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Hugoton Middle School Weekly Bulletin

"Find joy in everything you choose to do. Every job, relationship, home...It's your responsibility to love it or change it."

Monday- April 11th-

• State Science Testing

Tuesday- April 12th

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Wednesday- April 13th Unplugged Focus: Humility

• GWAC Art Show at Scott City 8AM

Thursday- April 14th

- Reality U for 8th Graders 8:30-11:15
- MS track @ Holcomb 4PM

Friday-Tuesday - April 15-19th

• NO SCHOOL, Easter Break and Professional Development day for USD 210 staff

WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENTS AT HMS:

- State assessments are HERE. Being adequately rested will help your student perform at his/her highest level.
- Order your HMS yearbook now using the online link below. The yearbook will arrive in the Fall. With tax, the yearbook costs approximately \$25.
 <u>https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A02625450</u> --Credit to Yuridia Lopez for designing the cover of the yearbook!!!
- Please check your students' iPad. Several screens are broken and it affects their learning. If it needs replaced, it will cost \$50 and it can be put on a payment plan.

Parent Points to Ponder

Phil, a recent business school graduate, got his dream job. He did well and was eventually invited to a retreat with the top management of the company. The CEO of the company attended, and Phil had an opportunity to speak with her.

After he introduced himself, he asked her, "I was told that I could ask you a question, and would like to know what it takes to become as successful as you are?"

"Well, success like mine takes a whole series of good decisions," she responded.

He thought a moment, then asked, "I'm sure that's true, but what does it take to make those good decisions?"

"It takes wisdom," she explained, "but the hard part is that it takes a whole lot of bad decisions to get that wisdom. You gain wisdom by learning from your mistakes."

In 1977, I first started writing about Helicopter Parents. These parents carry the heavy burden of swooping in to rescue their kids from any mistake, disappointment, or struggle. Out of their love for their children, they steal their kids' opportunities to gain wisdom and resilience.

What I am seeing now is a much worse. This problem has almost reached epidemic proportions with parents trying to create a perfect life for their kids. Little do these parents know that their children won't be able to maintain that great life if they have not been prepared for it by having to deal with their own little problems early in life.

The authors of Love and Logic meet many parents who are afraid to let their kids make the poor decisions needed to gain wisdom. I hope you are not one of those parents. But if you are, this gentle reminder comes from my heart. Bruised knees and bruised emotions are the building blocks of wisdom and personal strength. Don't steal that from the kids you love so much.

Our most popular audio is *Helicopters, Drill Sergeants, and Consultants*. This audio has been a great help for thousands of parents through years—listen to it for some laughs as well as solutions to help overcome being a Helicopter parent.