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## 2015-16 GRADE LEVEL EVENT / ACTIVITY LISTING

The Home & School Association knows that starting a new grade level can be an exciting and nervous time for both students and parents alike. With that in mind, we have created this listing to provide families with a little more insight into the various events and/or activities that happen during each grade level.

While we tried to capture as many activities that we could, this list is by no means all inclusive. There may be new, or changed, events that happen during the year. Our hope is that the basic information will provide you enough insight into the many things you can expect to see and/or participate in during the school year ahead.

There are two listings available, grouped by grades PRE-K – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. To access the information, simply click on the desired link below to go to each respective grade level within the document.

5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

We will update these listing annually, so if you come across an event we missed, or have suggestions for how we can improve upon this information sharing, please contact a member of the HSA board.

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<p><b>Discovery Language - Spanish Classes</b></p>	<p>Discovery Language Program is a non-profit educational organization that provides foreign language enrichment programs to young students from kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They provide a fully developed, authentic, and highly qualified curriculum designed for English speaking children who have the desire to learn Spanish. Sessions are held afterschool for one-hour each week. There is an additional fee to register for this voluntary program.</p> <p>For more information about Discovery Language, please go to:  <a href="http://www.discovery-language.com">http://www.discovery-language.com</a></p>
<p><b>Bricks 4 Kidz</b></p>	<p>After-school classes build on the universal popularity of LEGO® bricks to deliver a high quality of educational play. Kids construct a new model each week based on exciting themes from space to sports, amusement parks to animals. Bricks 4 Kidz offers a fun way for students in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, to reinforce math and science concepts, develop an appreciation for how things work, and build self-confidence and problem solving skills, all while playing with Legos! Sessions are held afterschool for one-hour each week. There is an additional fee to register for this voluntary program.</p> <p>For more information about Bricks 4 Kidz, please go to:  <a href="http://www.bricks4kidz.com">http://www.bricks4kidz.com</a></p>
<p><b>Art Fair &amp; Ice Cream Social</b></p>	<p>Throughout the school year, students at all grade levels create works of art that are displayed for families to enjoy during our annual Art Fair held in May. Ice Cream is also served as a nice treat and gives everyone a chance to socialize with other families.</p>
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<p><b>Annual Auction</b></p>	<p>A great fundraising opportunity for the school, each family is required to donate an item worth at least \$60 and purchase 4 admission tickets at \$15 each. \$120 total. (Unless you choose the buyout for the year that is due by 9/1). Donations can be in the form of gift certificates, tangible items, services or sponsorships. In addition to family donations, each class also creates a special item to be auctioned off as a Class Gift. The night of the event, both a live and silent auction are held, providing ample opportunities for attendees to bid on a variety of different items. The social event of the year, our Annual Auction provides a great opportunity for adults to enjoy a fun night out while helping to raise money for the school.</p> <p>Detailed information will be provided to families beginning in January.</p>
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<p><b>Winter Snow Tubing</b></p>	<p>6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students go on an excursion with parent volunteers to go Snow Tubing. A minimal fee may be charged for this optional event.</p>
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<b>RUN-A-THON</b>	A great fund raiser for the school, students raise money by running laps around the Parish Center gym. All classes, from preschool through 8 <sup>th</sup> grade, participate in this fun event in February, and everyone is invited to come cheer the students on as they run. Parent volunteers help to set-up the gym and count laps for the students, and also help with clean-up.
<b>Grandparent's / Family Day</b>	A wonderful afternoon for the students to show-off to their Grandparents and other family members some of the great work they have done throughout the school year. Held during the month of April, the event starts with a special all-school mass and a wonderful singing performance dedicated to those special people in our student's lives. Family members can then tour the classrooms and also visit the Spring Book Fair as well. It's a proud and special moment for students and Grandparents alike.