



October

Hardin-Houston

Elementary

2021 Newsletter

Important Dates -

10/14- End of 1st Nine Weeks

10/15- No School- Teacher Prof. Dev.

10/18- Begin 2nd Nine Weeks

10/29- 2nd Gr. Field Trip to Bruckner Nature Center & 5th/6th grade dance

PTO News:

Thank you to the students, staff, community members who supported our annual mum sale. A special thank you to everyone who volunteered their time. As a community, we sold almost 3,400 mums!

Our next meeting is Thursday, October 14th at 5:30 pm. Feel free to join us in the school commons area.

As always, please feel free to email us with ideas, concerns or questions. You can reach us at hardin-houstonpto@gmail.com



A message from the Principal:

Happy October! It is so hard to believe that the first quarter will end in just 2 weeks. Time certainly flies when we are having fun. We have 3 grade levels taking field trips this month. Hopefully, it will be a month of beautiful weather.

Third graders will have their first try at taking the Ohio State Test in ELA. We are essentially done with initial assessment and will soon be providing interventions for all students who need additional help. Students in grades K-2 who are behind will be placed on a Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plan (RIMP). Parents will be notified if their child requires a RIMP. Our goal, as always, is to work to get students at or above grade level. Don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have questions about your child's progress. Have a wonderful autumn.

Upcoming:

10/5: Flu clinic in Commons

10/6: 4th grade to Pioneer Days

10/14: Kindergarten to Crossway Farms, End of quarter 1

10/15: No school, staff professional development

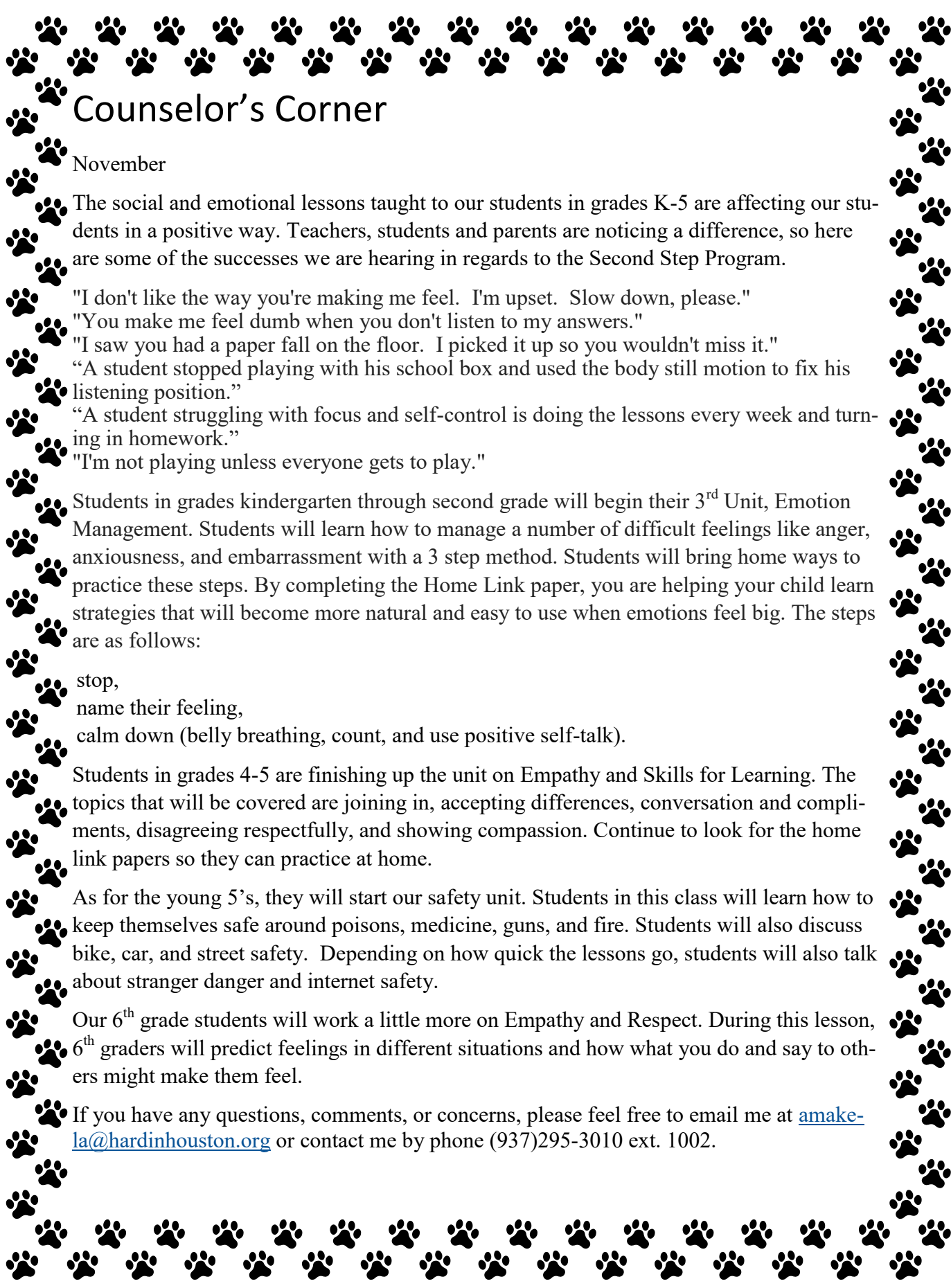
10/19 & 21: 3rd grade fall OST

10/22: CATS reward day

10/25: Picture retakes (rescheduled date)

10/29: 5th/6th grade dance, 2nd grade to Bruckner's





Counselor's Corner

Hello parents,

Hopefully your child/children have been coming home sharing what they are learning during their guidance lessons either weekly or bi-monthly. If not, ask your child/children for the Home Link paper after every guidance lesson. This will give you an idea of what your child/children are learning in regards to social and emotional learning, and offer you the opportunity to practice with them. They will only get better with practice.

Here is an update on what your child/children have been learning:

In grades K-2, students have already completed their first unit in the Second Step curriculum. Students worked on Skills for Learning by Focusing Attention, Listening, Self-talk, and Being Assertive. As we move into our second unit, students will understand Empathy by looking at Feelings, Looking for Clues, Identifying Similarities/Differences, and Respecting Feelings.

Grade 3 is looking at the last component for learning and that is Planning to Learn. Afterwards, unit 2 will take a look at Empathy. During these lessons, students will Identify Other Feelings, Understand Perspectives, Conflicting Feelings, and Accepting Differences. Be sure to help them practice these skills.

In the 4th and 5th grades, students have been looking at Empathy and Skills for Learning. The unit is comprised of 8 lessons. Students have finished with Empathy & Respect, Listening with Attention, and Being Assertive. The Assertive lesson has been a challenge, so practicing this skill will help. The lessons that we will cover this month will deal with Respecting Similarities/Differences, Understanding Feelings, and Understanding Perspectives.

Our 6th graders receive a lesson one time a month. The lesson this month will work on being assertive. This skill will help them here at school and at home. It is definitely a skill that they can use in the future as well.

As always, if you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me at (937)295-3010 ext 1002 or amakela@hardinhouston.org.