

May 5, 2019

Dear Titan Parents and Guardians,

It is difficult to believe that there are just 15 school days left in the school year! The year has flown by, and our students have been extremely successful in their pursuit of excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts. This week is our last full week of "regular school", as next week sees additional STAAR tests, and the week after that is our final exam week. You will get more detailed information about what to expect with STAAR, as well as the end of the year preparations with next week's parent message.

I also wanted to update you on the HVAC system. In the early afternoon Friday, the system malfunctioned, which caused the temperature and humidity to rise in the building to an uncomfortable level. Our students and staff handled the discomfort well. Technicians have worked throughout the weekend to resolve the issue, and I received a message early Sunday morning stating that the system was restored and the building was cooling off.

Thank you to our PTO for organizing our 8th Grade Exit Celebration last week at Main Event. The students had a great time, and we appreciate you organizing it for them. Our PTO will offer a slate of officers for 2019-20 just before the start of Tuesday's Orchestra Concert. Please help support the PTO, which in turn supports our students and staff.

It's going to be another busy week of learning, celebrations, competitions, and performances. I hope to see you around the campus at a performance, celebration, ceremony, or other event. Here are the highlights for the week.

- **Teacher Appreciation Week** - May 6 through 10 - Please take a moment to thank your child's teachers this week for their hard work in adding value to your child's daily experience. For ideas, visit our [Teacher Appreciation Week Webpage](#)
- **Algebra I End-Of-Course exam** - all students enrolled in Algebra I will take their EOC on Tuesday, May 7. There will be no visitors allowed to campus that day, aside from pre-planned visits to the counselor or the clinic
- **Concerts, Performances, Celebrations and More**
 - Monday, May 6 - Band Concert @ Kempner HS 6:30 PM
 - Tuesday, May 7 - Drive-Thru Chicken Fried Steak Dinner @ Bus Ramp 4:30-6:30 PM (visit [Drive-Thru Dinner Website](#) for details; orders taken thru May 6)
 - Tuesday, May 7 - Orchestra Concert @ SLMS 6:30 PM
 - Tuesday, May 7 - Soccer v. Bowie MS @ Old Kempner Stadium 5:00 PM
 - Wednesday, May 8 - 8th Grade Awards @ SLMS 6:30 PM
 - Thursday, May 9 - Kickstart Belt Ceremony @ SLMS 6:30 PM
 - Friday, May 10 - Theatre Performance @ SLMS 6:30 PM
- **Parent Coffee with the Principal** - Friday, May 10 at 9:30 AM, come visit with Mr. Fickel, SLMS principal for an in-person update and much more. In the library.
- **Library Books Due Friday, May 10** - Please make sure all library books and laptops are returned by this Friday

I hope you and your family have a super week, and perhaps I will see you at the Coffee with the Principal on Friday!

Sincerely,

Keith Fickel, SLMS Principal