fruit, Milk | 4 Deli Bar | 5 Assorted Pizza Garden Salad Fruit, Milk |
| 8 Baked Macaroni & Cheese Garden Salad Fruit, Milk | 9 Meatball Sub Garden Salad Fruit, Milk | 10 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potato Carrots Wheat Bread Fruit, Milk | 11 Deli Bar | 12 Assorted Pizza Garden Salad Fruit, Milk |
| 15 No School Winter Recess | 16 No School Winter Recess | 17 No School Winter Recess | 18 No School Winter Recess | 19 No School Winter Recess |
| 22 Chicken Parmesan Sub Oven Fries Fruit, Milk | 23 Spaghetti With Meatballs Green Beans French Bread Fruit, Milk | 24 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potato Green Peas Wheat Bread Fruit, Milk | 25 Roasted Chicken FHS: Baked Potato Middle: Oven Fries All: Green Peas Fruit, Milk | 26 Assorted Pizza Garden Salad Fruit, Milk |

Also Daily: Elementary - \$2.00 – assorted sandwiches, lunchables, pizza Middle: \$2.50 – assorted sandwiches, hamburgers, pizza

High: \$2.75 – sandwiches, burgers, pizza, soup, salad bar. Vegetarian options available daily at all schools.

Lunch may be purchased by the day, the week or the month. Ask your school's cafeteria manager for details.

Applications for Free or Reduced Price Lunch are available from your school's secretary.

Food Stamp Info: 1-800-645-3333

WIC Nutrition Services 1-800-WIC-1007