



Hardin-Houston Elementary

2020—2021

September Newsletter

Important Dates -

8/28– 2 Hour Early

Dismissal– Staff Safety Training

9/4–1 Hour Early

Dismissal– Building Safety Training

9/4 Mum orders are due

9/7– No School– Labor Day

Evacuation Drill on 9/4:

This is a state required drill. All students will exit the building and walk to the baseball diamond. Once all students are accounted for, students will then walk back to the school. Car riders will remain in their classrooms while bus riders participate in bus evacuation drills outside. This will result in a 1-hour early dismissal. Please make necessary arrangements for students to be dismissed approximately around 2PM. It is important for students to participate in this drill so they know what to do if the need should arrive.

2020-2021 PTO officers:

President- Amy Huff,

Vice President– Shandra Ashbrook

Secretary– Sara Cleveland

Treasurer– Mindy Chambers

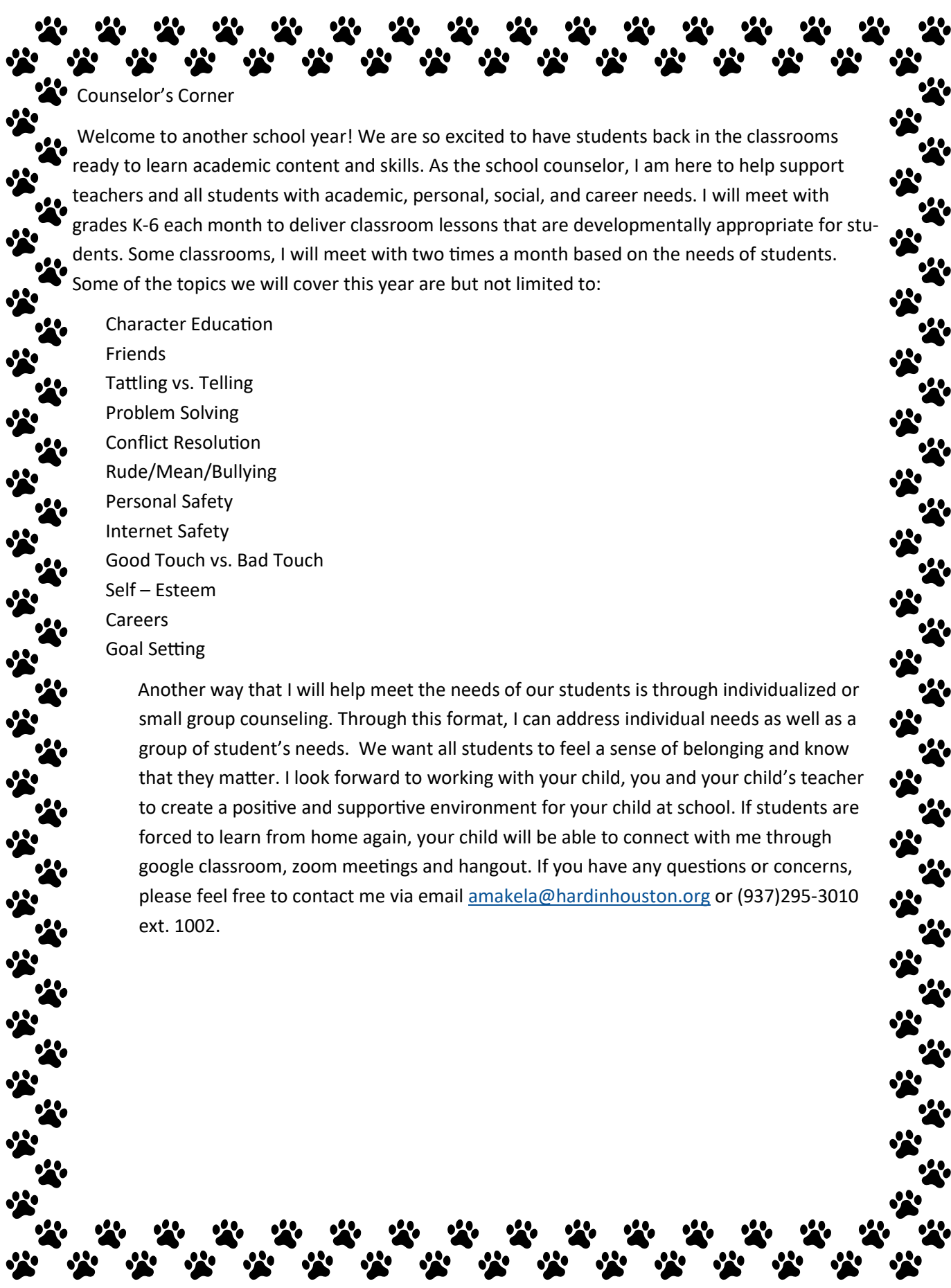
Annual PTO mum sales are August 24th through September 4th. Order forms and money are due back to homeroom teachers by Friday, September 4th. Please place all money in the attached envelope with all the information filled out completely.

A huge thank you to Susie's Big Dipper for coming out and supporting our students at open house. We had a great turnout and it was so good to see everyone's smiling faces.



A message from the Principal

Students have done a great job so far this year adapting to all the new safety protocols in place. They seem to be so glad to be back that they can accept any restrictions in place. Our staff has done a very good job of easing students into the year by giving them frequent breaks and providing guidance as necessary. We are in the process of assessing students to determine how much loss, if any, occurred over the last five months. It is important for our teachers to review standards that students may not have mastered with the remote learning before moving on with new ones. It is certainly a challenge for which we are prepared and happy we can do in person. Most students, educators, and parents discovered that in-person education is easier and more effective for all involved. It is a true joy to have our students back in the building!



Counselor's Corner

Welcome to another school year! We are so excited to have students back in the classrooms ready to learn academic content and skills. As the school counselor, I am here to help support teachers and all students with academic, personal, social, and career needs. I will meet with grades K-6 each month to deliver classroom lessons that are developmentally appropriate for students. Some classrooms, I will meet with two times a month based on the needs of students. Some of the topics we will cover this year are but not limited to:

- Character Education
- Friends
- Tattling vs. Telling
- Problem Solving
- Conflict Resolution
- Rude/Mean/Bullying
- Personal Safety
- Internet Safety
- Good Touch vs. Bad Touch
- Self – Esteem
- Careers
- Goal Setting

Another way that I will help meet the needs of our students is through individualized or small group counseling. Through this format, I can address individual needs as well as a group of student's needs. We want all students to feel a sense of belonging and know that they matter. I look forward to working with your child, you and your child's teacher to create a positive and supportive environment for your child at school. If students are forced to learn from home again, your child will be able to connect with me through google classroom, zoom meetings and hangout. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email amakela@hardinhouston.org or (937)295-3010 ext. 1002.