



# Middle School Mania

K. M. S. News  
2016-17



## A New Year for Gold Stars

Believe it or not, we are starting our second semester of the 2016-17 school year. It is hard to believe that this is already 2017, but we are prepared for a successful second half to the school year. As a matter of fact, this is the time of year that all Texas students take their STAAR tests. There is a lot of emphasis placed on these tests as their average scores are used to determine the academic health of a campus. Kountze Middle School has continued to strive for improved student performance scores and, at the same time,

providing a diversified quality education that benefits students' future success. We have made substantial progress each school year and we feel that this year's STAAR scores will reflect the effort that our students and staff are putting forth. We look forward to the opportunity for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to earn more TEA Gold Stars on the upcoming STAAR tests.



## Play4Kay Game This Month!

Our Kountze Middle School Lionettes will be hosting the Play4Kay Cancer Awareness

basketball game on January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Kountze High School gym. The event will begin at 5 PM and will include raffles and donation stations for the Kay Yow national cancer research program. Last year our middle school made news headlines by raising funds and awareness for cancer research during the basketball season, while celebrating the bravery of local cancer survivors. The Kay Yow Cancer Fund was born in December, 2007 and is a charitable organization committed to being a part of finding an answer in the fight against women's cancers by raising funds for scientific research, assisting the underserved, and unifying people for a common cause. So please take the time to join us in celebrating our fight against cancer and honoring those who continue to fight and win. See you at the game!!