

Hardin Houston Elementary

2017-2018

February Newsletter

Upcoming:

Feb. 8: 1st semester straight A students recognized at basketball game
7:30

Feb. 18: President's Day-students have school. Make up day.

Feb. 21: Parent teacher conferences 4:00-7:30 1 hour early dismissal

Feb. 25: Parent teacher conference make-up day



A message from the Principal

The weather has certainly not been a friend to us at school! Students have now missed six days so far this year. As a result, they will be making up one day on February 18, which was originally scheduled as a day off to celebrate Presidents' Day. If we happen to miss another day for inclement weather, students will make it up on March 29. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate for the remainder of the winter, and we will not need to miss any more days!

As I'm sure you know from Mr. Claypool's message, Parent teacher conferences have been changed to February 21st. There will be a one-hour early dismissal that day. We typically use this day to meet with parents of students with whom we have concerns, so if you don't hear from your child's teachers, everything should be okay. As always, if you do have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the teacher(s) involved.

Believe it or not, this week marks midterm of the third quarter. Time is flying by! This quarter ends on March 8, and we will be in the last nine weeks of 2018-2019 school year. For your planning purposes, our testing schedule is listed below. Please make sure that students are here on test days if at all possible. Have a safe, warm February!

Looking ahead:

<u>Grade Level & test</u>	<u>Dates</u>
6 th ELA	April 1 st and 3 rd
5 th ELA	April 2 nd and 4 th
4 th ELA	April 8 th and 10 th
3 rd ELA	April 9 th and 11 th
6 th Math	April 24 th and 26 th
5 th Math	April 25 th and 29 th
4 th Math	April 30 th and May 2 nd
3 rd Math	May 1 st and 3 rd
5 th Science	May 6 th and 7 th

February CATS Winners!!!

Congratulations



Kindergarten – Savannah Ryan

First Grade - Mykella Watkins

Second Grade - Alivia Brown

Third Grade - Chloe Calloway

Fourth Grade - Sophie Bryan

Fifth Grade - Brooke Douglas

The school winner of the 2019 Geography Bee for grades 4-8 is 6th Grader Reagan Steiner, 2nd place Cooper Nishwitz 6th grade, and 3rd place Carter Ingle, 8th



Counselor Corner – February

Kindness Project Update

Our school wide project, the kindness tree, was a success as we wrapped up its 18th week. Students and staff have shown 620 acts of kindness, and we are hoping to see other acts of kindness continued for the remainder of the school year. We are wanting kindness to stretch beyond the walls of the school and enter into the homes and community, **but we need YOUR help**. We would like to know what acts of kindness your child is displaying at home, and it is fairly simple.

Attached to this newsletter, you will find a paper heart. When you catch your child doing an act of kindness, write it down and send it back to the school. Your child will have the opportunity to share with the class, and the heart will be displayed on the hallway bulletin board. Teachers will send a heart back home to catch other acts of kindness your child is displaying. This is the time to brag about your child and another way for your child to be recognized. Who doesn't like to be recognized for doing awesome things?

Guidance Lessons

As for guidance lessons, we are off track a little from all the inclement weather days, so some grade levels will receive two lessons this month. One of the real life skills that students need to learn is problem solving. In life, people face a variety of problems, but when you know how to problem solve, it makes things a little easier. This month's lesson is tattling vs telling. In this lesson, students in grades K-3 not only learn the difference between tattling vs telling, but they also learn ways to problem solve by learning the rules of tattling from the book, *Tattle Tongue*.

Be a Danger Ranger

Be a Problem Solver

Is it a Now or Later Problem

MYOB – Mind Your Own Beeswax

In grades 4-6, students continue to develop their skills related to kindness. They will continue to explore other character traits related to kindness. Students will define compassion, empathy and respect and explore how these three character traits relate to kindness