



Monday Mail

February 16, 2010

1. **TAKS TEST:** TAKS testing is just around the corner. Grade 4 & 7 writing, Grade 10 & 11 ELA and Grade 9 Reading will be on March 3rd. Please continue to work with your child in both reading and writing. You can visit the TEA website at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index3.aspx?id=3839&menu_id=793 for examples of past test questions to give your child extra practice.
2. **Saturday Tutorials:** It is very important to give your child the support and guidance they need. Saturday tutorials are mandatory for those students that have been notified to attend.
3. **Open House:** If you or someone you know would like to learn more about our school and educational programs, you may attend one of our open house sessions. All presentations will take place at Harmony School of Excellence. More information can be found on the HSE website. The first open house will be on Thursday 2/18/2010 6:00 PM.
4. **College Night:** HSE would like to invite parents to College Night. Information for parents of 11th graders will be on Feb 17th from 6-7:00PM. Parent Night for 9th grade will be on February 24th from 6-7:00PM.
5. **Math Contest:** Want to be challenged in math? If yes, then participate in this math competition and take the chance of winning great awards! The contest is open only to HSE fifth grade students. Please see the HSE webpage for more information and for registration forms. Registration closes on February 16, 2010.
6. **HSE Debate Team:** On Friday, February 19th and 20th, HSE will participate in a TFL Speech and Debate Tournament at Cy-Ridge High School. Students are preparing for contest in a variety of events, including public forum, impromptu speaking, and prose reading. We want to wish the debate team **GOOD LUCK!**
7. **Doodle 4 Google:** It's time again for Doodle 4 Google! This competition is open to ALL K-12th grade students. The National Winner will receive a \$15,000 college scholarship, a trip to Google New York, a laptop design tablet, and a shirt with your design on it. For more information visit the HSE webpage.
8. **UIL Computer Competition:** Congratulations to the following students who competed at University of Texas at Austin Invitational UIL in Computer Science Contest on Saturday, February 6th. There were 48 teams present from various schools in Texas, in a highly competitive invitational contest.

Highlights:

- Leon Lin scored 3rd in the individual written category.
- Team 1 ranked 11th (among 48) in the written category.
- Team 1 ranked 14th overall putting HSE among the top 10 high schools in Texas.

Team 1: Ding Zhou, Leelund Swanson, Leon Lin

Team 2: Andrew Choe, Paul Bang, Sean Kim

All the students worked hard and will be participating in other Computer Science contests during the rest of the semester.

9. **Facilities Update:** The new gym bleachers are now ready to use. Special thanks to the PTO and all parents who support the school in our fundraising activities.
10. **Basketball:** Come and support the Lady Tigers in the playoffs on February 16th.