



HAWKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL

December 2017

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Commando Basketball

Our boys' and girls' basketball teams have been working hard this season. They play on Mondays and Thursdays of each week through January 8th. Please check our website for scheduled times and location and make plans to come and support your Commandos!



Students of the Month

Each month teachers select two students from each grade level who we believe have positively represented Hawkins in these areas. Pictured below are our Students of the Month for November and December:



November: 6th Grade – Taylor Stewart & Matir Paredes; 7th Grade – Najee Rolle & Eric Parker; and 8th Grade – Brenden Sessler & Shabriya Johnson

December: 6th Grade – Noah Collier & Lena McMurtry; 7th Grade – Luke McDonald & Alexis Smith; and 8th Grade – Asher Sharp & Madison Penn

Happening at Hawkins



Left: Students dressed as characters from "The Outsiders" novel



Above: 6th Grade "self-portraits" for Art Class

Right: Students hard at work in our new state-of-the-art science lab



Above: 6th grade students participating in TAATTU



Left: Math & Art 8th Grade cross-curriculum activity



Above: P.E. students playing hockey



Left: Students learn CPR training in Social Health Class



Left: 7th & 8th Grade Band Winter Concert



Left: Former NFL player Frank Omiyale speaking about respect



Left: Blake McMeans speaking to students about the dangers of drinking and driving



Above: Music students hear their song lyrics performed by a local writer

A Final Word from Mr. Flood

Hello Parents,

The first semester of the 2017-18 school year has ended and thanks to all the hard work our faculty, students and community members it has been a great success.

As you may be aware, we have been using John Hattie's Visible Learning research to measure the impact of our teachers this school year. This requires using a pre-assessment and a post-assessment, inputting the data into a formula which then provides us with an effect size. I am happy to report that at the midway point all our subjects have met their growth goal which is to show a minimum of one year's growth in one year's time. We hope to double this by the end of the school year. We will continue to use Hattie's work to implement proven instructional strategies to reach our goals.

Growth and achievement scores only tell part of our story this school year. We started off with enormous support from our community with our record breaking cookie dough sales. This money was immediately used on technology for our students, outside resources for ELA and Math departments and providing much needed updates to our Science supplies. This performance was followed up when our teachers showed their giving spirit during the United Way campaign setting a school record for the most ever donated by Hawkins Middle School staff.

Finally, we must recognize the work being done in one of our most important areas which is to build the character of these young men and women in our building. Our teachers are dedicated to supporting character growth in our Total Commando Pride (TCP) groups that meet every other Thursday and provide every student with an adult advocate. The result we are seeing on the field, the court or in concerts is only possible because of the coaches/directors who strive to teach students how

to be a part of a team and that the best way to reach a goal is to work together.

I am so proud to be a part of this community and look forward to continuing this tradition of excellence in 2018.

Have a wonderful winter break!

Thank you,

*Mitch Flood, Principal
Hawkins Middle School*

Important Dates

December 18-20 – Exam Days
December 20 – Half Day
December 21 – January 3 – Winter Break
January 4 – Return to School
January 15 – MLK Day - No School
February 19 – President's Day – No School
February 20 – Parent Conferences – No Students
March 23 – 30 – Spring Break

