

# Hardin-Houston Elementary

## 2019–2020

### October Newsletter

#### Upcoming Activities:

- 9/30: PTO Box Top Challenge Begins
- 10/1: Earthlab parent meeting 6:00
- 10/2: 4<sup>th</sup> grade Pioneer Days
- 10/9: K fieldtrip to Brumbaugh Fruit Farm
- 10/11: End of Quarter 1  
Box Top Challenge ends
- 10/14: Earthlab begins
- 10/17: Picture retakes  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Talent Showcase 7:00
- 10/18: No school
- 10/24-25: 6<sup>th</sup> grade Camp Wilson
- 10/28: Strategic Planning 7:00
- 10/29: Parent teacher conferences 1 hour early release
- 10/31: Robotics Scrimmage at Honda



#### A message from the principal:

We have completed our beginning of the year assessments and are making plans for students in need of intervention. If your child in grades kindergarten-third is placed on a Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plan, you will be notified this month. The state requires that all students in those grades who are not on track for passing the state test in third grade receive intervention during the school day.

If you have not yet started a ProgressBook account for your child, be aware that it is a great tool to use to keep informed on your child's progress. If you need help, don't hesitate to give us a call. Research is clear that the more a parent is involved in the educational process, the better the child performs.

At the end of the month, the district will be revisiting our Strategic Plan. Mr. Maier will put specific information on the website soon, but I just wanted to let you know early in case you may want to consider participating in this planning process for our District and be an involved parent in that manner.

Thanks for all you do. We strive to be your partner in the education of your child.



## October PTO News:

THANK YOU to all of our students, volunteers and staff who participated in the mum sale. This year was record breaking selling over 2100 mums!! Thank you for all of your support!

We would also like to thank the families that came out for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual movie night!

During the month of October the PTO will once again hold their Box Top Challenge. Box Tops now offers an on-line App where you can simply scan your receipt, instead of clipping the Box Tops. Please read the flyer that will be sent home with your student(s) this month. This challenge will take place from September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The class that collects the most Box Tops will earn a special reward!



### Counselor Corner



For the month of October, most grade levels will focus on the word "friendship". Friendship looks different at every stage of life, but students struggle to develop positive, healthy friendships. Over the course of this month and into the following months, students will learn building blocks on what friendship is, how to build lasting friendships, recognize signs of unhealthy friendships, and conflict resolution. In some grade levels, students have already started looking at the basic skills, and as October approaches, we will have more topics related to the building blocks of healthy friendships. Here is what to expect in each grade level.

Young 5's - Our young 5's group began with a lesson on respecting others personal space and will continue to work on some character education building blocks before moving into creating friendships.

Kindergarten - Individuals in our kindergarten classes are starting with feelings. Research shows that students are struggling with identifying feelings and appropriate ways to handle feelings. In the first lesson, students were taught how to talk about their feelings to others and practiced with their peers.

I feel (emotion) because/when \_\_\_\_\_.

The next lesson we will identify signs that our body produces as we feel these emotions and some strategies to regulate our emotions. In turn, creating better communication for friendships.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Students in first grade are learning the characteristics of friends by using the acronym HIPPO (Honest, Include, Positive Words, Peaceful Problem Solving, and Observe Feelings). Looking for strong character to develop friendships and even becoming more confident to make new friends.

2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Students within this grade band are looking at ways to start a friendship. During the most recent lesson, students learned 6 steps to making a new friend, and they had the opportunity to practice these steps in class. Steps include: 1. Observe, 2. Introduce, 3. Invite, 4. Ask Questions, 5. Listen, and Continue. In October, students will learn how to maintain and grow healthy friendships.

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Individuals in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade have started the school year off with creating SMART goals. This was to help give students a specific focus for their school year while understanding the process of goal setting. Students could focus their goal toward personal, social, academic, or career. As we move into the following months, students will see how their goals are tied to a number of topics covered within guidance lessons.