

# FEBRUARY

## Hardin-Houston Elementary 2022 Newsletter

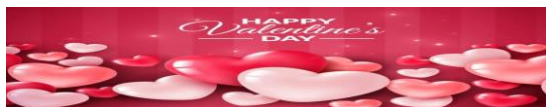


### Important Wildcat Dates

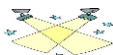
- 2/2- Groundhog Day
- 2/4- Memory Book Group Pictures 
- 2/5- Lego Robotic Scrimmage
- 2/7-2/11 Candy Gram Sales at Lunch
- 2/12- Princess Spa Day (10:00-1:00/RSVP by 2/4)
- 2/10- Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-7:30/ 1hr Early Release)
- 2/14- Valentine's Day
- 2/17- Parent/Teacher Conferences Make-up Day
- 2/18- No School (Staff Professional Development)
- 2/21-No School (President's Day) 
- 2/22-3/8- PTO Spirit Card Sales

### Student Council News

HH Elementary Student Council will once again be selling Candy Grams during lunch! This will take place during the week of 2/7-2/11. All money and greetings need to be turned into HOMEROOM teachers by 2/11. So, treat your child, grandchild, sibling, or friend to a special **CANDY GRAM** this year!!!



### Counselor's Corner:



Over the last several months, students in all grade levels have been learning skills necessary for their social and emotional health through our **Second Step Program**. They are given time to practice these skills here, but students are also asked to complete homework to reinforce the lesson. The homework takes only 5 minutes of your time and it allows you the opportunity to stay engaged in your child's learning and have some conversations about the topics. As a school, we are seeing students use these same skills with their peers. Here are some examples of how these lessons are impacting your child at school.

Once day there was a kindergarten student struggling. Throughout the day friends were reminding friends the steps to calm down and offer strategies (take belly-breaths, count, and self-talk) to help with big emotions. It was great to see a class come together and use what they are learning to help a friend.

After working on the Bullying Prevention program in grades 5-6, students were able to recognize bullying and become supportive bystanders. Students are standing up and reporting any issues they see so other students feel safe and supported.

### Principal's Message



**Wildcats  
ROCK**

Groundhog Day is almost here, and I imagine he will see his shadow, giving us 6 more weeks of winter. Unfortunately, it has been too cold to get the students outside for recess lately.

Our policy is that if it feels colder than 20 degrees, we keep them inside. The forecast is calling for warmer temperatures, so hopefully the rain will hold off as those temperatures rise. There will be a four-day weekend for students this month, February 18-21. Maybe some of you can spend some special time together that weekend. It's a short month, and it tends to go quickly. Enjoy!



-Mrs. Roseberry

### PTO News

Hardin-Houston PTO will soon be hosting their annual Spirit Card fundraiser! Students will have the option of selling Wildcat Spirit Cards, which include discounts to several local businesses. Please be on the lookout for these forms! The Spirit Card sale will take place from February 22<sup>nd</sup> - March 8<sup>th</sup>. The Hardin-Houston PTO appreciates your continued support!!!

What to expect from your child's grade level:

**K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade:** Students will continue to use the STEP model in "Problem Solving" to solve problems that arise with friends. The STEP model is: **S**— Say the problem without blame, **T**— Think of Solutions (safe and respectful), **E**— Explore Consequences (what could happen if), **P**— Pick the Best Solution (make a plan).

**4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade:** Students will continue to learn about Emotion Management and what to do when they feel strong emotions. They learn how to **Stop, Name Your Feeling, Calm Down** and the strategies to help them calm down. Some of the strategies taught and practiced are belly breathing, counting, and positive self-talk.

**6<sup>th</sup> grade:** Students are finishing the Bullying Prevention Unit where they are learning to **Recognize, Report, and Refuse** bullying when it happens. This is done by knowing the power and responsibility of a bystander.

**Young 5's:** Students are finishing up their safety unit with Internet Safety and Personal Safety. Internet safety just teaches students not to give out personal information and staying on sites that are appropriate for their age. Personal Safety will deal with safe and unsafe touches.



# WILDCAT HAPPENINGS



6<sup>th</sup> graders are learning a hand-on approach to broadcasting. They're participating in LIVE daily announcements that are shared with our entire elementary school!



The 1<sup>st</sup> graders from Mrs. Phipps' class is learning to add large numbers with a partner. Students were using their base 10 blocks to find the sum of multi digit numbers. It's "SNOW" joke they were having a blast and being successful!!!



## Kindergarten Celebrated the 100th Day of School!

Here are a couple of things they enjoyed during the day:

- We crowned ourselves 100 days smarter
- We completed a creative writing using the number 100
- We made a necklace out of 100 fruit loops
- We share our 100th collections from home



### Calling all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders...

It's that time of year again- **AFTER PROM LUNCH RAFFLE**

Winner can choose lunch from **ONE** of these options for yourself and 2 friends

- 3 burritos or bowls from *Chipotle*
- 3 sets of 10 wings or boneless wings from *Buffalo Wild Wings*
- One large pizza from *Papa John's* with your choice of toppings



All options come with a bag of chips per person and one beverage from the concession stand

Thank you for supporting HH After Prom

**2/1-2/7: Tickets sold during lunch**  
**2/11: Lunch for winners**

**1 Ticket = \$2**  
**6 Tickets = \$5**

