

Colts Newsletter

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January Theme: Caring & Kindness

Kenzy P.

We are always told to be kind and caring to other students throughout all of our years in school. But why are we told this every year?

It's not just something that the teachers like to tell us because they have to, it's because we all really do need to show kindness to each other everyday. Being kind and showing that you care can really make someone else happy. Now a days no one really goes out of their way to help someone else out anymore. We all need start showing that we care and want to be kind, just one kind word could brighten someone's day even the smallest bit.

So, maybe try to make someone smile by holding a door, or helping out on some homework if they need it, maybe even try to make someone laugh if they look sad. All we need is just for enough people to be kind, and it will spread to the whole school.



Holidays and Important Dates

- 1st - New Years Day
- 2nd - 8th Grade D.C. Trip 3rd Payment Due
- 3rd - Back From Winter Break
- 4th - World Braille Day
- 6th- 21st - Cookie Dough Fundraiser
- 11th - National Milk Day
- 14th - Early Release Day/Teacher Workshop
- 17th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)
- 28th - Karaoke Friday
- 31st - National Hot Chocolate Day

Cookie Dough Fundraiser!

Leah S.

The Cookie Dough Fundraiser kicks off on Thursday, January 6th and goes until Friday, January 21st. Kick off assemblies will be through Zoom during FOCUS on the 6th.

If you sell 25 packages of cookies you will earn a \$25 scholarship from the company towards the D.C. Trip that happens in 8th grade! A percentage of every sale you make during your 3 years at HMS helps you earn money towards the DC Trip so you can more easily afford the trip.



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What's Up at HMS?

HMS Sports & Clubs Updates

Colts Council had great success running their Winter Candy Gram fundraiser! Thanks to all who helped run the fundraiser and to everyone who bought a Candy Gram!

Computer Club students using Sphero Mini Cars which utilize coding! Come join us any Wednesday after school! Photo courtesy of Mrs. Reinitzer

All staff members who run a sport or club, please send in a short update any time for us to include in the next Newsletter!



January's "Focus"

Derrick D.

The Academic Focus of January is Kindness and Caring. Remember to always be kind to everyone and to be the bigger person if someone is trying to be unkind.

The Social-Emotional Focus of January is about Social Awareness. This is the ability to take the perspective of another person, or to see things from their point of view, and to empathize them, meaning think about how they feel.

The Exploring your Future Goal (related to the CTE) for January will be about the fields of Culinary and Hospitality which is careers related to cooking, managing hotels, and tourism.

This month, the 8th graders will also get to visit the CTE Center at Alvirne on Friday, January 21st. Each team will make a mini field trip over during a small part of the day!



MLK Jr. Day

Michael L.

Martin Luther King Jr. was one of, if not the most influential rights activists of the 20th century. He was an activist from the mid 50's until his death in 1968. Born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929, Michael King was the son of Martin and Alberta King. He changed his name to Martin Luther because those were the names of his uncles, he was following his fathers wishes to change it.

He was ordained in February of 1948 and became a baptist minister. He entered the civil rights movement in 1955, which worked towards equality for people of all races. On August 28, 1963, Martin delivered his famous "I Have A Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C - we visit this spot on the 8th grade D.C. trip!

Then on April 4th, 1968, he was shot by James Earl Ray in front of a motel in Memphis, Tennessee and died in the hospital. Martin Luther King Jr. was an amazing activist who did so much work in leading the way for equal rights for the people of color in America. We can only hope to make such a great change as he did in our own lives.



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MEME OF THE MONTH



Student Art & Literature

Unfortunately we did not receive any student artwork or literature for the January issue. :(

Want to submit a drawing, comic, poem, short story or some other piece of art or literature to the newsletter?

Put your art or literature in the Colts Council Box on the stage in the cafeteria or email it to Ms. Blais or Mrs. Freemantle. It will be included in the next monthly newsletter!

Art or Literature can be **signed by the creator or left anonymous!** All artwork or literature should be school appropriate!

Stay tuned for next month's amazing student work!

HMS Spelling Bee

Cora M.

In order to qualify for this year's spelling bee, students must first be one of the top qualifiers for the written spelling test of twenty words that come from the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Then they will move on to the school-wide spelling bee which will take place on Friday, January 14th during A, B, & C periods. There were 12 6th grade students, 14 7th grade students, and 8 8th grade students that qualified. Congrats to all of the students at HMS who qualified!

Whoever wins the school-wide spelling bee will then move on to the New Hampshire state-wide spelling bee. If someone were to win their state's spelling bee then they would move on to participating in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. and could possibly win the Scripps Cup as well as \$50,000! You will be able to watch the Scripps National Spelling Bee on TV when it happens!



Quote of the Month

“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving”
-Albert Einstein

Student & Staff Shout-Outs!

Shout out to Jeronimo T. in 8th grade! He works hard in all his classes and will help anyone if they need it, too. He also has great problem-solving skills and is a big help to any group he is a part of.

Shout out to Kian C. in 8th grade. He is a funny person and always puts in his ideas in conversations. He is also a very vocal person when he has his opinions.

Shout out to Liana G. in 6th grade. She is a great person who is really fun to be around. She works hard in her classes and can make any situation into something funny. She is always a great person to be with.

Shout out to all the teachers at HMS, we know that they work hard to try and make learning fun for us.
Thank you!



Want to submit a shout out about a friend, teacher, or anyone at HMS?

Write down your shout out and then put it in the Colts Council Box on the stage in the cafeteria or email it to Ms. Blais or Mrs. Freemantle.

Make sure to include who the shout out is for, a few sentences at most, and your name! All staff and students are welcome to submit shout outs!



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HELPFUL TIP OF THE MONTH

Sam H.

Use Your Team's Homework Calendar!

To see when assignments are due, you can check your team's homework calendar. All of your core team teachers list upcoming assignments, assessments, and other important information there!

You can find your team's homework calendar by going to the HMS website. From there, hover over "Academics" and select "Teams & Homework Calendars." Then find your team and click on it. You will see a list of your teachers and a link at the bottom to the team's homework calendar. Click on this link. As an added tip, bookmark this link in your browser so you can get to it faster next time!

This is a good tool to use if you are absent for any reason or forgot to write homework down in your Agenda!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Want to submit something to the Newsletter? Have a comment or concern?

Email the Advisors:

Ms. Blais (ablais@sau81.org) and
Mrs. Freemantle (lfreemantle@sau81.org)

Or put submissions into the Colts Council Box on the stage in the Cafeteria



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