

Mustang Nation

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Our Mission: Cultivate relationships with students through authentic and diverse experiences.

Our Vision: Inspire confident learners who enhance/transform their community.

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MUSTANG PROUD!



YES WE CAN!!!

Assistant Principal - Aaron Galaviz - NISD Reunited

Mustang Family,

My name is Aaron Galaviz and I am honored to serve the John Jay community as an Assistant Principal. There are so many great things happening here at 7611 Marbach and it is because of the dedication and love that you have for our students. Before coming to Jay, I was at both Marshall and Holmes high schools where I taught science and also P.E. As an avid fisherman my absolute favorite class to teach was Aquatic Science. While at Marshall and Holmes I also coached football and track, where I began to develop a strong growth mindset. I believe in continuous improvement and my goal is to foster growth in those around me; to grow a little bit myself everyday, to help our students and staff be a little better each day here at work, and to push my children to be the best version of themselves at home. Know that I am here to support you all and I work hard to.

Mustang Proud Administration!

CONTACTS

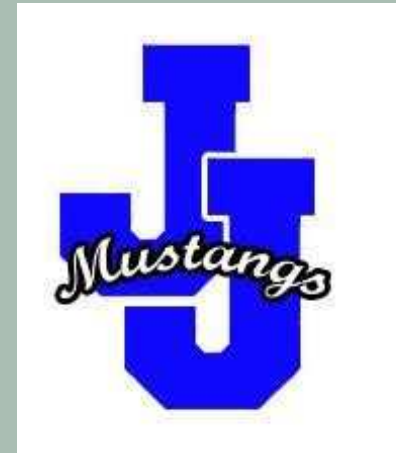
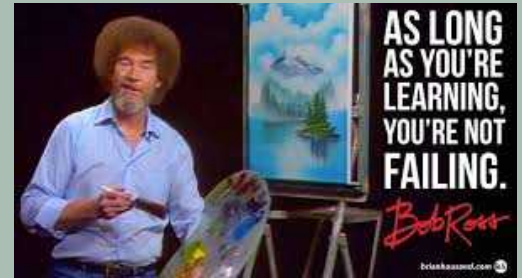
John Jay Administration

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Aaron Galaviz	Assistant Principal	7-2718
Domingo Gutierrez	Assistant Principal	7-2721
Daniel Mendoza	Assistant Principal	7-2717
Liza Pesina	Admin Intern	7-2719



SERVICE LEADERS

READY TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY.



It's so important to do something every day that will make you happy.

Bob Ross

SuccessConsciousness.com



Mustang Clubs & Organizations Spotlight!

The John Jay Fine Arts Department presented WE WILL ROCK YOU-SCHOOL EDITION on November 4th-6th. This spectacular musical featured 23 actors with 18 crew members from John Jay and SEA High School, 22 actors/dancers from Jones Middle School, 18 actors/dancers from Rayburn Middle School, and a live band of JJHS teachers. This musical also included the Technical Theatre and Theatre Arts classes who assisted with designing and building the set, costumes, and props. Show staff included:

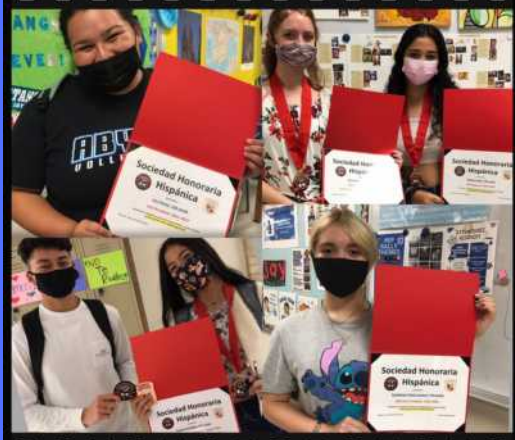
Artistic Director, Nora Moreno-Jarrell (John Jay Theatre)
Technical Director, Phoenix Garza (John Jay Theatre)
Vocal Director, Eric Jorge Garcia (John Jay Mariachi)
Choreographer, Kristina Zamora (John Jay Dance)

Music Conductor, Heather Gonzalez (John Jay Orchestra)
Help from: Charlotte Adams (Jones Middle School), Michael Song (Jones Middle School), Lori Flores-Thorne (Jones Middle School), and Le Garcia (Rayburn Middle School)



Mustang Clubs & Organizations Spotlight!

Spanish Honor Society Officers 2021-2022



SPANISH 2 SEA
FRESHMAN
MAKING
MEMORIES



Spanish Honor Society Celebrates Día de Los
Muertos Nov. 1-2, 2021



Mustang Clubs & Organizations Spotlight!

The John Jay High School Theatre Department had a successful Scary Stories to Tell in The Dark Haunted House on October 29th and 30th. Our community was fascinated by what great actors and talent we have at John Jay! The Theatre Arts students are given the chance to write the scripts, audition for their scenes, direct, act, design a set, build a set, budget, rehearse, advertise, and present! This fun event not only teaches our students about teamwork and goal setting, it gives them a fun memorable experience about our great community!



Mustang Tidbits

1st annual 5th Grade Strings Mustang Bootcamp. . Both 5th graders and their high school mentors were inspired and enjoyed getting to know each other through games and working on helping these future mustangs to become the best string players they can be plus it was a great experience for our high school students to become the "teachers". Of course the last thing that was taught to our future mustangs was the ever important, how to put their "J's" up and to say "Go Mustangs"!



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ALMA MATER

To thee our alma mater
We sanctify thy name
Our cherished hopes and dreams
unfold
Forever as thy fame.
We lift our voice, thy praise we sing.
Thy standards we glorify
We are ever loyal, faithful and true
To thee our John Jay High.



COLORS
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BLUE AND
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Mustang Tidbits

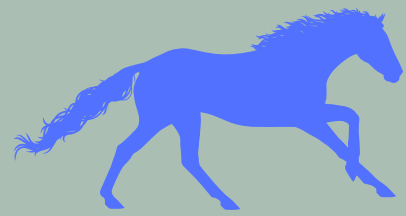
Jay/SEA families a great opportunity to learn about enriching parenting skills, best practices and learn from great speakers.

For registration: Please contact Rebecca DelRio-Valdez, Community Liaison if you are interested in attending this Virtual

Statewide Family Engagement

Conference on Dec 9th-10th @ (210)397-2778 or Rebecca.DelRio-Valdez@nisd.net.

All fees will be paid by the Family Engagement department.



Conference Overview

Go to <https://statewideparents.com/> and click on Downloadables for Funding Letter about different funding sources available to pay for registration fees

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Visit Exhibitors and Networking
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Opening General Session • Priscyjal Baruti Kafete
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	First Breakout Session
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch - Exhibits will be open
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Second Breakout Session
1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Break
1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Third Breakout Session
2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Featured Session
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Visit Exhibitors and Networking

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Visit Exhibitors and Networking
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Fourth Breakout Session
9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Break
9:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Second General Session • John Quiñones
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch - Exhibits will be open
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Fifth Breakout Session
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Break - Visit Exhibitors and Networking
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Closing General Session • Stacey Bess

EXHIBITS WILL BE OPEN:
8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9
8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

SPECIFIC CONFERENCE TOPICS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Virtual Parent and Family Engagement• PPE/ESSA Compliance• Strategies for Parents of Migrant Students• Creating Effective PPE Programs• Tips and Strategies for Parents	CONFERENCE STRANDS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Strand One: ComplianceStrand Two: Best PracticesStrand Three: Enriching Parenting SkillsStrand Four: Vendor PresentationsStrand Five: HOT TOPICS
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Congrats to Ms. Shannon Sanchez
\$50 Amazon card from CAMT for attending a virtual PD session





2021-2022 Bell Schedule

Our Mission: Cultivate relationships with students through authentic and diverse experiences.

8:45 AM	First Bell
8:55 AM	Report to Class
9:00 AM - 9:52 AM	1st Period
9:57 AM - 10:49 AM	2nd Period
10:54 AM - 11:46 AM	3rd Period
11:51 AM - 12:43 PM	4th Period
12:48 PM - 1:40 PM	5th Period
1:45 PM - 2:37 PM	6th Period
2:42 PM - 3:34 PM	7th Period
3:39 PM - 4:30 PM	8th Period

Our Vision: Inspire confident learners who enhance/transform their community.

John Jay / SEA Mustangs are: On Time!

On Task!

On a Mission!

*"The secret to doing anything is believing that you can do it."
Bob Ross*



JOHN JAY HALL SWEEPS WILL BE CONDUCTED TO ENSURE ACADEMIC SUCCESS IN THE CLASSROOM. ANY STUDENTS FOUND IN THE HALLWAYS AFTER THE TARDY BELL WILL BE ESCORTED TO THEIR CLASSROOM.

10/10 RULE

NO STUDENTS ALLOWED OUT OF THE CLASS FOR THE FIRST 10 MINUTES AND THE LAST 10 MINUTES OF CLASS.



JOHN JAY Tardy POLICY



1 - 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Teacher Warning ○ Guardian Contact By Teacher and documented into CMS
4 - 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Teacher Submits SOR ○ Documenting # Of Tardies and Guardian Contact Notes ➤ Lunch DHall
7 +	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Admin Behavior Contract ○ Guardian Contact by Admin and documented in CMS
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ISS ➤ Guardian Contact by Admin
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ISS ➤ Guardian Conference
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Suspension

Process reboots each nine weeks

Student Parking Application

My School Bucks School Store products will disable during the Winter Break starting Friday, Dec 17th at 5 pm, and will be enabled on Monday, Jan 3rd at 8 am.



Junior & Senior Off-Campus Lunch Application



John Jay Dress Code

WHAT NOT TO WEAR

The items below are not all inclusive. Please refer to the district handbook for additional information. Final determination of acceptable dress and grooming rests with campus administration.



No runner shorts allowed



No major holes or excessively ripped jeans above the knees



No bandanas of any type or color



No muscle shirts or inappropriate graphic language on clothing



No pajamas or slippers



No see through, strapless, low cut, midriff, or racer back shirts allowed



No sagging of pants



Skirt/dress length must be no more than 4 inches above the knee



No costumes, masks, ears, tails, etc.

John Jay High School - 7011 Marbach Rd San Antonio, Tx 78221 - 210-397-2700

Attendance Information

Student attendance not only affects credits (graduation), it also affects:

- Obtaining a VOE (Verification of Enrollment) needed to attend Driver's Education classes & to take the driver's test for a driver's license.
- Students wanting to attend school-sponsored dances including prom must be in good academic standing, to include grades, attendance, and discipline, as per the John Jay Student Handbook.

Checking Out students from the school

If a parent/guardian needs to pick up their student early from school for an appointment or any other reason. A parent/guardian will need to come to the attendance office in person to sign out their child. The student will then be called to the office by the attendance secretary. Please remember that students will not be released to any person other than the parent/guardian noted on their emergency contact list and must present a valid ID.

Please do not call or text your student during class time.

Any questions or concerns please contact the attendance office at 210-397-2700.



90% Rule Attendance For Credit

- In order to earn credit, a student must earn a passing grade AND be present at least 90% of the time.
- Credit is awarded per semester.
- A student falls below 90% on the 10th absence in a semester.



Attendance Recovery

Last JJHS AR Saturday session Dec 11.

Students can continue to do AR with the

teacher and the district until December 17th.

ATTENDANCE RECOVERY

HOW CAN YOU EARN IT?

- Tutoring with your Teacher** (make appointment)
- JJHS Attendance Recovery**
 - Monday - Thursday PM ONLY 4:30pm - 5:20pm B215
 - Tuesday - Friday AM ONLY 8:00am - 8:50am B215
 - Saturday Virtual 9:00am - 12pm (Zoom Link in Jay HS Schoology)
- District Tutoring & Attendance Recovery**



Online Tutoring Support

Online Student Homework Support

Monday - Thursday	Saturday
4-8 p.m. - ES	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
6-10 p.m. - MS/HS	All Levels

Links available in Schoology, HAC, & MyNISD Portal to request help by video conference, chat, or screen share.



Tech Hotline

Student Technical Support

- Toll-free Number: 1-877-768-4630
- NISD student hotline: 210-397-0020
- Chat Feature: <https://tinyurl.com/NISDchat>

Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Schoology and Seesaw Helpline

Online Schoology Support

- Schoology and Seesaw Daytime Support (Fill out help form and someone will get back to you.)

Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Schoology and Seesaw Live Support

Monday - Thursday
4-10 p.m.

Link is in Schoology, HAC, & MyNISD Portal

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ATTENDANCE in the early grades

Many of our youngest students miss 10 percent of the school year—about 18 days a year or just two days every month. Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten and even first grade predicts lower test scores, poor attendance and retention in later grades, especially if the problem persists for more than a year. Do you know how many young children are chronically absent in your school or community?

Who Is Affected

Kindergarten and 1st grade classes often have absenteeism rates as high as those in high school. Many of these absences are excused, but they still add up to lost time in the classroom.

1 in 10 Kids in kindergarten and 1st grade are chronically absent, in some schools, it's as high as 1 in 4!

2 in 10 low-income kids miss too much school. They're also more likely to suffer academically.

2-6 in 10 homeless kids are chronically absent.

4 in 10 transient kids miss too much school when families move.

Why It Matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?

- 86% of kids with good attendance in K and 1st (missed 8 or fewer days into year)
- 40% of kids with at-risk attendance (missed more than 3 days into year)
- 41% of kids chronically absent in K or 1st (missed 10 or more days into year)
- 19% of kids chronically absent in K and 1st (missed 18 or more days into year)

What We Can Do

- Engage Families**: Many parents and students don't realize how quickly early absences can add up to academic trouble. Community members and teachers can educate families and help them understand the importance of attendance through early outreach, incentives and attention to date.
- Fix Transportation**: The lack of a reliable car, or simply missing the school bus, can mean some students don't make it to class. Schools, transit agencies and community partners can organize car pools, supply bus passes or find other ways to get kids to school.
- Address Health Needs**: Health concerns, particularly asthma and dental problems, are among the leading reasons students miss school in the early grades. Schools and medical professionals can work together to give children and families health care and advice.
- Track the Right Data**: Schools too often overlook chronic absence because they track average attendance or unexcused absences, not how many kids miss too many days for any reason. Attendance Works has free data-tracking tools.

There are a few steps that communities and schools can take. How do you think you can help?

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*Attendance in 1st grade classes is often similar to that in kindergarten, but not always. See www.attendanceworks.org for more information.

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Month in Review

Attendance Recovery (Language Lab)

Wednesday, December 1·8:00 – 9:00am

Weekly on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, until
Dec 18, 2021

Talent Show Auditions (Auditorium/Black Box)

Wednesday, December 1·4:30 – 6:30pm

NHS Meeting (LGI)

Thursday, December 2·12:40 – 1:40pm

ASVAB Testing (E104)

Thursday, December 2,·8:30 am – 1:30 pm

Basketball BB (A,B,JV) vs Harlandale @ Jay

Friday, December 3·4:00 – 9:00pm

Basketball BB Varsity vs Harlandale @ Jay

Friday, December 3·8:00 – 10:00pm

SAT Testing (Location TBD)

Saturday, December 4·7:00am – 4:00pm

Basketball (GB) - 9/JV/Taft (@ Taft)

Tuesday, December 7

Basketball BB Varsity vs OConnor @ Harlan

Tuesday, December 7

Basketball (GB) - Varsity/Taft (@ Harlan District Gym)

Wednesday, December 8

Alamo Academies Information Session (LGI)

Thursday, December 9·11:45am – 2:45pm

Basketball (GB) - Varsity/O'Connor (@ Harlan District
Gym)

Friday, December 10

Junior Ring Delivery (During Lunch - Cafeteria)

Friday, December 10·11:51am – 2:37pm

Talent Show (Auditorium/Black Box)

Friday, December 10·4:30 – 9:00pm

Month in Review

Athletic Booster Club Meeting (LGI)

Monday, December 13·7:00 – 8:00pm

Orchestra Cocoa & Classics CONCERT(Cafeteria &
Orchestra e101g &main bathrooms near cafeteria)

Monday, December 13·3:00 – 10:00pm

UIL OneAct Auditions (Auditorium)

Tuesday, December 14·4:30 – 6:30pm

Advanced Academics Night (Library)

Tuesday, December 14·5:30 – 8:00pm

Shoe Drive 11:30-1:00 (Library)

Wednesday, December 15th & 16th ·10:30 am –
1:30 pm

Dance Winter Show (Auditorium)

Friday, December 17,·4:30 – 9:00 pm

Orchestra Winter Party (e101g Orchestra & E113
Band)

Friday, December 17·4:30 – 8:00pm

Varsity Girls Soccer vs Eagle Pass @ Jay

Friday, December 17·4:30 – 5:30pm

Basketball BB Varsity vs Holmes @ Paul Taylor

Tuesday, December 21

Basketball (GB) - Varsity/Marshall (@ Paul Taylor)

Wednesday, December 29

Basketball BB Varsity vs Marshall @ Paul Taylor

Wednesday, December 29

Soccer (G) Varsity-Home @ Jay

Thursday, December 30·2:30 – 4:30pm

Basketball (GB) - Varsity/Harlan (@ NSG)

Friday, December 31

ORIGINAL MUSTANGS REUNION

On October 16th, Student Council hosted the Original Mustangs for a reunion here at school. The Original Mustangs consist of the original sophomores, juniors and seniors who attended Jay in its first years. They are the classes of 1969, 1970 and 1971. They came together for campus tours, line dancing and a famous sausage wrap lunch provided by Mertz sausage. The Original Mustangs were also present at the homecoming game on October 14th, where original quarterback Danny Padron and the homecoming queen from 1971, Vicki Caffey Hanz assisted with our homecoming ceremony. It was a special weekend for both our alumni as they were able to share their stories and wisdom with our current students.



MUSTANG FAMILY CELEBRATION / SHOUT OUT

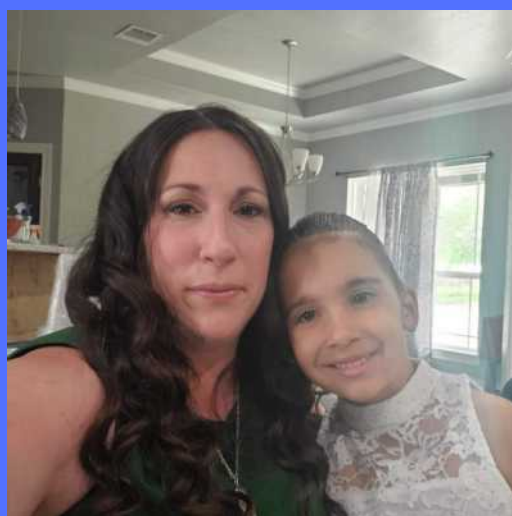
Please let me introduce to you Mrs. Lisa Thornburg.

Mrs. Thornburg was not born in Texas, but got here as fast as she could. She has 1 older sister, 6 nieces, 1 great nephew and 1 great niece. she is a NISD graduate. She has been married for 12 years.

She and her husband met while working at Sea World. They have a 5-year-old daughter named Leilani or Lani for short. Her husband was in the military and they were stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky for 4 years. They built their dream home and moved into it in January 2021. She loves to travel. She has seen all of the East Coast, Hawaii, Colorado and Oklahoma. Her goal is to visit every state.

She has many family members who were or are teachers. Some have even taught at John Jay (Rick Goff and Steven Goff). About 8 years ago while working at a church she met this wonderful woman named Olivia Hayes. They talked and she was telling her how she always wanted to be an elementary school teacher. She told her that there was an IA opening at the high school she was at. She explained that she just got her first teaching job and was needing an IA. Mrs. Thornburg went for the interview and got the job. She just needed to get her foot in the door. They had a very fun and interesting year in special education. In that class they had a student named Megan who just captured my heart. That student made me realize her want to be a high school special education teacher. Olivia pushed her to finish her degree. Once she did the next step was getting a teaching job. That is when a phone call to Joe Spaw took place. He took a chance and hired her. He has been one of my best supporters when she started her teaching career. She is now in her 5th year of teaching at John Jay. The students keep her on her toes, but it is worth it to see them walk the stage. It brings her joy to see what our students accomplish after they graduate.

Thank you Mrs. Thorburg for your work, passion and dedication.





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MUSTANG *Round-Up*





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Round-Up





MUSTANG *Nation*

Spanish Honor Society
Members of the Month for
November, Food Bank
Volunteering at GUS, Spanish
Spelling Bee Winners that
advance to District
competition, and PePinos
Locos Sale for Mustang-Round-
UP! ¡Suban las J's!





MUSTANG *Food Drive & Thanksgiving Drive-Through*





MUSTANG *Nation* Memorial Day

This past Veterans Day, TX-782 performed admirably by paying tribute to our local Veterans on their special day. A special event was held at the library in honor of our teachers that served honorably and as well as parents of cadets. The event was orchestrated by Cadet Colonel Lydia Willis, members of her Wing Staff and the John Jay Honor Guard.

The Silver Eagles Armed Drill Team and SNAP-II Unarmed Drill performed admirably at "Blue Skies of Texas", honoring our many Veterans living in this Senior Adult Living Facility.

The TX-782 Honor Guard "Presented Colors" at Westwood Terrace & John Glenn Elementary School for the Veteran parents of those schools.

The final performance of the Veterans Day events took place the following morning as members of the TX-782 Silver Eagles Honor Guard "Presented Colors" for a distinguished group of Veterans at an "O-Dark Thirty" (early morning ceremony). These sharp young men and women continue to impress our community.



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Culinary Arts 1 | John Glenn Career Day

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INSTAGRAM

Culinary Arts students at John Glenn participate in their Annual Career Day Nov. 19th. Students decorated Gingerbread Cookies and presented Healthy Snacks with Chocolate Banana Bites.





HAPPY HOLIDAYS

FROM YOUR
MUSTANG FAMILY.