

Hardin Houston Elementary

2018-2019

March Newsletter

March Events:

March 8: End of 3rd quarter

2 hour delay for Professional Development

March 15: CATS reward

March 21: PTO meeting 5:30

March 28: 1st and 2nd grade musical 2:00 & 7:00

March 29: School in session make up snow day

March CATS!

Kdg. – Madeline Ginn

1st- Kevin Kittel

2nd – Vera Kelly

3rd – Blake Heitman

4th – Carter Sauvie

5th – Seth Merickel

6th – Mason McDermit

A message from the principal

We begin the last quarter of the year on March 11. This is an important quarter for everyone. All grades will take spring benchmarking to determine how much growth they showed in ELA, Math, and Science. All grades will also take their Spring SLOs in non-state tested grades/subjects. These, too, are designed to show student growth over the course of the year. Finally, students in grades 3-6 will take state tests in ELA, Math, and 5th grade Science. These tests are very important for the student, the school, and the district because they represent what we are doing as a district for the academic achievement of our students.

Another reason 4th quarter is important is that the students who have struggled to keep grades up need to work very hard to ensure that they can be promoted to the next grade level. Be sure to check your child's grades or marks on their grade cards to see if they are at risk for retention. Letters will go out if your child's teacher(s) have that concern.

Hopefully, the weather will break soon, and we will have a warm, sunny spring to end the year!

Counselor's Corner – March

First and foremost, thank you to all the parents that supported your children by sending in their acts of kindness. We had over 100 hearts on our bulletin board that demonstrated random acts of kindness your children did at home. Students would often stop in front of the bulletin board just to read the random acts of kindness and look for the one YOU sent in on them, so thank you for your help.

For the month of March, students will have the opportunity to brag on each other. Every Wednesday during lunch, students will have an opportunity to write up an act of kindness that they caught a friend doing. These acts of kindness will be displayed as links to kindness in the hall to create a paper chain. Wednesday Words of Kindness will be used to encourage all of our friends to show kindness within our school environment.

Guidance Lessons

In grades K-4, students will focus on self-control. In this lesson, students will learn that they have control over one's actions and mouth. Students should be able to share the positive and negative consequences of self-control along with some strategies they can use for self-control. Some strategies that will be shared are deep breathing, count backwards from 10, find a quiet spot, and walk away with many others.

While the other grades focus on self-control, fifth and sixth grade students will look at self-esteem and self-image. In society, kids are often looking for a way to belong, but some of those ways are not healthy. Our kids are forced to compare themselves to others through social media and other media outlets, and this makes it difficult for students to feel comfortable with just being them. They often look for relationships to make them feel better about who they are and struggle with remaining true to one's self. In this lesson, students will take a look at themselves and identify ways to strengthen their self-esteem without depending on affirmation of others.

Student council is going to be holding a fundraiser all next week (March 4th-8th) for the Houston Fire Department.

(Students must respect teacher and school rules while participating in this event)

MONDAY GUM DAY	\$1.00
Bring in gum to chew during the day.	
TUESDAY POP DAY	\$1.00
Bring a \$1.00, purchase a pop at lunch.	
WEDNESDAY KONA ICE DA7	Pay Kona's fees
Remember to bring in souvenir cup if you have one.	
THURSDAY CANDY DAY	\$1.00
Bring a sandwich bag of candy/chips to eat during class.	
FRIDAY CRAZY HAIR DAY	\$1.00
Wear colorful and the craziest hair.	

(Teachers will announce a grade level winner for a prize)



PTO NEWS

The PTO is rolling out a new fundraiser this month! Instead of selling cookie dough this year, the PTO is sponsoring a Bowling Fundraiser. The event is for adults only and it will be held on Saturday, March 30th at 9:00 pm. Parents, if you haven't already turned in your form (along with \$35 per 2-person team), please do so by Friday, March 8th. The PTO is looking forward to this fun night out with other parents from Hardin-Houston!