

The Tiger Beat

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Way to Go, P-T-O!!!

Let's hear it for your Parent/ Teacher Organization! At a recent parent meeting, HSANA Principal, Mr. Altindag, said that this school's PTO is among the best he's ever seen. Here are a few reasons to be proud of your PTO:

In addition to the monthly teacher appreciation breakfasts, PTO has made these contributions to the school:

- Funds for an electric piano for the Music Department!
- 30 graphing calculators for the Math Department!
- \$1000 worth of library books!

- Quiz bowl buzzers for the HSANA quiz bowl team, currently ranked in the top 10!
- Soccer balls and other athletic equipment!
- Sharpies and note cards for the English Dept-sponsored spelling bee!
- And KLEENEX for the whole school!

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So, now you know where your Friday ice cream money goes and why the PTO members work so hard! It's not too late to join us! We'll be busy until the end of the year and there is plenty of work to do!

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Keep Your Eyes on the Prize! And Win!

While you're reading this issue of the Tiger Beat, keep an eye out for symbols that represent the awesome ways PTO has contributed to your school. Write the correct "code" found by the object in the space below and turn your answers into the front office. Two winners will be randomly selected from all correct entries. Good luck!

1. keyboard _____
2. calculator _____
3. book _____
4. buzzer _____
5. soccer ball _____

6. Kleenex _____
7. notecard _____
8. sharpie _____
9. muffin _____
10. juice _____

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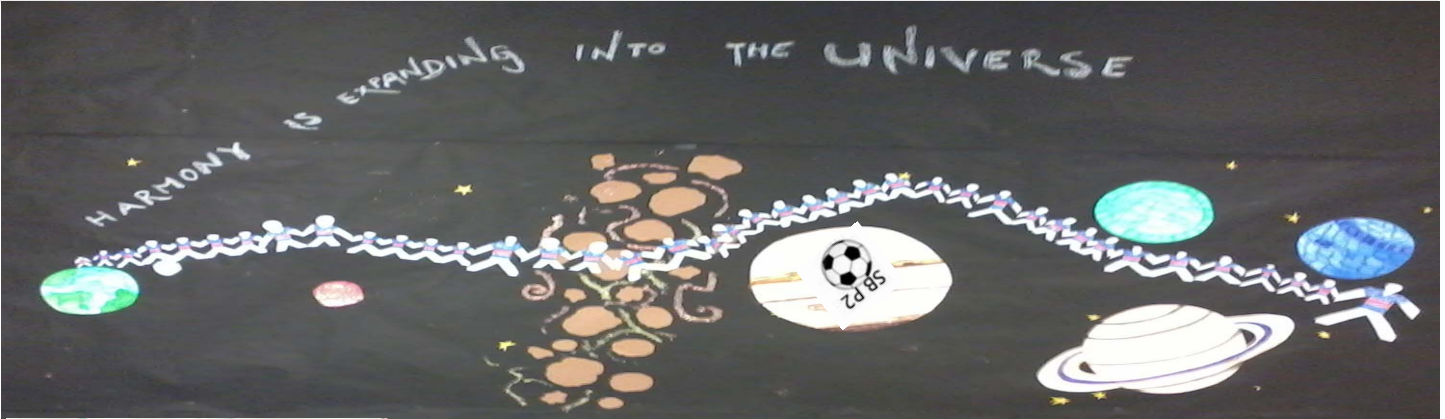
Be sure to "like" the **Harmony Science Academy- North Austin PTO page on facebook**. You'll receive updates and reminders of many of the school events. You may even see your picture!

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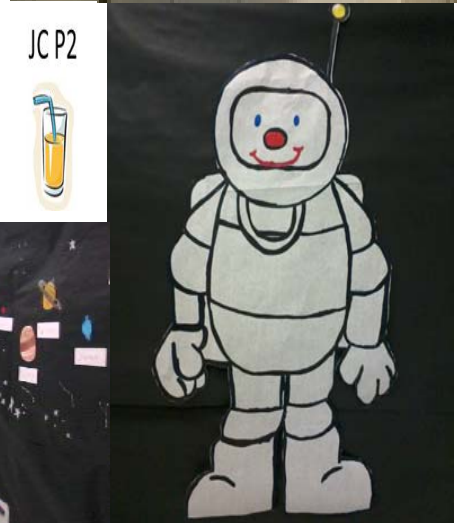
SCIENCE FAIR 2011-2012: Outta This World!



Please join us in congratulating all the Harmony Science Academy– North Austin 2011-2012 Science Fair participants. The day was a huge success and a great school-wide effort. Enormous thanks go out to our students, their science teachers and their parents for creating such wonderful projects. Thanks to the PTO and teachers for organizing a smooth day, and all of the distinguished judges for helping on this important event. Our next science event will be the Austin Energy Regional Science Festival held February 23rd.



Source: HSANA Website



Why Read?

Here are five good reasons to make sure you are reading as much as you can!

Reading:

1. Helps you become an interesting person. (Impress your friend and family!)
2. Helps you write correctly. (Improve your grades!)
3. Entertains you.
4. Takes you to places you may never get to visit. (How many of us will go to space or see a live bull-fight?)



LIBRARIES

- There are 23 City of Austin public library branches. <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/library/>
- Pflugerville Library
102 10th Street
- Perry-Castaneda Library (PCL)
- UT Austin campus
- 21st Street and Speedway

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Middle School Book Review

Review by the School Library Journal

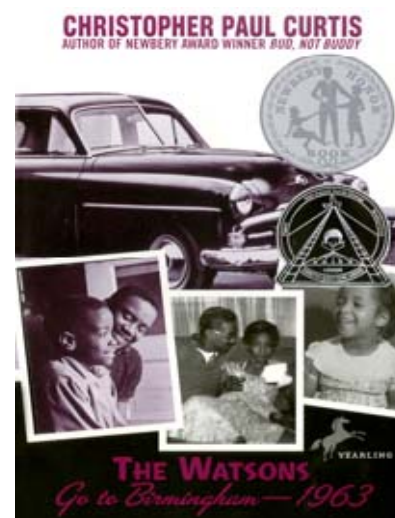
The Watsons go to Birmingham— 1963

By Christopher Paul Curtis

The year is 1963, and Byron Watson is the thorn in younger brother Kenny's side. Constantly in trouble for one thing or another, from straightening his hair into a "conk", to lighting fires, to freezing his lips to the mirror of the new family car, Byron finally pushes his family too far. Before this "official juvenile delinquent" can cut school or steal change one more time, Momma and Dad finally make good on their threat to send him to the deep south to spend

the summer with his tiny, strict grandmother. Soon the whole family is packed up, ready to make the drive from Flint, Michigan, straight into one of the most chilling moments in America's history: the burning of the Sixteenth Avenue Baptist Church with four little girls inside.

Fourth grader Kenny, the narrator, invites readers of all ages into his world as it changes before his eyes. Curtis, the author, also wrote the Newbery Award winning book, *Bud, Not Buddy*,



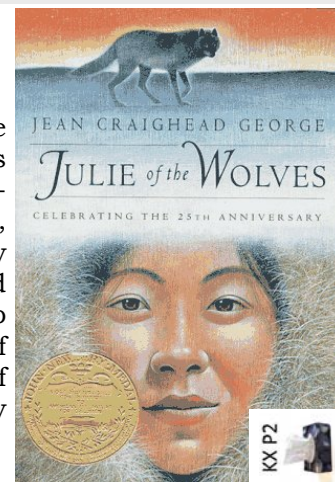
High School Book Review

Review by Amazon.com

Julie of the Wolves

by Robin Brande

Miyax, like many adolescents, is torn. But unlike most, her choices may determine whether she lives or dies. At 13, an orphan, and unhappily married, Miyax runs away from her husband's parents' home, hoping to reach her pen pal in San Francisco. But she becomes lost in the vast Alaskan tundra, with no food, no shelter, and no idea which is the way to safety. Now, she must look hard at who she really is. Is she Miyax, Eskimo girl of the old ways? Or is she Julie, the modernized teenager who rejects the traditional customs? When a pack of wolves begins to accept her into their community, Miyax must learn to think like a wolf as well. If she trusts her Eskimo instincts, will she stand a chance of surviving? Fans of Jean Craighead George's stunning, Newbery Medal-winning coming-of-age story won't want to miss *Julie* (1994) and *Julie's Wolf Pack* (1998).



Something to ROAR about!



TIGER PAW PRINT!

In this section of the Tiger Beat, you will get to know an HSANA parent or teacher a little better. Harmony PTO recognizes that our students are best served when we each do our part.

Do you know a parent, teacher or faculty member that deserves to be highlighted? Email their name, picture, and how you feel they make a difference at HSANA to: hsanatigerbeat@gmail.com OR drop it off at the front office!



ROARING ABOUT: Jill Schuessler! "Doing things to give back for what has been so generously been given to my family motivates me to volunteer at the school. The teachers offer so much of themselves to help my children to achieve success. They give them things I am not capable of doing myself, so I feel that doing what I can for them is only fair." These are **Jill's** own words, and a perfect example of why her name was submitted by several members of the HSANA family to be highlighted in the Tiger Beat.

Here are a few things people had to say about **Jill**:

"**Jill** is a remarkable parent! She has been in charge of the garage sale for the past several years, and makes sure that it is always a huge fund-raising success for us."

"**Jill** is always in the middle of every event at school and makes sure that it is a success. She helps with the teacher appreciation breakfasts, dances, and keeping all the PTO parents connected. Jill is awesome as a mom, PTO member, and communicator with teachers."

"Mrs. Schuessler is a parent who has demonstrated a great enthusiasm and dedication to noble causes at Harmony through PTO. She deserves recognition for it.."



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ROARING ABOUT: Rachel Carroll

Positive recognition is good no matter where it comes from, but I'm sure most teachers are especially grateful for a parent's appreciation for a student's progress. Ms. Rachel Carroll recently received great kudos from a parent:

"I'd like to suggest that Rachel Carroll (7th grade English) be highlighted in the Tiger Beat. Ms. Carroll has transformed my son. At the beginning of the school year, English was my son's least favorite subject. Over the last six months, Ms. Carroll has inspired him to read and write! It may seem a simple task, to read and write, but you don't know my son! He reads books without pictures and even ASKS for them. He never before asked for a book that wasn't associated with a video game or a movie. Before, his writing was possible only if forced. Now he is writing stories...for FUN. Ms. Carroll looks out for him and his success and that has made a humongous difference in our lives."

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Congratulations, Jazel and Hannah!

Congratulations to Jazel Briones (6D) and Hannah Habhab (7A)! They were among the many HSA Tigers that submitted a complete and correct crossword puzzle in the last issue of The Tiger Beat. Stop by the front office and claim your \$10 gift card to a neighborhood eatery!