

# HMS PTA Newsletter (February 2017)

## Spelling Bee

17 students from grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> participated in the HMS Spelling Bee on January 19, 2017. Philana Chang won a \$10 Chick-Fil-A gift card in a random drawing.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students for winning in the Spelling Bee:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner – Aymen Haq (7<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner – Priscilla Ye (6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner – Philana Chang (6<sup>th</sup> grade)



Please click [here](#) to view the photos of the winners. Aymen will participate in the County Spelling Bee on March 17<sup>th</sup> and Priscilla will be an alternate in case Aymen cannot attend. PTA wishes her best of luck in the next level of the competition. In addition, PTA acknowledges the hard work of Mrs. Blanding and Ms. Bajwa for making the Spelling Bee a huge success.

## Geography Bee

12 students from grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> HMS Geography Bee on January 26, 2017. Brigid Wassell won a \$10 Chick-Fil-A gift card in a random drawing.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students for winning in the Geography Bee:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner – Daniel Fu (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner – Christopher Bardini (7<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner – Aymen Haq (7<sup>th</sup> grade)



Please click [here](#) to view the photos of the winners. Daniel will now take a State level online test to qualify for the National Geo Bee in Washington D.C. PTA wishes him best of luck in the next level of the competition. In addition, PTA acknowledges the hard work of Mr. Riley and Ms. Bardini for making the Geo Bee a huge success.

## County Level Reflections Winners

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students for winning at the county level:

- Film Production: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Destiny Favery
- Photography: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Winnie Kopparapu

Destiny and Winnie's entries have now been forwarded to the state level competition. PTA wishes them both best of luck in the next level of their competition.



## HMS Mathcounts Team

Over 50 students registered for the after school Mathcounts club and about 30 students attended regularly. **CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students for making it to the HMS Mathcounts team after going through several rigorous assessments:



- 4-Student-Team: Dallin Christiansen; Daniel Fu; Richard Hu; Angela Voo
- 6 Individual Participants: August Hao; Annie Zhou; Evan Boruchin; Eulallia Voo; Brian Lawser; Jesscia Zhou

The HMS Team will participate in the chapter level competition on February 4<sup>th</sup>. PTA wishes them all best of luck. In addition, PTA acknowledges the hard work of Mathcounts coaches, Mrs. Dufresne and Mr. Ebbe for providing this excellent enrichment opportunity for our students.

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## Ice Skating Night

Please help support the PTA and join us for a fun skating night at The Gardens Ice House on **February 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 9:30 PM**. The cost is \$7.70 and it includes the skates rental. Please check out our flyer by clicking [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Kristina de Leeuw at [doodaloo@gmail.com](mailto:doodaloo@gmail.com).



## Box Tops Winter Contest

A new contest began on **December 14, 2016** and will run **through March 3, 2017**. Please drop off your valid, unexpired box tops in a baggie or envelope clearly labeled with your student's name and grade in the collection jar in the front office. The student in each grade that brings in the most valid Box Tops will **win a \$10 Chick-fil-A gift card!** For questions, contact Mary San Antonio [marysanantonio@verizon.net](mailto:marysanantonio@verizon.net)



## URGENT - Need Color Run Event Manager

Color Run is a family friendly fitness and fun event that is currently scheduled to take place on May 13th. However, we are in dire need of a new event manager. If we don't find one, we will have to cancel the event. Last year, about 200 students participated in the Color Run and it received great reviews from students and families.

Please consider stepping up and taking on this responsibility. It will require approximately 3 to 4 hours of coordinating per month from February to April and about 2 hours a week in May.

Responsibilities will include:

- Setting up registration form and accepting payments
- Recruiting Volunteers for the day of the race and for payment collection during student lunches
- Hiring a DJ
- Soliciting food donations from local grocery stores and/or restaurants
- Assigning volunteer posts
- Managing on the day of the event

If you choose to take on the responsibility, we will help you with creating a team to divide different tasks and you will have the full support of the PTA. Please contact Sumaira Bajwa at [bajwasumaira@yahoo.com](mailto:bajwasumaira@yahoo.com) for more information.



## Recap: PTA Meeting (01/10/2017)

A PTA Meeting was held on January 10, 2017 and was attended by 9 PTA members. The meeting minutes can be viewed by clicking [here](#). A motion will be presented to approve these minutes at our next meeting on February 15, 2017.

## Dates to Remember

February 15<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 pm

February 24<sup>th</sup> Ice Skating Night

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