



KOUNTZE MIDDLE SCHOOL

"Educational Excellence"

Dear Families,

We're back from an extra-long break, and it's time to start the fourth six weeks and second semester. I hope you and your children had the opportunity to spend quality time with family, friends, and loved ones during the time away from school. It's important to take advantage of these moments, so we can rejuvenate, refocus, and approach the New Year with a renewed sense of purpose. We ended the month of December finishing our third six weeks grading period and first semester of school. In the month of December our students, faculty, and staff, were busy starting boys and girls basketball, competing in our annual district academic UIL competition, taking our third six week bench mark exams, performing in the Christmas band and choir concerts, and completing our canned food drive for the Christian Care Center. The middle school Student Council and National Junior Honor Society Members also traveled to the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Houston as a service project to lay wreaths on each grave site. In the upcoming weeks our students and staff will continue working towards meeting our academic goals, continue the boys' and girls' basketball schedule, enjoy a guest speaker, and have our Valentines Dance. I am proud of all the progress our students and campus made during the first semester, and look forward to a productive second semester. I appreciate all of the hard work and effort each student has put into improving and growing academically and making our campus a special place to be.

Please be sure to check our campus website and campus Facebook page to stay up to date on the latest middle school information, important dates and reminders. You can always call or come by the front office if you have any questions, but the campus website and Facebook page are always quick avenues to access important campus information.

Proud to be a Lion,

James Stevenson

KMS Principal

Important Dates for the fourth six weeks:

January 8 – First day back for students

January 8 – School picture retakes

January 8 – Boys and Girls basketball pictures during athletics. Forms and money can be turned into the front office until Friday, February 1.

January 10 – Boys basketball at East Chambers starting at 4:30pm/Girls basketball home against East Chambers starting at 4:30pm. Girl's basketball will play 3 games 7A, 7B, 8A

January 17 – Boys basketball home against Buna starting at 4:30pm/Girls basketball at Buna starting at 4:30pm

January 21 – Martin Luther King Holiday (No school for staff or students)

January 24 – Boys basketball at Kirbyville starting at 4:30pm/Girls basketball home against Kirbyville starting at 4:30pm

January 29 – Three week progress reports

January 31 – Boys basketball at home against Hardin starting at 4:30pm/Girls basketball at Hardin starting at 4:30pm

February 8 – Guest Speaker Damon West at 2:00pm in the Lion's Den

February 8 – Valentines Dance in the cafeteria 6:30pm-8:30pm

February 15 – End of the fourth six weeks and early release for students 12:00

February 18-22 – Winter Break

February 26 – 4th six weeks report cards

Congratulations to the following students for placing at the UIL Academic Meet at East Chambers on December 11th and 13th.

8th grade

Reagan Carr	1st place	Art Smart
Starlie Duke	5th place	Art Smart
Reagan Carr	1st place	Calculator
Tori Stutts	6th place	Calculator
Solomon Owens	1st place	Chess
Solomon Owens	5th place	Impromptu
Zachary Landry	4th place	Listening Skills
Zachary Landry	3rd place	Mathematics
Victor Paredez	3rd place	Number Sense
Solomon Owens	4th place	Oral Reading
Jillian Walters	6th place	Oral Reading
Landon Fullen	6th place	Ready Writing
Ethan Campbell	2nd place	Science
Ethan Campbell	1st place	Social Studies
Ethan Campbell	4th place	Spelling

7th Grade

Kitty Coe	2nd place	Art Smart
Charles Moore	3rd place	Calculator
Dominic Montoya	6th place	Calculator
Rowdy Wallace	4th place	Chess
Rowdy Wallace	5th place	Dictionary Skills
Hailee Harrington	3rd place	Editorial Writing
Aubri Phillips	4th place	Editorial Writing
Tommy Anderson	2nd place	Impromptu
John Allen	4th place	Impromptu
Landen Roth	6th place	Impromptu
Caden Bowman	Tied 4th place	Listening Skills
Rowdy Wallace	Tied 4th place	Listening Skills
Stormie Coleman	1st place	Maps, Graphs, & Charts
John Allen	1st place	Mathematics
Dominic Montoya	4th place	Mathematics
Nathaniel Nash	6th place	Modern Oratory
John Allen	4th place	Number Sense
Dominic Montoya	6th place	Number Sense
Ayden Welch	4th place	Oral Reading
John Allen	6th place	Science
Charles Moore	5th place	Spelling