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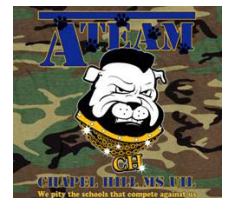
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CHMS UIL Academic Report:

This year CHMS put together a special group of students and teachers known as "THE A-TEAM." They could be seen around campus wearing their green camouflage A-TEAM shirts trying to blend in with the crowd. Their motto was "THE SCHOOL WITH THE GOLD, RULES." Once again we faced some very tough competition. We trained this extraordinary group for several months prior to our January competitions. We implemented new strategies and materials that we discovered at our Summer Capital Conference in Austin. We brought home 28 medals, 32 ribbons, and a second place overall finish in district. We look forward to facing a new group of competitors next year with our district's realignment.

We celebrated the end of our season with a UIL sponsored school wide dance on Friday, February 19th in the CHMS cafeteria. A great time was had by all!



Back-to-Back: One Act Play Takes 1st Place AGAIN!!!

On January 29th, the CHMS Pretenders traveled to Bullard to compete in this year's UIL One Act Play competition. The competition was a huge success! The Pretenders were able to spin a little dejavu against our competitors and received 1st place in district for the second year in a row. We also brought home Best Actor for the district, 2 all star cast medals, 2 honorable mention all star cast medals, and 2 outstanding crew awards. The Pretenders nailed 31 medals and 2 plaques! The individual medals were evenly distributed between schools by the judge this year in hopes to encourage students to continue a love of theatre. Two encore performances were held for the school and the community on February 5th. Our audience of students, faculty and parents all agreed that *Liza and the Riddling Cave* presented by the CHMS Pretenders was definitely a cut above the rest!



An Opportunity to Share:

Our Chapel Hill Middle School science department and Grand Central Station lab has recently enjoyed site visits from two school districts. Marshall ISD and Granbury ISD sent teams of teachers and administrators to talk with staff who are involved with both programs. Marshall ISD has implemented a GCS lab, but wanted to see how CHMS had enhanced our program through the years. They were also very excited to see the set-up in our 6th grade science labs. Granbury ISD will be changing from a Content Mastery approach to a GCS model next year and were seeking ideas for ways to make that transition a successful one. The CHMS staff enjoyed sharing our ideas, but were also delighted to gain several fresh ideas for use at our school as well.



OFYP - Optional Flexible Year Program:

Chapel Hill Middle School is busy developing plans to end the year early for most of our students and to focus on intensive instruction for students who do not pass TAKS, fail core academic classes, or do not meet attendance requirements. We have collected information from other East Texas schools that have used an OFYP calendar, coordinated plans with our high school, and held planning sessions with key members of our staff. We are looking forward to having 8 days to truly help students accelerate their learning during the extra days they will attend school in late May and early June.

FCA:

Chapel Hill Middle School FCA/First Priority meets each Wednesday morning at 7:30 in our media center. Local speakers share their hearts with about 50-70 students each week. Recently, we have teamed up with Pine Cove. They're arranging young talented speakers throughout February and March. In April, we are looking forward to hosting our highly popular 3rd annual FCA/First Priority Rally after school.



Calendar of Events

- ◆ February 23rd – Faculty Meeting @ 3:30 p.m.
- ◆ February 23rd – TAKS Reading Camp
- ◆ February 23rd – PAC Meeting/Art Auction @ 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ February 24th - TAKS Math Camp
- ◆ February 25th – Pay Day Breakfast
- ◆ February 25th – RTI Meeting @ 3:30 p.m.
- ◆ March 2nd – Department Meetings
- ◆ March 2nd - TAKS Reading Camp
- ◆ March 3rd – TAKS 7th Grade Writing
- ◆ March 3rd – TAKS Math Camp
- ◆ March 4th – Girls' Track @ Home 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ March 4th – Boys' Track @ Spring Hill
- ◆ March 5th – Field Trip – 8th
- ◆ March 8th – 12th – Spring Break
- ◆ March 15th – Texas Public Schools Week
- ◆ March 16th - Progress Reports Sent Home 8th Period
- ◆ March 16th – Girls' & Boys' Track @ Bullard
- ◆ March 16th – TAKS Reading Camp
- ◆ March 16th – Faculty Meeting @ 3:30 p.m.
- ◆ March 17th – TAKS Math Camp
- ◆ March 18th - Spring Pictures
- ◆ March 18th – Cheer / Drill Team Parent Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ March 19th – CHMS Walk-a-Thon



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