

April 2, 2018

Dear Titan Parents,

We hope that you had a good three-day weekend. The school year continues to charge ahead, and our students and staff are all working hard to do their best work.

Information for you and your children that you may find helpful:

- **Titans Got Talent** - Annual Talent Show. Auditions are April 3 and April 4 after school. Performance is April 26. [See this flyer](#) for more information
- **Astros Day April 2nd** - In celebration of the Astros, students and staff are encouraged to wear Astros-themed gear to school on Monday, April 2nd. Students may also donate \$3 to the Best Buddies club to get a wristband that will enable them to wear a hat on April 2nd. Wristbands will be on sale in the cafeteria before school on Monday, April 2nd, and were on sale last week, as well. Hats must be appropriate and not distracting to the learning environment
- **April is Autism Awareness Month** - We already had the Astros' day planned for April 2nd, so on Tuesday, April 3rd, students and staff are encouraged to "Light it Up Blue" and wear blue in honor of Autism awareness. Autism affects 1 out of every 45 school-aged children. To find out more, [please check out this flyer](#).
- **Parent Coffee with the Principal** - Please join Mr. Fickel in the library this Friday, April 6th, at 9:30 AM for the monthly Coffee with the Principal
- **Summer School Information** - The district has launched its [summer school website](#). Offerings for original credit and remedial credit are available. Contact your child's counselor for more details
- **Progress Report #7** - This Friday, April 6th, is also the date where finalize students' grades for the progress reporting period. Students who lost academic eligibility as a part of the Term 3 report card can regain their eligibility as a result of passing all classes for PR7. As a reminder, we no longer print paper progress reports and report cards. They are viewable in Skyward Family Access
- **STAAR Testing** - Next week (April 10 and 11) will be our first round of STAAR testing. 7th graders will take the STAAR Writing Test and 8th graders will take STAAR Math on Tuesday, April 10th; 8th Graders will take STAAR Reading on Wednesday, April 11th. Please read this [important communication about electronic devices](#), as well as [this message about what students should bring to school on those days](#). Lunch deliveries will not be able to be made on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, and students will eat their lunch from home or a sack lunch from the cafeteria in their testing rooms.

Have a great week!

Keith Fickel,

SLMS Principal