



Hardin-Houston Elementary

2021 Newsletter

Important Dates -

12/2 & 12/3– Secret Santa Shop

12/9–3rd & 4th Grade Musical

12/17 & 12/18– Homecoming

12/22– 1 hr. E/D

12/22– End of 2nd Nine Weeks

12/23-1/3–Christmas Break–No School



- December PTO News
- The annual Secret Santa shop is soon approaching. It is a two day event on Thursday, December 2nd and Friday, December 3rd.
- Thank you to all of those who are volunteering for this event. We appreciate all of the support because without the help of our parents this event would not be possible!
- Your child received a shopping list and envelope, where you can send in your child's money and shopping list. Please return the sealed envelope with money to their homeroom teacher by Wednesday, December 1st.
- Thank you for all of your help. We are excited about this year's Secret Santa Shop 2021!
- If you have any questions about the Secret Santa Shop or other events, please contact us at hardinhoustonpto@gmail.com

A message from the Principal:

December is a bustling time of the year at school and at home. I'm sure you are all busy shopping, decorating, baking, and getting ready for the holiday season. At school, we have a lot of activities planned this month and are working to close out the first semester. Can you believe it? Half of the year is almost over! Please keep an eye on your children's grades and make sure they haven't forgotten that schoolwork is important even though there are many fun times. I wish you all a wonderful and safe holiday season!

Upcoming events:

Dec. 2 & 3: Secret Santa Shop

Dec. 6-10: Book Fair Week

Dec. 8: 5th grade Dare graduation at Hardin-Houston

Dec. 9: Family Night Book Fair

Dec. 9: 3rd/4th grade musical 7:00 pm

Dec. 20: Earthlab Family Night 3:45-5:00

Dec. 22: 1 hour early dismissal

Dec. 23- Jan 3: No School.



Counselor's Corner

For most of the grade levels, students are finishing up their unit on Emotion Management. During these lessons students have learned and practiced ways to calm down when emotions become too strong. Our younger students in kindergarten through 3rd grade are learning how to manage impulse behavior (waiting), anger, disappointment, and worry. Each one of these lessons involve a 3 step process with ways to calm down (belly breathing, counting, or self-talk), which students have practiced.

Students have brought home the Home Link paper to practice at home and have a song that reminds them of the steps. Please take some time to do the homework with your child/children. I'm sure they would sing the song as well if you asked them.

In grades 4 and 5, students are finishing up Skills for Learning/Empathy. The 4th graders will talk about how to join in and show compassion while 5th graders are learning about ways to respond with compassion.

Sixth grade students are learning the definition of bullying and ways to recognize it. Bullying is when someone keeps being mean to someone else on purpose. The person it's happening to hasn't been able to make it stop. It's unfair and one-sided. Students watched videos, looked at pictures and discussed scenarios to recognize if an issue was bullying or a conflict. Students then moved to the next step which is report the bullying behavior to a trusted adult. DON'T WAIT! The last step is the hardest. Using our assertive skill, students had to stand up to the bully in an appropriate way. These steps are known as the 3 R's (Recognize, Report, and Refuse).

If you have any questions regarding information covered in the lessons, please contact me at (937) 295-3010 ext 1002 or amakela@hardinhouston.org.

