On September 24, 2016, HCSD held a Parent Academy at Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond. Featured Keynote Speaker Ashoke Menon, Co-founder and President of Ignite for Schools, motivated HCSD staff, parents and community members to focus on empowering the district’s youth through peer leadership and mentoring.

He advocates for a focus on character and character-based practices and has been working with HCSD staff to put these practices in place in the schools. With such practices in the schools, student achievement increases as well.

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HCSD ANNUAL TEEN SUMMIT

At the 7th annual HCSD Teen Summit, Nissan Director of Community and Public Relations Pam Confer (bottom right) invited HCSD students on stage to share their talents. Students were inspired by Mrs. Confer with her message on four steps to get what you want in life:

1. Want it.
2. Act like you want it.
3. Listen to those who can help you get it.
4. Know the caring people around you want you to succeed even when they’re being hard on you!
COMMUNITY PARTNERS PROVIDE SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO HCSD STUDENTS

Students in the HCSD are blessed to live in a community that cares about its kids. This school year students at CMS and GRE received donations of school supplies.

Without these donations, some of the students in the district would have gone without the needed supplies to help them reach their learning goals.

Kroger donates school supplies to GRE—Pictured L-R: Yvette Scott, Assistant Principal; Aretha Curt; Mary Moore; Willie Patton; and GRE Principal, Dr. David Burris.

RES Alumni donate school supplies to CMS – Pictured L-R: John Neal, Associate Superintendent; Charles Willis, Assistant Principal; John W. Davis; Ethel Singleton; Dr. Walter Nichols, President; Laura Richardson, Vice President; Louise White Fair, Secretary; Frank White; and Dr. Deborah Newman, Principal

COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR DAYS AT RHS AND THS

RHS and THS both recently hosted college and career fairs for their students. Dr. Jamilah Pou, counselor at RHS, stated that the counseling department’s goal is to make sure that all students understand the college admission process, have the tools and resources to begin their journey, and believe that they can fulfill their college aspirations! “If your child has a different dream of joining the military, going to a trade school, or starting an apprenticeship, then we’re here to help him or her as well. Every student’s future is important to us. We believe that with the right tools, anything can be accomplished.”

Pictured on the right are US Army reps meeting with a RHS student.

Whatever obstacle comes your way, you gotta be prepared to jump over it! -Akon

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Willette Jacobs currently serves as a 5th Grade Math teacher at Utica Elementary Middle School (UEMS). This is her 18th year as a teacher. She is a JSU and MC graduate.

Ms. Jacobs is the recent recipient of two grants. The first grant was for $250 from Wal-Mart. With this grant, Ms. Jacobs will aid her students with problem solving skills. The second grant was for $3,000 from Dollar General. This grant will be used to purchase nonfiction texts and iPads to aid students in improving their reading skills.

When asked what inspired her to write these grants, Ms. Jacobs replied, “Being from the community, I understand that not all students believe that STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) careers are within their reach. I write grants to get funding that will allow my students to see that reading and math can take you anywhere and enrich their educational experiences.”
Families First for Mississippi provides group parenting classes for adults, new parents, newly engaged couples, family units and married couples.

Group family life skills classes also cover healthy marriages, financial literacy, and healthy relationships with other adults. All classes are free of charge.

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Jackson, Mississippi 39216
(601) 366-6405
www.mscec.org

It’s not too early to mark your calendars now for this school year’s Parent Conference Days!

- November 9, 2016
  2:00-6:00 p.m.

- January 9, 2017
  1:00—6:00 p.m.

Canvas, A Learning Management System

In our continuing efforts to partner with parents for the academic success of students, the district is providing parents with the ability to access a new online system called Canvas. Canvas is a Learning Management System being used with the middle schools and high schools.

Parents can log into their Canvas account to view:

- A course syllabus
- Assignments
- Feedback and grades on assignments (if appropriate).

The world we have created is a product of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking.

– Albert Einstein
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HCSD is a collaborative environment where we explore the world, experience authentic learning, enhance our character, envision our dreams, pursue excellence and celebrate success.

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT’S DESK

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Partners:

It’s that time of year again… flu season. The “flu shot” signs are posted everywhere reminding you that it’s time to get vaccinated. If you’ve wondered if your children really need it, the Center for Disease Control recommends that everyone over six months old should get the flu shot. In addition to the shot, WebMD shares several other easy steps we can teach our kids to help them stay healthy during cold and flu season:

* Wash hands in warm water with a good lather for 20 seconds (about as long as the “Happy Birthday” song). Wash after using the bathroom, before eating, after being outside, when hands appear dirty, and after using a tissue.

* Don’t share cups, utensils, or food. Viruses spread easily this way. Practice this even when you’re healthy, so it becomes a habit.

* Cough and sneeze into the inside of your elbow, not your hand.

* Ensure that children ages five to ten get 10-11 hours of sleep each night to keep their immune systems in top shape. Younger children need even more sleep.

Sincerely,
Delesicia Martin