



December 10, 2018

Good afternoon Eagle Parents and Guardians,

KANSAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR (KTOY) NOMINATIONS

We all know Hocker Grove has amazing teachers. Please help us recognize them through the Kansas Teacher of the year program. Nominating is easy. Just use the links below to place a teacher's name in the nomination pool. All nominees will be recognized, while one teacher from each building will be sent on to the district level for the next layer of the process. KTOY nominations will be accepted until January 11, 2019. Click on the link below to nominate a HG teacher.

[English version](#)

[Spanish version](#)

[SMSD KTOY Presentation Link](#)

PTA Cookie Volunteers

We still need signups for the cookie exchange. This is a great event for our staff and I need your help to make it a success. Please sign up for some cookies if you can, it's greatly appreciated!! The exchange will take place on December 19 so cookies are needed on December 18 or by 8 a.m. on December 19th. Thank you, as always, for your help in making this a blessing to all of our teachers!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044baeaa23a31-2018>

Tasty Tuesday This Week

The Hocker Grove PTA is sponsoring Tasty Tuesday at Don Chilito's on Tuesday, December 11 from 4:00-8:00 pm. No need to show a flyer. Our school will receive 20% of all sales.

Tasty Tuesday

An easy way to support our Hocker Grove students! Come in for dinner and a portion of the proceeds will go to our school!

Don Chilito's Mexican Restaurant

7017 Johnson Drive

Shawnee Mission, KS

Tuesday, December 11th 4-8 pm

Boys Basketball Parent Meeting

An informational meeting will be held tomorrow evening in the Hocker Grove Cafeteria (MPR) for any 8th grade student interested in playing Boys Basketball. Topics covered include tryouts, eligibility, practice, games and information about the upcoming season. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Scheve (JaredScheve@smsd.org) or Ms. Brents (melindabrents@smsd.org)

End of Semester Finals Schedule

As a reminder, finals week is quickly approaching. Attendance between now and the end of the semester is important to ensure that students are ready for finals. Any students that will miss school between now and the end of semester can make arrangements with the teacher to take their final early. Please see the finals schedule below. We have designed it so that students don't take more than three finals in any one day so that they can prepare fully for each one.

Wednesday – December 19th

Periods – 2 & 6

Thursday – December 20th

Periods – 3, 5, 7

Friday – December 21st (See below for Friday's Bell Schedule)

Periods – 1 & 4

This Week in The Grove:

December 10 SMSD Board of Education Meeting 6:00 pm, Center for Academic Achievement

December 11 Band/Choir/Orchestra Combined Winter Concert 7:00 pm, SM North Fieldhouse

December 12 Boys Basketball Parent Meeting 6:15 pm, HG MPR

December 13 Second Quarter Celebration Trip to Powerplay

Upcoming Events:

December 19-21 First Semester Finals (See schedule above)

December 21 Last Day of First Semester/Early Dismissal for Students @ 1:45 pm

December 24-January 4 No School- Winter Break

January 7 First Day of Second Semester- Students Return

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Early Release Schedule – Friday, December 21, 2018 – Modified for Finals

1st Hour 8:45 – 9:35 (50 minutes) First Hour Final

2nd Hour 9:39 – 10:05 (26 minutes)

3rd Hour 10:09 – 10:35 (26 minutes)

5th Hour 10:39 – 11:05 (26 minutes)

6th Hour 11:09 – 11:35 (26 minutes)

4th Hour 11:39 – 1:15 Fourth Hour Final

1st Lunch 11:41 – 12:07

2nd Lunch 12:13 – 12:39

3rd Lunch 12:45 – 1:11

7th Hour 1:19 – 1:45 (26 minutes)