

FEBRUARY

Hardin-Houston Elementary 2023 Newsletter

Important Wildcat Dates

Mark your calendar!

- 2/2: Ground Hog's Day!
- 2/4: Elementary Cheer Night @ HS Boy's BBALL game
- 2/6-2/10- Spirit Week hosted by HHS Cheerleaders
- 2/6-2/10 Student Council is selling Candy Grams
- 2/9: Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30pm
- 2/9: 1- hour Early Dismissal
- 2/14: Happy Valentine's Day!
- 2/17: NO SCHOOL (Staff Professional Day)
- 2/20: NO SCHOOL (unless another Calamity Day is used)
- 2/20: President's Day
- 2/23: 4th grade Field Trip to Sidney Dance Company



Sidney
Dance
Company

**student
COUNCIL**

**HH Elementary Student
Council is selling
Candy Grams**

Candy Grams will be available 2/6-2/10. They will be delivered to students on Valentine's day!

Candy Grams are \$1.00 each or 4 for \$3.00



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

If you have any questions or concerns about what your child is learning, please don't hesitate to contact me at usarver@hardinhouston.org or (937)295-3010 ex. 1002.

Over the last several months, students in all grade levels have been learning social and emotional skills through our Second Step Program. Some students have completed these skills while others are finishing up. In the classroom they are given time to practice these skills, but students need your help to complete homework to reinforce the lessons at home. 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. Over the next couple of months, students will be learning some other important skills that are really important for discussion at home. You will be provided a letter that has a Home Link code, so you can discuss more about these topics.

Here is what we are learning for the month of February

Young 5s

Young 5 students will start to learn some problem solving skills through our tattling vs. telling and also discuss some emotion management skills. These are used to help student's problem solve, and calm down big emotions.



Principal's Message



Wildcats
Rock

Happy Healthy Heart Month! It is recommended that children and teens get at least an hour of exercise every day to maintain a healthy heart. On a normal school day, you can account for approximately 30 minutes of exercise for your child. That means they still need to find a way to get some activity at home each day. Not only will physical activity keep them physically healthy, but it also improves focus and emotional health. The less time they spend in front of a screen, the better off they will be all around. There is nothing better than enjoying some physical activity with your child no matter what their age. Try to have some fun this month with the advantage of the longer days we will continue to enjoy.

-Mrs. Roseberry

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

Students are finishing up with the Problem Solving Unit. Kindergarten has more lessons than the other grades, so it will take them longer to finish up. Students in 1st and 2nd grade will start the Child Protection Unit half way through the month. Lessons will focus on the following:

- 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 1st Rule
- Lesson 3: Safe and Unsafe Touches
- Lesson 4: The Touching Rule
- Lesson 5: Practicing Staying Safe
- Lesson 6: Review Safety Skills



3rd Grade – 5th Grade

Our 3rd grade students will start their last social and emotional learning 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). You should already have Home Link codes that were provided at the beginning of the year.

6th Grade

Students in the 6th grade are starting the Bullying Prevention Unit. During this unit, students learn how to recognize bullying and harassment, stand up safely to bullying, and respond appropriately to harassment. This unit's content helps students develop empathy, understand the impact of bullying and harassment on individuals and their communities. Students will examine social and environmental factors that contribute to negative behaviors as well as identify solutions for preventing those behaviors.





WILDCAT HAPPENINGS



Mrs. Phipps' 1st graders ended their study of Solids - Liquids - Gases by making their own Root Beer Floats. They were able to identify each state of matter as they put their creations together. They said this was one YUMMY lesson!





Wishing all of our elementary students good luck this basketball season!



HH Elementary students LOVED creating snow to expand their knowledge of matter!



Houston High School Cheerleaders are hosting SPIRIT Week
February 6th -10th

Monday- Bum Day

Tuesday- Country 

Wednesday- Wear Blue

Thursday- Tropical 

Friday- Red and White



Congratulations

2023 HARDIN HOUSTON ELEMENTARY WINTER STUDENT COUNCIL

4th Grade

Zheion Moran
Peyton Estes
Ashlynn Plunkett
Annabelle Harding
Laken Hina
Hayden Lewis
Savannah Ryan
Clara Kelly
Macs Edwards

5th Grade

Alexis Rust
Hailey Huff
Aiden Cole
Grace Kies
Aria New
Briley Coleman-Welbaum
Mackenzie Coverstone
Kelsey Hughes
Clyde Coleman

6th Grade

Vera Kelly
Robert Tauber
Jade Raines
Claire Holscher
Adalyn Engle

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