

Moments at the Middle School

From Dr. Lux and Mr. Rice

April 21, 2023

We are excited to share some of our Weekly PBIS student winners below. Our students truly enjoy our new positive behavior program. They have been choosing from a variety of special awards, including: time with the therapy dog, watch a TV or sports game during lunch with friends, create the morning playlist, choose a snack from the lunchroom, \$1.00 coupon to the Express-O Coffee Cart, office supplies, candy, chips, to name a few!

Student PBIS Winners on Friday, March 24th



Student PBIS Winners on Friday, March 31st



Student PBIS Winners on Wednesday, April 5th



Student PBIS Winners on Friday, April 14th



"8th Grade Day" - Friday, June 2nd

Our teachers and staff are very excited to celebrate our 8th grade students! We will be taking the **8th grade class to Kennywood on Friday, June 2nd!** Approximately 15 HMS teachers/staff will be chaperoning this trip! The 8th grade students were given a flier including all of the details. We will leave HMS at 9:45 am and return to HMS at 7 pm. The cost for the ticket and transportation is \$43/student, made payable to HTSD. Our PTO will be providing each of our students with an 8th Grade Day t-shirt. **If you have a financial need, please reach out to your child's school counselor.** We are very excited to take all of our students!

8th Grade Dinner/Dance - Saturday, June 3rd from 6 to 9 pm

We are very excited to celebrate with all of our 8th grade students for this special dinner and dancing event! The annual dinner/dance will be held on June 3rd from 6-9 pm at Hampton High School. Keep an eye out for the invitation to come home with your 8th grader soon! Tickets are \$15 per student. We ask that you send in the RSVP form by May 12th. Also, please note that we plan to create a picture slideshow of our students. Watch for the note on how to upload your photos in the invitation! The dance is semi-formal, and we do ask that the dresses/formal attire follow the school dress code. This is also not a "date dance" -- just come and have fun! There will be a buffet of food from Emiliano's, a photo booth, dancing and

games! If you have any questions, please reach out to Trish Buben at tab190@gmail.com. We are so grateful to our PTO for helping with this event!

PSSAs/Keystones - starting next week!

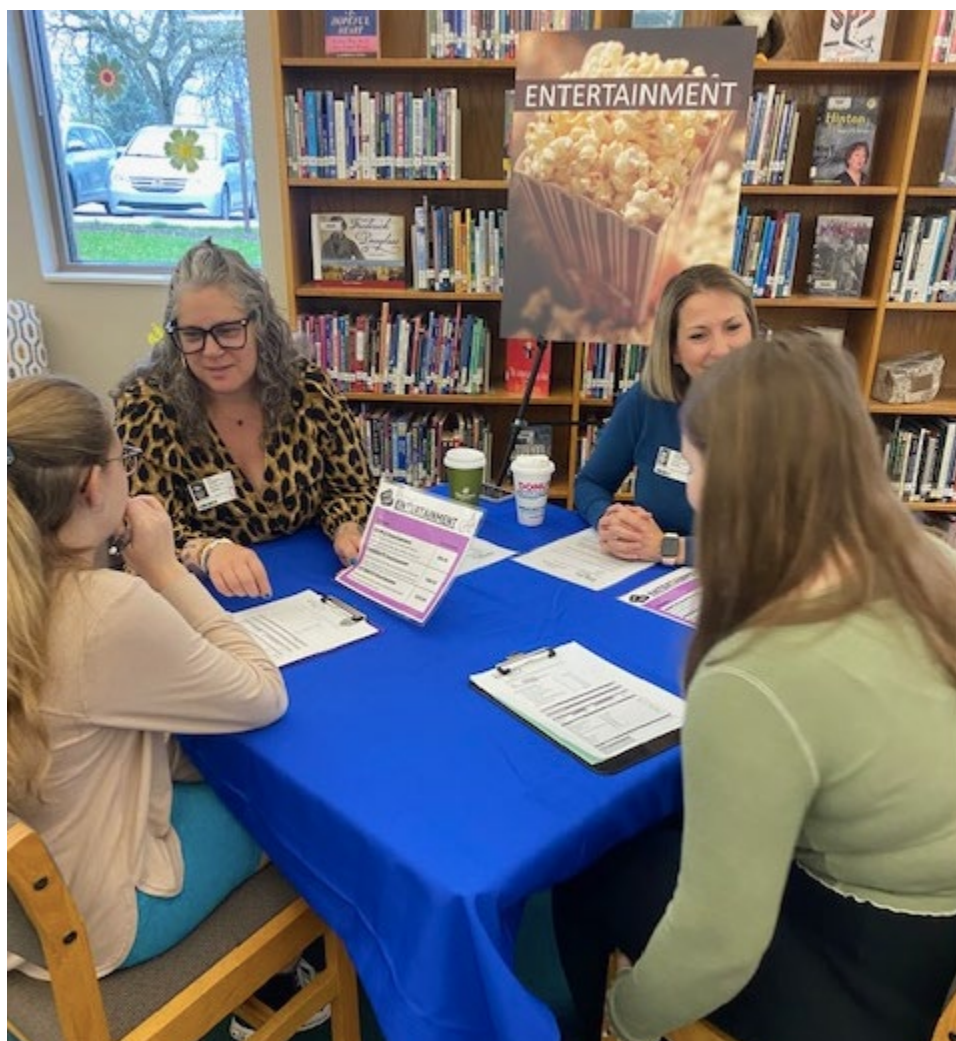
Please note that PSSAs and Keystone Exams will begin next week. Specifically, all students in grades 6-8 will take the ELA PSSAs on April 24, 25 and 26. Math PSSAs for all grades will occur on May 1-2, and Science PSSAs for grade 8 only will take place on May 3-4. Students who are currently enrolled in Honors Algebra I will take the Algebra I Keystone exam on May 16-17.

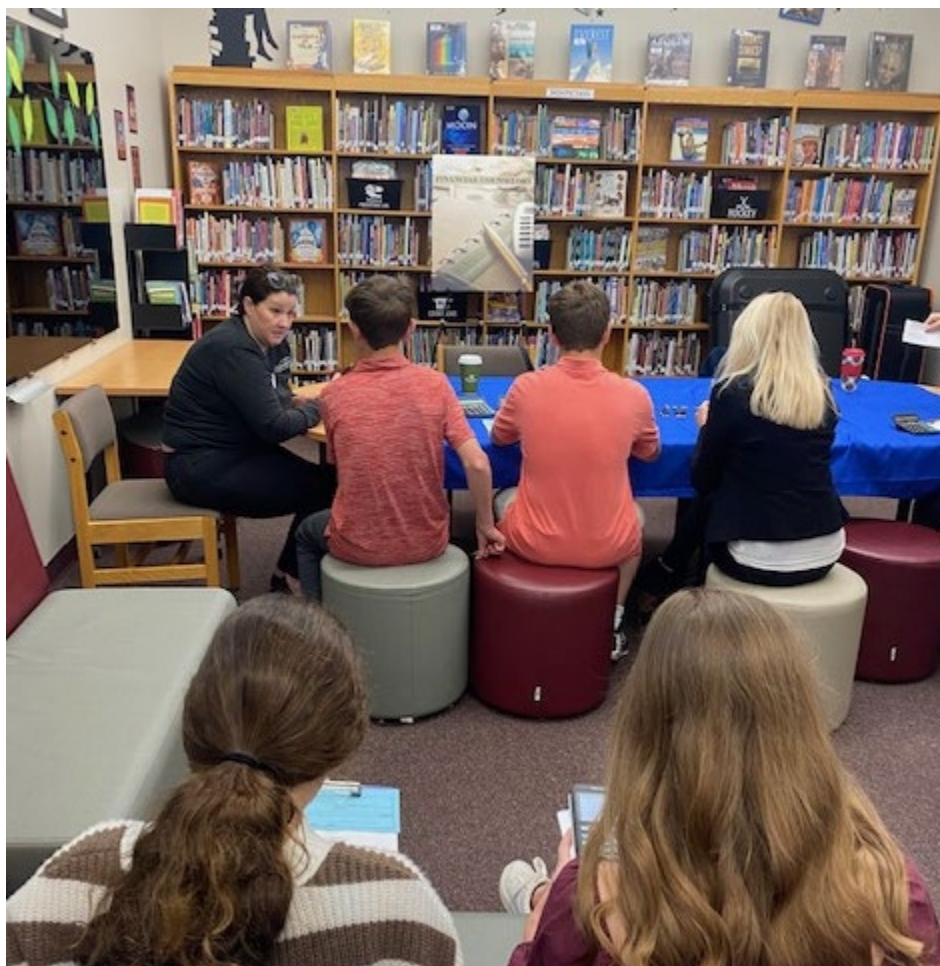
Please be sure that students arrive at school on-time on testing days. We will begin testing right after homeroom each day. Students are not permitted to begin testing mid-session, so if they arrive late, they will be asked to wait in the library until testing is finished, and will take the session they missed during makeups. Please note, we will run an alternative schedule on testing days. On April 24, May 1, and May 2, we will run all 8 periods, but classes will be shortened. On April 25, we will run periods 1-4, and on April 26, we will run periods 5-8.

Unfortunately, we cannot approve student trips on days that our students will be testing. Information about PSSAs has been mailed home to all students in grades 6-8, and information about Keystones has been mailed home to students enrolled in Algebra I Honors.

Reality Fair

We are happy to have hosted our fourth successful Reality Fair with our 8th grade Career Awareness rotation last week! The students involved did a fantastic job representing themselves in a professional manner and making thoughtful decisions relating to budgeting. We would like to especially thank our parent and community volunteers for spending the morning with us and helping out. We have one more Reality Fair this year, which will be held on June 6th. If you are interested in helping, we need volunteers from approximately 7:45am until 9:30am. Please sign up on the link [here](#).





Summer Camps at Beattie

The Summer Camps at Beattie are open to any student entering 6th grade through entering 9th grade. Please click on the link below to view the offerings.

[2023 Summer Camp Registration is Open - A.W. Beattie Career Center \(beattietech.com\)](https://beattietech.com)

Children's Book Donations

The Rotary Club is working with Head Start; they are asking for you to consider donating gently used Children's books from birth to grade 5 reading level. Please consider donating some books. Your student may bring them to the HMS Main Office.

Join our PTO!

First, we would like to thank our amazing PTO for all of the wonderful work that they do for our students and for our school. We are so grateful to have such a dedicated and hardworking group of parents who spend countless hours working to create special opportunities for our students. We would like to encourage you and ask you to consider joining our PTO! We will have several PTO board vacancies next year, and many opportunities to help. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mr. Rice or Dr. Lux, and we will direct you to a PTO representative.

Homework Club

Homework Club is offered on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays after school from 2:45 to 3:45 pm. If your child would benefit from receiving a teacher's help with his or her

assignments, then Homework Club may definitely help! We will have two certified teachers available to assist the students with their assignments. Students will need transportation home at 3:45 pm; students will be picked up from the front of our building.

Math Lab

Math Lab is a great option for all of our students!

- Does your child need help with a math problem?
- Does your child need help completing his or her math homework?
- Does your child need help studying for an upcoming math quiz or test?

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, then the HMS math lab is the place for your student to get some help from one of our certified math teachers! Math Lab will run 4 days per week: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2:45 to 3:45 pm; students will meet in D403, the Math Lab.

Upcoming Reminders:

- **PSSA ELA Testing** - Monday, 4/24 through Wednesday, 4/26
- **Take Your Child to Work Day** - Thursday, 4/27 (permission forms in our main office - please complete in advance)
- **PSSA Math Testing** - Monday 5/1 & Tuesday 5/2
- **PSSA Science Testing (Grade 8 only)** - Wednesday 5/3 & Thursday 5/4
- **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK** - May 8th through May 12th
- **Central Elem Visits HMS** - Monday, May 8th
- **Poff Elem Visits HMS** - Tuesday, May 9th
- **Wyland Elem Visits HMS** - Wednesday, May 10th
- **7th & 8th Grade Band Concert** - Wednesday, 5/10, 7:00pm, HMS Auditorium
- **5th & 6th Grade Band Concert** - Wednesday, 5/11, 7:00pm, HMS Auditorium
- **Advanced PE Field Trip** - Thursday, May 11th
- **Orchestra Concert** - Tuesday, 5/16, 7:00pm, HMS Auditorium
- **Advisory** - Thursday, 5/18

Club Meetings for April & Beginning of May:

- **Helping Hands Club** - Tuesday, 4/25, 2:45-3:30, Room G708
- **HMS Symphonic Band Rehearsal** - Wednesday, 4/26, 2:45-3:40, HMS Auditorium
- **American Sign Language (ASL)** - Thursday, 4/27, 2:45-3:55, room F609
- **Helping Hands Club** - Tuesday, May 2nd, 2:45 - 3:30 pm, Room G708
- **Student Council** - Wednesday, May 3rd, 2:45-3:45 pm, Room G704
- **HMS Symphonic Band Rehearsal** - Wednesday, May 3rd, 2:45 - 3:40, HMS Aud
- **Spanish Club** - Thursday, May 4th, 2:45 - 3:45 pm, room D416
- **French Club** - Friday, May 5th, 2:45 - 3:45 pm, room D416