



# KOUNTZE MIDDLE SCHOOL

*"Educational Excellence"*

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*Dear Parent/Guardian,*

*As we begin the fifth six weeks of the 2018-2019 school year let's hope spring is on the way along with warmer temperatures and less rain. At KMS, we see this time of year as opportunity to remind ourselves about the goals we set at the beginning of the year and remain focused and committed to sprinting through the finish line of the school year. We have had an opportunity to celebrate many successes this year and we continue to look forward to the challenges we have ahead to complete our school year and begin preparation for the 2019-2020 school year. During the fourth six weeks we celebrated our UIL academic participants and their success on their third place team finish with a pizza party in the library. We had Damon West as a guest speaker and he shared his inspirational personal journey with the students. Damon's journey back from rock bottom was filled with many of the attributes that we teach our students such as goal setting, focus, consistency, perseverance, self-discipline, and accountability. We had fifty-six students meet our campuses fourth six weeks incentive requirements, which consisted of zero discipline referrals, one or less tardy, one or less absence, and passing all classes at progress reports. These students were afforded an opportunity to go to the movies to see A Dogs Way Home. The middle school TMSCA team finished second in Calculator at the Groves TMSCA competition, and we had four students qualify for the state competition. Congratulations to Regan Carr, Dinah Coker, and Kiley Kunk for being a state qualifier in Calculator and Ethan Campbell for being a state qualifier in Science. The middle school band had nine students earn a superior rating at the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest. Congratulations to Shawn Mills, Robert Jeffcoat, Jillian Walters, Ellie Broxton, Logan Duke, Kori Leblanc, Emma Shaw, Brooklyn Theeck, and Brayden Welch for earning a superior rating at the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest.*

*As we look ahead to the fifth six weeks our students will be preparing for their fifth six weeks benchmark exams, their second Interim STAAR Practice Test, STAAR Testing, scheduling electives for next school year, track season, and cheerleading tryouts. Please continue to follow the campus webpage and campus Facebook page for the latest campus information and important dates. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call, email, or come by the office. Important dates for the fifth six weeks are as follows:*

*February 28 – Cheerleading Tryouts*

*March 5 – Track @ Anahuac*

*March 11-12 – Interim STAAR Practice Test*

*March 18 – Track @ East Chambers, Student Council Officer Paperwork Given to Interested Students*

*March 26 – Track @ Anahuac*

*March 29 – Students Council Officer Paperwork Due*

*April 1-5 – Student Council Officer Elections*

*April 1 – Girls District Track @ Orangefield*

April 2 – Boys District Track @ Anahuac

April 5 – Early Release for students 12:00, End of Fifth Six Weeks

April 8 – Start of Sixth Six Weeks

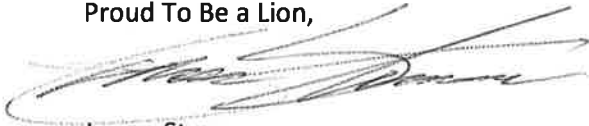
April 9 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing STAAR, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math STAAR

April 10 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading STAAR

April 15-19 Spring Break

On behalf of our staff, I want to thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working together as a team to provide your child with an educational experience that strives to meet the district's mission and goals.

Proud To Be a Lion,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Stevenson', written over a faint circular watermark or background.

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