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HMS School Community,

It is hard to believe, but we are into the third marking period of our school year! Report cards from the second quarter are accessible through our parent portal for you to view!

January was a busy month for both our students and our staff! On Friday January 27th, all students took their Science Mid-Terms before our early dismissal. There has been some added excitement in our Science classrooms recently as over 40 chicks have hatched and we are still waiting for more! This is has been a wonderful learning experience for our students to remember.

Our school has been active in a 'Teens for Jeans' drive. Students have been dropping jeans off to their homerooms, and our kind PTA volunteers have helped us donate the jeans to charity. Under the direction of our counseling center, HMS students took part in a Day of Service. Students offered their time to help create close to 500 craft and care bags for Buffalo's Women's and Children's Hospital. This is yet again another example of the warmth and generosity of our students, staff, and school community.

We also were fortunate this month to have been visited by teachers and administrators from China. Our Chinese visitors spent an afternoon sitting in on classes and conversing with our students and staff. Naturally, they were truly impressed with what HMS has to offer!

Our Music Department is excited to be presenting our school Musical, 'Music Man Jr.' February 9-11th, we welcome you to come support all of the hard work that has been put into our musical and be entertained!

Please also know that Spring Sports sign-ups are here! That's right, we are winding down our winter season! If your child is interested in playing a Spring Sport, a purple form from our Health Office needs to be completed and your child should also sign up for the sport with each respective coach.

A reminder may not be needed, but please remember that our February Break this year is the week of February 20th!

Lastly, we ask that you become involved in your child's cyberspace activity. Share with them that the Internet is a public forum and that things can be shared with other people without their knowledge or consent. They need to always be vigilant in protecting themselves and their reputation. This is a particularly emotional time period for many students and what may seem to be harmless teasing, can be devastating to the person being teased. It is important to follow the "Golden Rule" throughout your day, even when in cyberspace.

Everyone here at HMS is ready for a fun filled February!!!!