

March 18, 2019

Dear Titan Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you doing well and that you and your family have had an enjoyable Spring Break. The third nine-week grading period (Term 3) ended Friday, March 8, and report cards will be available in Skyward Family Access by noon on Wednesday, March 27. As we start the final grading period of the school year when students return to school Monday, March 18, it is important for students to maintain their focus to help them reach their goals. It is also the season for our fine arts students to perform at UIL contests, and we wish them all well. Our Non-Varsity Girls' Treble Choir already performed, and came back with Superior ratings in Sightreading! Track season will be winding down soon, and soccer season will start. Our girls' track teams continue to do well, as both our 7th and 8th grade teams took second places in their meets the week before Spring Break. We are already working on plans for next school year, and you will be hearing more about them in the coming weeks; many of them will have opportunities for parent, student, and faculty input to help guide decisions that will affect everyone. Please take a moment to check out the items below.

Thank you to everyone who came out to our iFest/Open House on March 5. There was a **Giving Tree**, for parents and community members to meet some needs on our campus. This opportunity has shifted to this [online Sign-Up Genius](#). Please take a moment to check it out and see how you can help with your time, talent, or treasure. Thank you to everyone who took a tag at iFest to help a teacher or a need at SLMS!

This is a reminder that **SLMS has 100 laptops** in our **Laptop Lending Library**. After completing a few pieces of paperwork by parents, students may check out a laptop (including a Wi-Fi hotspot) for two weeks, just like a library book. To find out more and to complete the parent paperwork, visit [the SLMS Laptop Lending Library webpage](#).

Please **wear orange** on **Thursday, March 21**, in support of **Kidney Cancer Awareness**. It would be awesome if we could have a sea of orange on that day, as the whole of FBISD is observing this day in honor of a teacher at a district elementary school who is losing her battle with the disease.

We also want parents to come out on **Friday, March 22 at 9:30** to attend our **Coffee with the Principal** in the Library. We will be talking this time about technology and its effect on tweens and early teenagers, and this may shape some of the direction we may go next year. I want to connect with parents to help our school do its best job of meeting students' needs, so please make plans to attend. If you are friends with a parent of an upcoming fifth grader, please invite them to come, as well.

On **Wednesday, March 20 and Thursday, March 21**, students whose parents have given permission to be included in district surveys will take the annual **School Quality Survey** through their PE, Health, or Kickstart classes. Parents have also been sent a link to do the parent version of this survey. In case you missed it, you may visit this [School Quality Survey Parent Link](#) to take the survey.

This year, instead of having our traditional Titans Got Talent (talent show), we are hosting a **Lip-Sync Battle**! Information will be coming soon regarding auditions, but mark your calendar now for **Thursday, April 25**, which is the date of the Lip-Sync Battle! Students AND staff will battle it out to see who is the best!

High School Graduation / Semester Exam Conflicts - If you have a child or family member who is graduating from Kempner HS on Friday, May 24 at 1:00 PM, (or from another school) and your SLMS child will need arrangements to take semester exams early, [please complete this form by March 29](#). We will review responses after the deadline, and contact families with plans for administering exams early.

Sincerely,

Keith Fickel, SLMS Principal