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From our PRINCIPAL

Dear Hyde Park Families,

I hope this spring newsletter finds all of your families well. The end of third quarter and spring are upon us, and these next few months are going to be extremely busy for our students (and their parents)!

Our annual Pi Day on March 13th was a huge success! All of our students participated in activities created by our imaginative math students. I would also like to congratulate our Future Cities, Science Olympiad, Science Bowl, Math Counts, Spelling Bee, Guitar, Orchestra, Band, Choir and VEX Robotics students for all of their hard work, dedication, and success. Great job!

Our annual DaVinci Night, will be held on May 7th. We hope that everyone will have the opportunity to attend this fabulous evening

which will showcase many of our students' work and accomplishments. Over the next few weeks, we have several hundred band, orchestra, choir, and guitar students participating in Clark County music festivals.

Now that the warmer weather is upon us, please remember to adhere to the school dress code policy. Proper attire is to be worn by all students to foster the best environment for learning.

- Shorts, skirts, and skorts must be fingertip length at minimum
- No sunglasses or hats
- No bare midriffs
- No house slippers...shoes must have soles - No flip flops or beach shoes
- No Opened Toed Shoes
- No crop tops or spaghetti straps

This has been an exciting year so far, and with the ongoing support of our parents, Hyde Park will continue to be a 5-Star school. We will maintain our strong tradition of excellence as a community of learners. As always, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are here to help your child to grow educationally, socially, and emotionally. Thank you for being our partner in your child's education!

Sincerely,
Anna Belknap

Mission Statement:

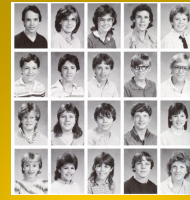
The Hyde Park Middle School community supports and empowers learners. The Academy of Science and Mathematics at Hyde Park Middle School nurtures and enhances students' scientific and mathematical inquiry.

Science Olympiad

Thank you to all the coaches - Susan Zajack, Bonnie Pillaro, Dan Kubetz, Tammy Jones- Lepp, Holly Villamanga, Mike Levi, Alok Pandey, Mark Garner, Henry Sun, Tina Reddy, and Harold Wade - that helped make our 12th consecutive win at the Nevada Science Olympiad Competition possible. Robin and I, as well as all the competitors appreciate the many hours you have spent with us preparing for these 23 events! It is truly a community effort! Preparations for Nationals in Nebraska are underway and practices will resume the week after Spring break.

Nevada State Science Olympiad Tournament Results

Air Trajectory	Bronze - Jessica Shah and Simran Shah
Anatomy	Gold - Shreya Kamajjala and Jaiden Reddy Silver - Nikita Thummala and Iris Luyen
Bio-Process Lab	Gold - Chanel Pulido and Dexter Lai Silver - Aaron Sun and Shreya Kamajjala
Bottle Rocket	Gold - Harry Chu and Kara Orevillo
Bridge	Silver - Harry Chu and Kayla Sangalang Bronze - Brandon Gong and Eugene Kim
Can't Judge a Powder	Gold - Wani Pandey and Dexter Lai Silver - Jessica Shah and Caitlyn Tran
Crave the Wave	Gold - Benjamin Ballin and Dexter Lai Silver - Jessica Shah and Caitlyn Tran
Crime Busters	Gold - Shreya Kamajjala and Eric Yuan Bronze - Brandon Gong and Ashley Nies
Disease Detectives	Silver - Evan Crosby and Mark Zhang Bronze - Aaron Sun and Olivia Lee
Dynamic Planet	Gold - Aaron Sun and Eric Yuan Silver - Evan Crosby and Wani Pandey
Elastic Launch Glider	Silver - Jaiden Reddy and Sherry Liu Bronze - Mark Zhang and Brandon Gong
Entomology	Gold - Jaiden Reddy and Simran Shah
Experimental Design	Gold - Jessie Li, Sherry Liu, and Eric Yuan Bronze - Iris Luyen, Nikita Thummala, and Ashley Nies
Fossils	Gold - Kara Orevillo and Sona Dixit
Green Generation	Gold - Sona Dixit and Olivia Lee Bronze - Subhan Wade and Chanel Pulido
Meteorology	Gold - Benjamin Ballin and Grace Lawrie Silver - Jessie Li and Brennan Ferrington
Picture This	Gold - Simran Shah, Kayla Sangalang, and Sona Dixit Silver - Ashley Nies, Eugen Kim, and Chanel Pulido
Robo Cross	Gold - Kanokwan Tungkitkancharoen and Mark Zhang Silver - Olivia Lee and Brennan Ferrington
Simple Machines	Gold - Shreya Kamajjala and Caitlyn Tran Bronze - Subhan Wade and Kanokwan Tungkitkancharoen
Solar System	Gold - Evan Crosby and Eugene Kim Bronze - Jessie Li and Brennan Ferrington
Wheeled Vehicle	Silver - Sherry Liu and Sona Dixit Bronze - Ashley Su and Wani Pandey
-Judy Kraus	



Yearbooks

The yearbook is still available for only \$40, cash or money order payable to Hyde Park Middle School. Pick up your order form in the front office and pay in room 206.

Magnet News

Magnet Schools of America is committed to accentuating excellence by continuing to focus attention on what matters most in magnet schools. Their 2015 Merit Awards has named Hyde Park Academy of Science and Mathematics a School of Excellence out of 300 other magnet schools.

Congratulations on another fantastic achievement!

Future Cities

My amazing Future Cities students won both **First** and **Second** place in the "House of Cards Civil Engineering Competition" at NW Tech.

Please congratulate Dae Oh, Avery Nguyen, and Timothy Ryu for their first place win. Also please recognize Lily Yan, Sydney Lin, and Joanna Yi and their very supportive team mates for their second place victory. They made their teacher very proud.

-Sharon Simon

IMPORTANT UPDATE

All parents will be required to register students online for next school year. You must activate your Campus Portal Parent account so that you will receive notice when the online registration will be open. Once you have completed your Online Registration, you must bring the required documents to the school to be officially enrolled. You will not be able to complete this process on an Ipad or Iphone.

VEX and VEX IQ

The Hyde Park Middle School VEX and VEX IQ Teams competed against 5 other middle school teams and 35 high school teams at the State Tournament at Sierra Vista High School. Hyde Park Middle School had 2 excellence award winning teams who are tops in the State of Nevada, and will be going to the World Championship in Louisville, Kentucky on April 16-18, 2015. Team 918 E won the Excellence Award for VEX and Team 918 X won the Excellence Award for VEX IQ! If that isn't enough we have twelve other State Championship Awards to brag about! They are:

- 918 E Tournament Champion Award.
- 918 C Design Award.
- 918D Think Award.
- 918 V Teamwork Champion Award.
- 918 Z Teamwork Champion Award.
- 918 V Programming Skills Award.
- 918 V Robot Skills Award.
- 918 Z Design Award.
- 918 V Amaze Award.
- 918 W Create Award.
- 918 Z STEM Research Project Award.
- 918 V Sportsmanship Award.

Winning a total of 14 awards at State Tournament, beating all of the other middle schools, and our alliance team, Faith Lutheran High School received a Tournament Championship Award. Our VEX Team 918B was also picked by high schools and finished in a fifth place tournament tie in alliance.

Please have some kind words for all our VEX and VEX IQ Robotics students who once again showed our State of Nevada who we really are. As their coach and teacher I am very proud of them and our accomplishments. 14 awards in one tournament is a record!

-Edward Patricks

Cheerleaders

On March 6th the Hyde Park Cheerleaders participated in the Middle School Classic Cheer Competition held at Green Valley High School. Teams from all over the valley attended. Our Cheerleading Team brought home a second place in Show Cheer Novice Division.



Nevada Investwrite

Jennifer Yoon is the Nevada Investwrite winner for Fall 2014. This essay contest in conjunction with the Stock Market Game encourages students to integrate their math, economics, and language arts skills.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

- 3/30-4/3 **Spring Break-no school**
 4/3-4/11 Passover
 4/6 Classes resume
 7 SBAC Testing begins
 8-12 Band Heritage Festival, New York City
 10 Scoliosis Testing
 15 NJHS Induction Ceremony, 6:00pm-Gym
 25-26 8th Grade Trip
 29 PAC Meeting, 9:30am-Library
 Student of the Month Luncheon, 11:15am-Library

May

- 1-2 Heritage Festival
 2 CCSD Chess Tournament, 8:00am-Cafeteria
 5-6 Jazz Band Festival
 7 DaVinci Day, 4:00pm
 7-10 MathCounts National Competition
 8 8th Grade Farewell Dance, 6:30pm-Rainbow Gardens
 16 Lego/VEX School Show, 7:00am-Gym
 18 Spring Orchestra Concert, 6:00pm-LVA
 20 Spring Guitar Concert, 5:30pm-Gym
 21 All Bands Spring Concert, 5:30pm-UNLV
 22 8th Grade Barbeque
 23 Robotics Competition, 7:00am-Gym
 23-25 Shavout
 25 **Memorial Day-NO SCHOOL**
 27 PAC Meeting, 9:30am-Library
 Student of the Month Luncheon, 11:15am-Library
 8th Grade Awards Ceremony, 5:00pm-Gym
 28 Choir Spring Concert, 6:00pm-Gym

June

- 2-4 Semester Exams, Students released 11:30am
 4 **Last Day of School**
 5 Semester Exam Make-ups

Science Bowl

On Saturday, February 28, 2015, 15 students from Hyde Park, on three teams, competed in the Southern Nevada Regional Science Bowl against 25 other teams. Hyde Park won 1st, 2nd and 7th place. The first place team consisted of Ashish Kalakuntla, Abhay Nayyar, Vidhu Ramakrishnan, Moulin Patel and Anik Patel. They will be competing in the National Competition in Washington DC on April 30 - May 4. The Middle School Science Bowl competition started in 2008, and we have won 5 out of the 8 years (2008, 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2015.)

The second place team, whose two losses in this double elimination tournament came only from Hyde Park's winning team, consisted of Joshua Hardy, Vrund Patel, Craig Hammond, Shiv Upadhyaya, and Ty Carlson. They were undefeated against all other schools they faced.

Our 7th place team, who went two and two on the day, consisted of Opalina Vetrichelvan, Madison Rollf, Sean Mikologic, Dylan Patel and Ohm Desai.

-Amy Wetjen

HYDE PARK HERO



8th grade counselor, Stacy Shavinsky-Haynes' 10 year old son, Gage, shaved his head for St. Baldricks, an organization that helps fund pediatric cancer research. Gage raised over \$700, and was one of the honorary heros for our Pasta for Patients drive in March. Gage suffers from a chronic disorder called Systemic Mastocytosis.

HYDE PARK BASKETBALL



The 2014-2015 Girls Basketball season started off with the girls finishing 2nd in the Be Kind Invitational and winning the MLK Middle School tournament in consecutive weekends. That early success set the tone for an undefeated regular season and a 4th consecutive division championship. In the playoffs the girls played archrival Tarkanian in the West Regional Finals where they unfortunately lost. It was a 3rd straight Final Four appearance and a very successful season for a terrific group of girls. Congratulations to Coach McGee, Coach Z and The Lady Panthers for a great season.

The 2014-2015 Boys Basketball season started off with a solid performance in the Be Kind Invitational with the boys finishing 3rd. The regular season was up and down with the boys losing to rivals Rogich at the Mid-Season but winning in the final week to become division Champions for a second straight year. That win propelled the boys all the way to the CCSD Championships where they played Silvestri. It was an exciting game that came down to the very last minute but ultimately the boys came up short losing 34-39. It was the first appearance in the CCSD championships for the boys since the 2002-2003

season and it was truly a remarkable season. Congratulations to Coach Parks, Coach White and all the boys for one of the most successful seasons in Hyde Park history.

Band

Congratulations to the following band students for being selected to the CCSD Middle School Honor Band. All clarinet players!

Joo Hwan Lee-8th grade-third time selected
Kenneth Chung-6th grade
Audrey Wetjen-7th grade
Justin Yu-7th grade

Choir

Congratulations to the Hyde Park choirs for doing a fantastic job at the CCSD Advanced Choral Festival! The advanced choir received an excellent rating and the vocal ensemble received a superior rating. Great job Mr. Bobbett, and all of your talented, hard-working singers.

GUITAR ENSEMBLE

8 Members of the Hyde Park Guitar Ensemble took part in the CCSD Solo and Ensemble Competition. Every member that competed scored "1's" in this competition, the highest score a competitor can achieve. Please congratulate the following students on their well-deserved medals:

Lucien Patchett
Aiden Corea
Audra Vervan
Esmeralda Villalobos
Evan Crosby
Courtney Cheung
Rachel Wurmbrand
Rachel Chinen

ORCHESTRA

Congratulations to our Hyde Park Chamber Orchestra for giving your best in Salt Lake City this past week. Our students were so well behaved, we received compliments from people everywhere we went.

Oh yes, by the way, they also took first place in this very prestigious and hard to get into national competition. Does that make us #1 in the nation for Middle School Orchestra?

On another positive note, Clark HS also placed #1 in the HS division in this same competition, and their orchestra was made up of about 80% former Hyde Park students:)

-Jeremy Woolstenhulme



Hyde Park Middle School student Eshaan Vakil to compete in History Bee National Finals May 22-24

Congratulations to Hyde Park Middle School student Eshaan Vakil, who will compete in the History Bee National Finals May 22-24, 2015 in Louisville, Kentucky. This outstanding 7th grade student also has been selected to compete in the International History Olympiad to be held July 9-15 at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. For information on the Olympiad, visit www.historyolympiad.com.

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Student Council

Socks for Tots

Student Council collected new socks for the children receiving treatment at The Children's Infusion Center. With the help of the West Tech student council, over 400 pairs of socks were packaged with a personal message of encouragement from our students.

Pasta for Pennies

Student Council and Leadership organized a Pasta for Pennies drive to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. A contest was held during third period to see who could collect the most money and win an Olive Garden luncheon for the class. The winning class was Mrs. Wetjen's, with a total of \$641. The Hyde Park MVP was Ruth Sorom, who collected \$463 all by herself. The school was able to surpass our goal of \$4,000, with donations still coming in daily.

Eighth Grade Dance May 8, 2015

The end of the year dance will be held at Rainbow Gardens. Information will be sent home the week before Spring Break. Tickets will go on sale during all three lunches starting Monday, April 6, 2015.

Congratulations to all of our students who competed in the NV Chapter of the American Statistics Association Poster contest!

4-6 Category

First Place: Alex Ballin and Billy Ballin
6th Grade, Hyde Park Middle School, Las Vegas
Lacrosse: Overhand vs. Sidearm
Advisor: Judy Kraus

Second Place: Joanna Yi
6th Grade, Hyde Park Middle School, Las Vegas
Consuming Meat
Advisor: Judy Kraus

Third Place: Sophia Adams, Katelyn Phan, Caitlyn Coloma, and Jennifer Yoon
6th Grade, Hyde Park Middle School, Las Vegas
Leaping Linguist?
Advisor: Judy Kraus

Honorable Mention: Althea Santos
6th Grade, Hyde Park Middle School, Las Vegas
What's Inside Your School Bag?
Advisor: Judy Kraus

7-9 Category

First Place: Margaret Luna
7th Grade, Hyde Park Middle School, Las Vegas
Let's Get Down to Business!
Advisor: Denise Romonoski

Second Place: Ashlyn Henriod
7th Grade, Hyde Park Middle School, Las Vegas
Oh, Snap! "Break"ing it Down
Advisor: Denise Romonoski

Third Place: Opalina Vetrichelvan
7th Grade, Hyde Park Middle School, Las Vegas
Stereotypes: True or Untrue?
Advisor: Denise Romonoski

Honorable Mention: Craig Ethan Hammond
7th Grade, Hyde Park Middle School, Las Vegas
A Million Dollar\$ Question

Bridge Building

The Hyde Park Bridge Building team took first place in the middle school competition held at UNLV Engineering complex on March 7th. Please congratulate the following students, in 2nd place Brandon Gong, 3rd place Sophia Adams, 5th place Zachary Walusek, 6th place Ty Carlson, 9th place Eshaan Vakil, 10th place Mark Zhang and Jacob Gunnell and Alex Ballin. Great job!

TUTORING AVAILABILITY

Rm 303 Mr. Green Tues. & Wed. until 3:30 pm (Math)
Rm 611 Mr. Phillips 6:45 am – 7:45 am by appointment (Math)
Rm 605 Ms. Ackerman Tues. & Thurs. until 3:30 pm (Math)

HOMEWORK CLUB:

Rm 402 Ms. Boucher Tues. & Wed. until 3:30 pm (ELA)

Online assistance at www.khanacademy.org

Please check with your student's individual teachers as many of them stay after school to work with their students by appointment.

MATHCOUNTS

Hyde Park Middle School is the 2015 MathCounts State Champion!! On Saturday 3/21/15 Hyde Park won its 6th state championship in the last seven years. Alex Bean, Ashish Kalakuntla, and Aaron Sun have qualified to compete in the MathCounts National Competition in Boston, MA in May. Mr. Lawrence will also attend the national competition as the official coach of the Nevada Team. The state competition results are shown below.

School Results

1st Place: Hyde Park Middle School
2nd Place: Davidson Academy
3rd Place: Coral Academy of Las Vegas

Individual Results

2nd Place: Alex Bean (Qualified for Nationals)
3rd Place: Ashish Kalakuntla (Qualified for Nationals)
4th Place: Aaron Sun (Qualified for Nationals)
5th Place: Vincent Tang
9th Place: Shreya Kamojjala
12th Place: Eric Yuan
16th Place: Jason Lee
17th Place: Eugene Kim
23rd Place: Jessica Li
39th Place: Riana Mission

Please congratulate these students on their fantastic performance at the MathCounts State Competition.

-Mr. Lawrence

Library News

The Scholastic Spring Book Fair was a success. Using Scholastic dollars earned during the Fall Fair, I was able to give away more than 280 free books to students.

Barnes & Noble is sponsoring a Girls Gone Sci-Fi tour with four authors making school visits to promote girls writing in the Science-Fiction genre. Hyde Park was chosen as one of three schools in Las Vegas for this free presentation. Students nominated by their English/reading teachers got to listen and Q&A with the authors the afternoon of March 19.

-Brian Pawley,