Parents/Guardians,

STEM school spirit is high this week as students and staff participate in our fall spirit week. In case you have not had the opportunity to enjoy the experience as well, enjoy the attached picture of Dumbledonen. :-)

**SLCs - Student Led Conferences: Nov 5-7**

Reminder: Our Student Led Conferences are next week. We will have conferences on the morning of November 5 and 6, then the evening of November 7. All parents are expected to participate. Information by grade level is below.

**9th and 10th Grade Parents**
The student led conference will include your son/daughter, you, and a STEM faculty member. Please contact Amy Robinson, robinson_amy@hcde.org, to reserve your 20 minute time slot.
— Tuesday, November 5: 8am, 8:20am, 8:40am, 9am
— Wednesday, November 6: 8am, 8:20am, 8:40am, 9am
— Thursday, November 7: 5pm, 5:20pm, 5:40pm, 6pm, 6:20pm, 6:40pm, 7pm, 7:20pm, 7:40pm

**11th and 12th Grade Parents**
The student led conference will include your son/daughter and you, and your son/daughter will take you from class to class. You can come anytime between 8am and 9:20am on Wednesday, November 6 OR between 5pm and 8pm on Thursday, November 7. Teachers will be in each room as you move from one room to the next with the student leading the activity. This is a required student led activity for all 11th and 12th grade students. You do not need to sign up prior to coming.

**Spirit of Innovation Award**

Congratulations to our very own Shannon Seigle for winning the Chattanooga Spirit of Innovation Educator Award! This honor awards an educator who has innovated school in a way that transforms the student learning experience. One of our tenets we hold dear is innovation and we do not expect it only from our students. Our staff and administration believe in it deeply as well and Ms. Seigle’s recognition exemplifies our push to innovate school. For more information on the Spirit of Innovation ceremony and awards, check out the following link: https://www.chattanoogachamber.com/news/entry/chattanooga-chamber-of-commerce-names-two-spirit-of-innovation-award.

**Website Highlight – America Achieves School Profile**

Each month I will highlight a portion of the school website for you in these emails. We have a lot of information about our school that can be found at the link stemschool.hcade.org and this will provide the opportunity to emphasize a particular item for you.

This highlight is for a documented school profile of our school. On the home page of the website we have listed several accolades our school has earned (TN Reward School, STEM Designation Highest Rating, MIT Fab Foundation Leadership Cohort, and World Leading Learner School). The accolade titled “America Achieves World Leading Learner School for Innovation (1 of 30 in world)” is also a link. When you click on this link, you will be taken to a school profile completed by America Achieves about our school. The profile provides an excellent overview of our school and what students can expect when
becoming a STEM student. We encourage you to read this document to also provide you with a stronger sense of what we do and why we do it.

**Upcoming Dates**

Nov 5-7: Student Led Conferences
Nov 13: STEM Half Day for Students (full day Chattanooga State classes)
Nov 27-29: Thanksgiving Holiday (no classes at STEM or Chattanooga State)
Dec 6: STEM Showcase (evening event – all students expected to participate)
Dec 6-12: Chattanooga State College Exams

Thank you for your support!

Dr. Tony Donen
Principal