

HMC-1 SCHOOL MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



HMC-1 PARTNERS WITH GREENLIGHT FUND

Hickman Mills C-1 School District is proud to announce a new partnership with GreenLight Fund Kansas City and Youth Guidance to bring two new social emotional programs to HMC-1 schools.

Becoming a Man (BAM®) and Working on Womanhood (WOW) are school-based group counseling and mentoring programs that work to support the social-emotional and behavioral needs of students in grades 7-12. In partnership with HMC-1, BAM and WOW counselors will

serve more than 100 students at Smith-Hale Middle School and Ruskin High School, beginning in January 2021.

Superintendent Yaw Obeng, joined by HMC-1 Board President Cecil Wattree, Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas, and Executive Director of GreenLight Fund Kansas City Sarah Haberberger, announced the \$1.7M investment and five-year long partnership with HMC-1.

"HMC-1 is looking forward to this important partnership with the GreenLight Fund and Youth Guidance," said Superintendent Yaw Obeng. "Through this partnership our students will have access to an added layer of support with thoroughly trained and highly skilled counselors to help with social, emotional and mental health needs."

[Click here to get more information.](#)

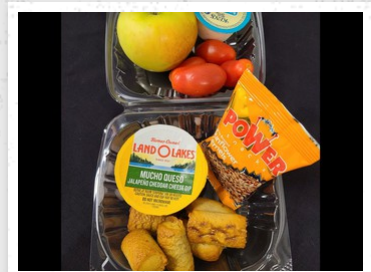
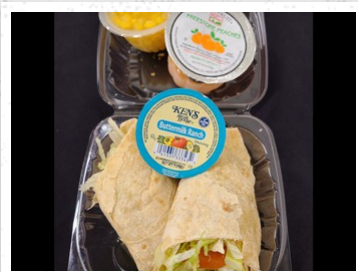
SEPTEMBER APPLAUSE APPLAUSE HONOREE

At the Thursday, September 17, Board of Education meeting, the HMC-1 Board of Education celebrated Jolon H., fourth grader at Compass Elementary, as the September Applause Applause honoree!



Since the beginning of the school year, Jolon has consistently logged onto Zoom and has completed all of his assignments. What makes Jolon stand out is his willingness to help other students and his teacher, Mrs. Forney, with technology issues. When his teacher needs to try something out, Jolon is always eager and willing to help. His teacher says that it's a joy to have such a tech savvy and smart young man in her class.

Congratulations, Jolon! Keep up the great work!



GET THE SCOOP ON HMC-1'S NUTRITION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Between preparing healthy meals for students, adhering to state and federal school meal regulations, navigating student food allergies, and offering service with a smile, HMC-1's

Nutrition Service team are true heroes.

The Nutrition Services department is made up of a team of school nutrition professionals that are dedicated to students' health and wellbeing. On a daily basis, the team strives to support learning by promoting healthy habits for lifelong learning, nutrition and fitness practices. They recognize that when children are well-nourished, their ability to learn improves.

HMC-1 is one of very few school districts in the state that provides every student with free breakfast, lunch and dinner. This is made possible thanks to a non-pricing meal service option sponsored by the USDA called Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which allows schools and districts to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications. The supper program is made possible through another USDA federal nutrition program called the Child Adult Care Feeding Program (CACFP).

"It is our goal to ensure that we always provide nutrition packed meals and strive to eliminate barriers that prevent access to healthy foods, while overcoming the food insecurities many of our families face," said Grennan Sims, Director of Nutrition Services for HMC-1.

Their dedication doesn't stop there. HMC-1's Nutrition Services team has embraced the creative challenge of making healthier, tastier food for children while working within Federal school meals nutrition service guidelines. The results are delicious!

On the menu, you can find fresh produce, chicken Cesar wraps, yogurt parfaits, and much more.



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Visit www.32auctions.com/HMEF20
Auction begins: November 2, 2020 at 8 a.m. CST
Auction ends: November 6, 2020 at Midnight CST

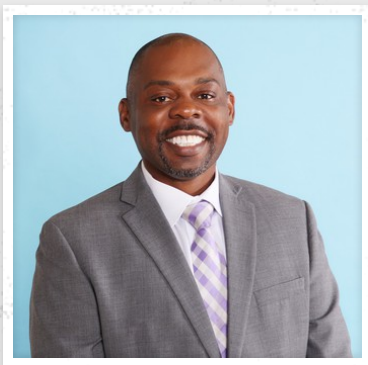
YOU'RE INVITED! HMEF 18TH ANNUAL GALA AND SILENT AUCTION

The Hickman Mills Educational Foundation Annual Gala and Silent Auction is less than two months away!

The annual Gala and Silent Auction is the Foundation's biggest fundraising event. The Foundation supports HMC-1 students and staff through financial scholarships, classroom grants, donations, and much more. Since its inception, the **HMEF has donated an estimated \$950,000 to HMC-1 students and teachers.**

The Gala, which will be held virtually this year, is taking place from Monday, November 2 at 8 a.m. CST through Friday, November 6 at midnight CST.

[Auction items are being added daily, so be sure to visit the auction site to get a sneak peek of an item that can be yours, or for more information on the event.](#)



SUPERINTENDENT YAW OBENG'S ENTRY PLAN

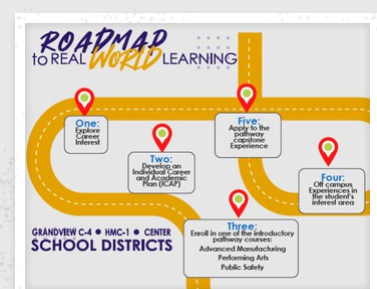
With the start of the school year in full swing, Superintendent Yaw Obeng is excited to share his Entry Plan with HMC-1 students, families, staff and community.

The Entry Plan outlines key focus areas which include achievement, capacity development, culture, community connectedness, and resource management. [You can watch this video for a review the priorities,](#) or [read the full Entry Plan here.](#) The Entry Plan is also available in [Spanish,](#) [Arabic,](#) and [Urdu.](#)

As part of this process, Superintendent Yaw Obeng would like to hear from you! [Please take a few minutes to complete a quick survey.](#) The survey is also available in [Spanish,](#) [Arabic,](#) and [Urdu.](#)

HMC-1 AWARDED GRANT FUNDS TO SUPPORT REAL WORLD LEARNING PROGRAM

A generous grant from the Kauffman Foundation will help support the expansion of the Hickman Mills C-1 School District's Real World Learning (RWL) program.



HMC-1 is proud to offer RWL opportunities that take learning well beyond classroom walls. Through the RWL program, students are provided the opportunity to work, create, and make a visible difference in a real-world setting. This work is achieved with in-depth, hands-on learning experiences that explore a variety of career opportunities while earning credits for outside work through the Missouri School Flex guidelines. The grant will help the district eliminate barriers and continue to expand program participation.

HMC-1 also believes that collaboration is key to increasing opportunities and our approach. In collaboration with Prep-KC, Center School District, and Grandview School District, we seek to use RWL to pave the way for redefining what high school has traditionally looked like in Kansas City. The three South Kansas City school districts will share instructors, equipment, business partnerships, and program costs, and provide an equal number of seats to students from each partner high school.

With commitment from district administration and the Board of Education, HMC-1 is more excited than ever to continue our work with RWL. [Read more about the district's RWL program here.](#)



HMC-1 FALL SPORTS FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME!

Did you know that you can enjoy HMC-1 Fall Sports from the comfort of your home?

From football, tennis, soccer, softball, to cross country, all HCM-1 sports are being streamed and recorded for you to watch at your convenience. Grab your popcorn and your favorite cozy blanket, and follow the [@Hickman Mills C-1 Schools Athletics](#) Facebook Page to not miss out on a game.

[View all of the information on our fall 2020 athletics policies and guidelines, sport schedule, or important documents needed to participate in any HMC-1 athletic activities here.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars!

There's a lot to look forward to, including:

- **Free Family Health Essentials:** Saturday, October 3, 9 - 11 a.m. (3801 Blue Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64130)
- **Harvesters Food Distribution:** Thursday, October 15, 4 - 5:30 p.m. (Puckin High School)



- **Board of Education Meeting:** Thursday, October 15, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 - **No School:** Thursday, October 29
 - **No School:** Friday, October 30
 - **HMEF Virtual Gala and Silent Auction:** Monday, November 2 8 a.m. CST - Friday, November 6 at midnight
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