



# Hardin-Houston Elementary 2022 Newsletter



## Important Wildcat Dates

- 5/5- Kindergarten Musical
- 5/9- 1<sup>st</sup> grade field trip to Carillon Park
- 5/12- 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Johnston Farm
- 5/12- Preschool Graduation
- 5/13- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip to Wetland Tours
- 5/17-CATS Reward at Tawawa Park
- 5/18- Field Day
- 5/19- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (2hr. early dismissal)
- 5/30- Memorial Day

\*All activities are subject to change due to weather\*



## MRS. SELOVER IS RETIRING!

It was once said that life is like a book. If you never turn the page, you will never know what the next chapter holds. As many of you know, our librarian, Mrs. Selover, is about to turn the page in her book as she is retiring after 20 years! Mrs. Selover has had many duties at Hardin Houston throughout her 20 years, although her favorite is reading books to all of the students! She tries to read silly and funny books, and Mrs. Selover has been heard laughing with the students from time to time. Mrs. Selover has also loved baking and cooking for our staff over the years. However, she is famous for her popcorn balls! Her love for books and the library started in high school and continues today! We would like to wish Mrs. Selover nothing but the best in her retirement!



## Principal's Message



We have made it to the last few weeks of school! This has been a fantastic year, and as always, the ending is bittersweet. We still have a few weeks of important learning and assessments to take care of, but the last week will include some enjoyable activities for our students. Weather permitting, we will have field day on May 18th on the track. Parents are welcome to come and watch. Grades 3-6 will be in the morning, and K-2 will be in the afternoon.

I would like to thank our dedicated PTO and community members for participation in our fundraisers. PTO will begin saving money to contribute to new playground equipment that we anticipate needing in the not so distant future. Student council will be using some of its fundraising funds to purchase volleyball equipment for the playground which will be installed this summer. We are always looking for fun activities to keep our students active and healthy.

I hope everyone enjoys the last few weeks of school and has a very safe, happy, and healthy summer break!

-Mrs. Roseberry

## Counselor's Corner:

As we are wrapping up another year with guidance lessons, students in grades kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have experienced our Second Step Curriculum that has introduced them to social and emotional learning and bullying prevention. For this month through the end of school, students in grades K-3 will complete lessons in the Child Protection Unit. Lessons will focus on the following areas:

Lesson 1: Ways to Stay Safe — common safety rules for guns, fire, riding on wheels, crossing the street, riding in a car, water, sharp tools, and dogs.

Lesson 2: Always Ask 1<sup>st</sup> Rule

Lesson 3: Safe and Unsafe Touches

Lesson 4: The Touching Rule

Lesson 5: Practicing Staying Safe

Lesson 6: Review Safety Skills

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions and/or concerns at [amakela@hardinhouston.org](mailto:amakela@hardinhouston.org) or (937) 295-3010 ext. 1002.

### What to expect from your child's grade level:

Students in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade will have more of a focus on internet safety. We will discuss social media, gaming, and rules for keeping yourself safe online. One way to keep yourself safe is to discuss with parents/guardians about what you are doing online and provide parents/guardians with user names and passwords.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are finishing up skills in the problem solving unit. They will follow the **STEP** model which 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).

Due to testing, our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students fell a little behind with guidance lessons, but they will catch up pretty quick with lessons being weekly. Students will finish up with 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. They will then learn problem solving techniques and begin the safety unit.



# WILDCAT HAPPENINGS



## 2022 Hardin Houston Youth Volleyball Camp

When: May 23<sup>rd</sup>-May 26<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30pm Houston Auxiliary Gym

Who: 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade girls entering the 2022-2023 school year

Hosted by: Houston High School Volleyball Staff and Athletes

Cost: \$20.00 (camp t-shirt included)

RSVP by May 6<sup>th</sup> to guarantee a camp shirt! Registration

(found in the office) and \$20.00 can be dropped off to Mrs.

Mowery in the front office. Checks should be made payable to Houston High School. Late registration is accepted, but a shirt is not guaranteed.



The 1<sup>st</sup> grade students had a special presentation by Brad and Karla Pleiman. They are the founders/owners of Beerad's Bees. This local couple live in Anna and have a successful honey business. Our students learned valuable information about how important bees and honey are to our environment. If you want to learn more about bees or to just check out this local business, you can find them on Facebook, or at the Farmer's Market when it starts back up.



Thank you to the parents, students and staff of Hardin-Houston for another amazing school year! We had very successful fundraisers this year that wouldn't have been possible without the support of the entire Hardin-Houston community!

We would like to wish our students the best of luck in all of their summer activities and we are looking forward to the 2022-2023 school year!



## EARTHLAB Family Night



EARTHLAB family night was held on 4/14. It was a great ending to our amazing 5 years of the 21st century grant program. EARTHLAB participants and their families came together to have a little outdoor fun. They did things like making baskets, sliding, swinging, and walking around to burn off some extra energy. Mrs. Phipps would like to thank all of the EARTHLAB participants, their families, and staff that made this program into a huge success.

