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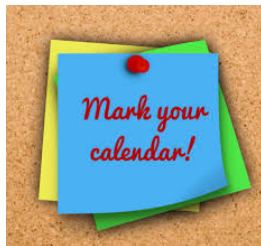
Happy Holiday Season! I want to take this opportunity to recognize our Fine Arts department. This is a busy time of year for the students in these programs. We have had several holiday performances recently and I am just blown away by our talented students and amazing teachers who lead them. I have no doubt our Honors Band will represent our school beautifully as they travel to Chicago next week to perform. We want to invite you to their “send off” performance Sunday evening at 5:30 pm in the MNHS auditorium. The beginner performances impressed me seeing what the children learn in one short semester. I visited central office this week and took pictures of some of the artwork being displayed for the public. I might be a bit biased, but I believe the artwork on display is pretty much the best I have seen from a middle school campus. The pictures are included below.

Good luck to our athletes playing in basketball tournaments this weekend!
Have a wonderful weekend and stay warm!
Dr. E

Stay connected to CMS

We would love to have every family follow us on our Facebook page and Twitter. There are always great things happening at CMS you will want to know about.

<http://www.twitter.com/cockrillms> @CockrillMS @cmslc1
www.facebook.com/cockrillms



Dec. 11

Honors Band send off concert at MNHS auditorium – 5:30 PM

Dec. 12

Soccer Club 4:00 – 5:00 PM

7th grade girls BB vs FMS at CMS – 5:00 – 8:00 PM

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Dec. 13

Orchestra Movie Party – 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Dec. 14

Winter Choir Concert at Faubion

Ugly Sweater Day

Dec. 15

8th grade girls BB vs FMS at CMS – 5:00 – 8:00 PM

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Dec. 16

Winter Assembly/Faculty vs Student Basketball Game

2:00 and 3:00 PM

End of the first semester

Dec. 17 – Jan. 2

Winter Break – No school

Jan. 3

Back to school



The counselors will be meeting with all 8th graders in January to review high school registration and discuss the 4 year plan.

Tuesday, January 10th – Counselors will be with Crawford and Bell

Thursday, January 12th – Counselors will be with Eggers and Perez

Forms will be given and will be due by Wednesday, January 25th to their social studies teacher.

High School Showcases:

Boyd High School – January 18th in the auditorium 7-8

McKinney High School – January 23rd in the auditorium 6-7

McKinney North High School – January 24th in the auditorium 6-7

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PTO News

It's been another full week, and we want to give a big thank you to all the parents who donated treats for the Holiday Treat Table for Cockrill staff yesterday. Wow! That was a beautiful sight, and the staff was so excited and appreciative. **Thank you** for helping spoil them a bit.

The PTO would like to wish the band the best for their trip to Chicago next week. What a great opportunity, and what a great way to share the Cockrill spirit! Go Cowboys!

PTO Membership Drive

- It's never too late to support our PTO. You may still join by completing the attached form and returning it to Cockrill.
- You will not get bugged about volunteering. Your membership dues help our PTO do great things for our school.
- When we reach 300 memberships, the grade level with the most memberships will tape a teacher to the wall.



COCKRILL MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO

SPIRIT WEAR PURCHASE/PTO SUPPORT

What does the PTO do? We work together with Cockrill staff to provide both financial and volunteer support where needed. We support academic and character recognition in the school, we support and encourage our staff appreciation, and we support students in need. Here is just a sample of what we accomplished during the 2015 – 2016 school year:

- Helped support the Cockrill Closet to help CMS students in need.
- Helped provide food and support for the Cowboy Creed Recognition Ceremonies and Honor Roll Assemblies.
- Helped facilitate and fund the CREED Recognition permanent wall display.
- Helped pay for the 8th grade celebration.
- Provided food for 6th grade round-up.
- Provided incentives for recognition for student efforts and achievements.
- Provided three luncheons, birthday cupcakes, and monthly treats for our teachers and staff.

What don't we do? We don't fundraise, we don't fill your inbox with emails, and we don't ask for much of your time. However, if you want to be involved, then we do have some opportunities to support the staff and students at CMS.

Spirit Wear Purchases:

_____	Apparel	t-shirts / sweatshirts / special order items
_____	School Supplies	agendas
_____	Cowboy Pride	car magnets / yard signs

Support your CMS PTO:

_____	Membership Support	\$15.00 PTO Sponsor Membership
_____	Additional Donation of Support	
_____	Total Due	_____ Cash _____ Check#

Parent Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Student Name(s)/Grade: _____

Please make check out to **Cockrill PTO** – Thank you for your support!

You can mail this form and payment to CMS PTO, 1351 N. Hardin Rd, 75071.

There is a \$25 NSF charge on all returned checks.

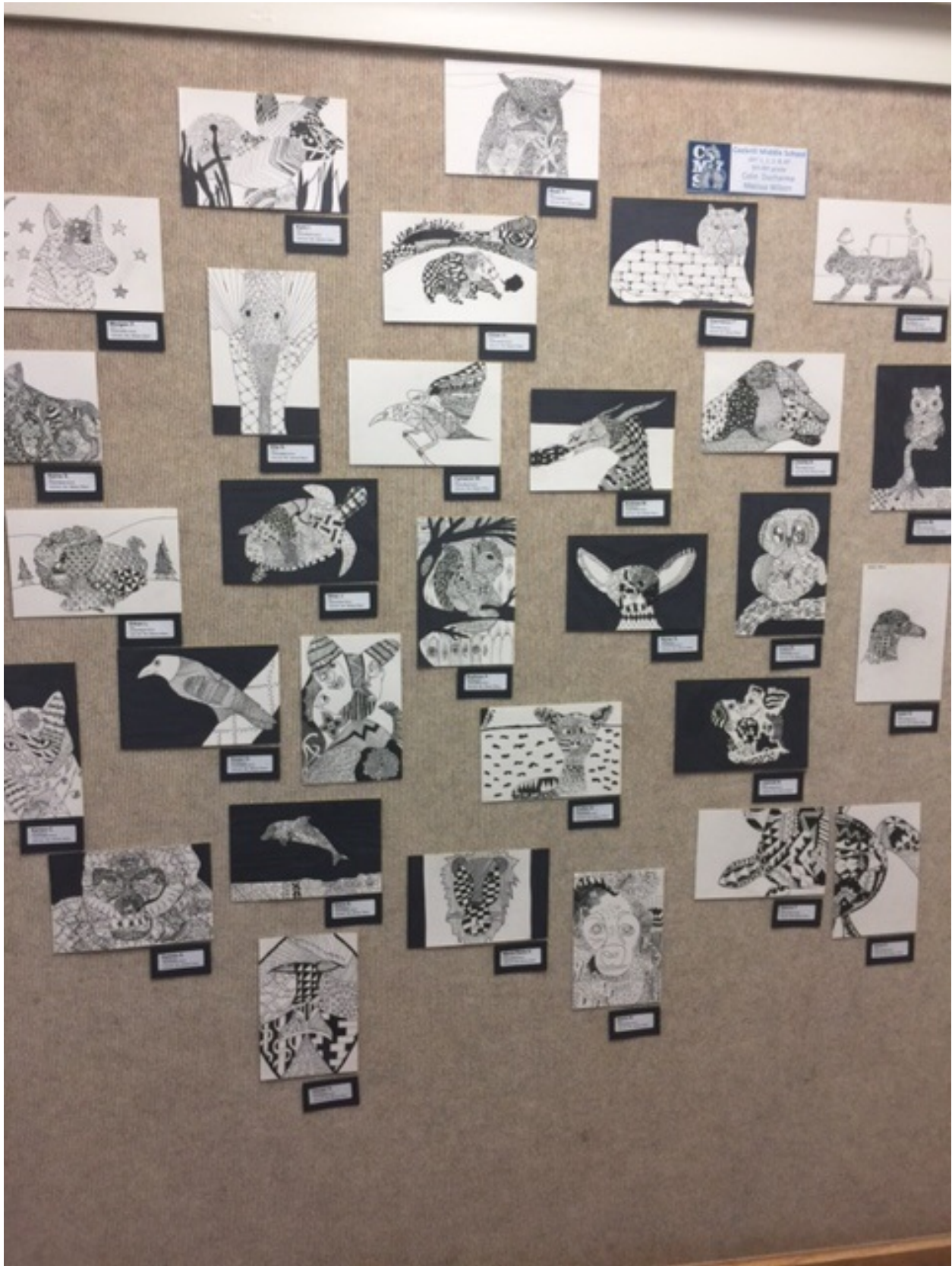
CMS Art Work Displayed at Central Office











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Do you want to share something great about MISD or Cockrill Middle School? We are excited to use this hashtag to tell our story. Help us out by using #myMISD

McKinney ISD- Department of Instructional Technology

A monthly newsletter for parents, grandparents, families and the community dedicated to updates and information on how McKinney ISD uses technology in the classroom.

Please click the link before for the December Parent Plugin.



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