Dear Parents,
This month we are collecting food items for the Ministry Center. Please help us help others by bringing in canned food items. Facts about hunger in Missouri:

- Missouri is ranked in the top ten in the nation for food insecurity
- Missouri has had the single largest increase from 2000-2010 in the percent of its population who is food insecure
- In Second Harvest’s service area over 17,000 children or 1/5 are food insecure

As mothers, fathers, teachers, and caregivers we understand the importance of proper nutrition for our children. Children can’t concentrate at school if they are worried about their next meal. Please help us collect as much as we can during the month of November. We are having a classroom challenge to see which grade level can bring in the most items.

Horace Mann and Leet Center Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Tuesday, November 25 at 11:00 a.m. and school will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. This is a special luncheon for our families and is held in the J.W. Jones Student Union. Because the event has grown each year we have two rooms reserved and reservations are required. Please return your reservation as soon as possible. Please note that we CANNOT take reservation after November 6. The cost for the dinner is $4.15 per adult and $2.39 per Horace Mann student. All family members will be able to sit together for dinner. This is such a wonderful event and what a wonderful way to give thanks for the wonderful families we have in our school community.

We truly enjoy spending each and every day with your children, watching them learn and grow. Thank you for being part of our school community and choosing Horace Mann. Please contact us at any time if you have questions or concerns. Pastries with the Principal (and yogurt, granola, fruit, coffee, juice, and water©) will be on Friday, November 7 from 7-8 a.m. in our Café. Please stop in to talk about what is happening at Horace Mann and Leet Center. Families are welcome! I hope to see you there!

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**PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR**

**NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

1. Trash Pickup after the NW game-third grade and anyone else that wants to help
2. Pastries with the Principal 7:00-8:00 a.m.
3. Math Night 6:00-7:00 pm Hosted by Jenni Wall’s Elementary Math Methods class, held in the Student Union Ballroom
4. Taco Johns PAC fundraiser (HM receives 50% of all sales between 5-7 pm)
5. Conscious Discipline Parent Night; 6-8 pm  *topic: Choices & Empathy*
6. Thanksgiving Dinner 11:00 a.m.
7. 12:30 pm dismissal
8. No School
Candy Land Family Math Night
Tuesday, November 11 from 6–7 p.m. in the J.W. Jones Union Ballroom. Jenni Wall’s math methods class will have a variety of fun math activities for students of all ages.

TACO JOHNS FUNDRAISER
Please join us at Taco Johns on Thursday, November 13 between 5:00-7:00 p.m. The only thing you need to do is mention HORACE MANN when ordering or present the Crunch for a Cause flyer when ordering and Horace Mann will receive 50% of the purchase. That’s it! We will have a few greeters to welcome you. Thanks for supporting Horace Mann!

There are several dates on the December calendar:

- **December Calendar:** Angel Tree Donations-December 1-10
- 4  Gaunt House Tree Lighting 5:15 pm Bearcat Choir
- 5  Pastries with Principal 7-8 a.m.
- 5-10 Scholastic Book Fair in Horace Mann lobby
- 9  Horace Mann Concert 7 p.m.
- 12 Last day of semester

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