

# *HORACE MANN AND LEET CENTER*

## *WEEKLY UPDATES:*

Dear Families,

On behalf of the entire Horace Mann team we wish you an enjoyable winter holiday. Horace Mann classes resume on January 8, 2018 at 7:50 a.m.

If you are interested in ordering a DVD copy of the Horace Mann Winter Program please let Ms. LaTessa know by December 20th. The cost is \$8.00 per DVD.

**Thank you** for letting us spend so much time with your children each week. I can speak for all of us at Horace Mann when I say we are privileged to get to spend this time with your children, helping them learn and grow. The teachers at Horace Mann are passionate about learning, building relationships, and providing an engaging and explorative learning environment for all children. The projects conducted this semester show the level of learning taking place in our classrooms. When we incorporate more than one subject-math, science, social studies, reading, art, music, physical education-children are able to formulate strategies and problem solve to find the best solutions to problems. Horace Mann offers these real world learning experiences.

Please see the ***STEM-A-THON*** Kick-off letter. The STEM-A-THON will be April 22, 2018 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. The letter explains the details of why we do a STEM-A-THON fundraiser and how it works. Please take time over the break to complete the form with 5-10 names of friends and family that we can send STEM-A-THON letters. There are multiple ways you can return the list of names.

1. You can return the form on January 8 and give it to the classroom teacher
2. Email it to me at [sseipel@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:sseipel@nwmissouri.edu)
3. Fax it to Horace Mann at 660.562.1992
4. Take a photo of the list and text it to me at 660.254.1409.

The goal is to return the form with names and however you get the form to me is appreciated. We are excited about the activities planned for April 12. Northwest Science and Math methods students and Dr. Bell from Computer Science will be facilitating stations from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm. The afternoon will be a special attraction: MAD SCIENCE of Kansas City will be here from 1-3 with a whole group presentation and station activities.

We collected over 45 sets of pajamas for the SCHOLASTIC GREAT NIGHT pajama drive and LOTS of food items during the food drive. ***THANK YOU!!!***

## OUTDOOR CLASSROOM UPDATE:

Next week two sidewalks will be removed and dirt work will begin in the outdoor classroom space. Orders are being placed for the climbing structure and materials. Here are some samples of what is to come in the spring...



# === CALENDAR OF EVENTS ===

- JANUARY 8** Classes begin at 7:50 a.m.
- JANUARY 11** Taco Johns Fundraiser from 5-7 p.m. (We need hosts that can be in the lobby for half hour shifts)
- JANUARY 15** **NO SCHOOL**  
In observance of Martin Luther King Jr.
- JANUARY 23** Parent Night - The Reggio Philosophy at Leet Center and Horace Mann: 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Child care will be provided during the meeting)
- FEBRUARY 8** Spelling Bee at St. Gregory's at 4 p.m.
- FEBRUARY 21** Cabin Fever Game Night - 5:30-7:00 p.m. Supper provided
- MARCH 5** **NO SCHOOL**
- MARCH 12-16** Parent-teacher conferences
- MARCH 19-23** Spring Break
- MAY 1** ART SHOW 3:30-6:00 p.m.
- MAY 10** Horace Mann Spring Program, Ron Houston Center, 7:00 p.m.
- MAY 18** 6th Grade Graduation and End of Year Awards 10:30 a.m.  
Charles Johnson Theater
- MAY 18** Last day of school - Dismissal following graduation and awards



**Dear Horace Mann and Leet Center Families,**

We are excited to kick off the annual Horace Mann STEM-A-THON. When choosing a fundraiser, the Parent Advisory Council fundraising committee members felt it was important to choose an event that 1) did not involve door to door sales, 2) engaged our children, and 3) involved the Northwest community. The **STEM-A-THON** accomplishes these goals.

1. Families provide the names of 5-10 family/friends who will receive letters about Horace Mann and if they would like to contribute, provides details on how to do so.
2. All students will be actively participating in STEM activities throughout the day
3. Computer and Information Technology, Science, and Math departments will provide activities as well as MAD SCIENCE OF KANSAS CITY for grades K-6.

Horace Mann is a tuition assisted school which means tuition assists but does not cover all operating expenses. Funds raised through the **STEM-A-THON** will assist in providing the best possible environment for our children with highly engaging materials and experiences. We have smaller fundraisers throughout the year such as stadium trash pick-up, Taco Johns, popcorn Fridays, and T-shirt sales that assist with field trip expenses.

The **STEM-A-THON** is an event that will take place at Horace Mann on **April 12 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm**. Our children will participate in activities and events focused on engaging, hands-on science, technology, engineering, math, and the arts. The activities and events will be provided by Northwest students in various departments, schools, organizations, and student groups. Sponsors can donate an amount for the child's participation in the event. Donations can be made via check or online.

Please read the enclosed materials and complete the sponsor list. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,

Sandy Seipel

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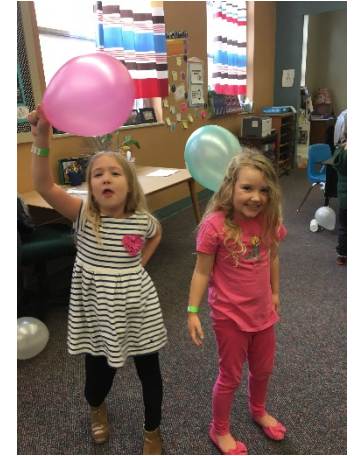
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# STEM-A-THON

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*Thursday, April 12, 2018/9:00 am-3:00 pm*



## For More Information

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## How it Works

1. Families are encouraged to **provide the names and addresses of 5-10 potential sponsors** (friends, family, and neighbors) to pledge a fixed amount to support the student's participation in 6 hours of science, technology, engineering, math and arts activities and events on April 12, 2018.
2. **Letters will be mailed to sponsors** on January 19, 2018 asking for their sponsorship donation towards the child's participation in the STEM-A-THON.
3. **Pledges may be made on-line or by completing the paper pledge sheet.** The letter with pledge sheet will include an addressed, stamped envelope for the sponsor's convenience.
4. On April 12, **each student will participate in activities/events that include science, technology, engineering, math, and the arts.**

## What Will the Money Raised Go Towards?

All funds raised will **support the integration of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math for all students** at Horace Mann.



# STEM-A-THON

*Fundraiser – April 12, 2018*

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Address	City	State	Zip

*Return to the school office by January 8, 2018.*