

# Hardin-Houston

## Elementary

### 2021 Newsletter



#### Important Dates -

**Sept. 3- 1 hr. Early Dismissal-**

**Building Safety Day**

**Sept, 6- Labor Day- No School**

#### PTO News:

- Thank you to all the community members who signed up to volunteer to support the PTO events. We greatly appreciate all of the help!
- What a great turnout at the open house with close to 330 students getting their free ice cream! The first annual Wildcat Family Pool Night was a fun, relaxing night with almost 75 students and families in attendance.
- Our annual mum sale has started and all forms and money must be turned in by Friday, September 3rd. Due to the amount of orders we will have two pick up dates this year. Friday, September 10th and Saturday, September 11th. You will be notified of your pick up date after orders are collected.
- The Hardin-Houston PTO is always welcoming new volunteers to support our students. We have a new email address, so please feel free to email us with ideas, concerns or questions. You can reach us at [hardin-houstonpto@gmail.com](mailto:hardin-houstonpto@gmail.com).



#### A message from the Principal:

Well, we made it through our first few weeks and are ready to begin the first full month of school. By now, we seem to have most of the wrinkles ironed out and can get down to the business of learning the standards. I'm sure that most of you have seen the various school closures on the news. We are so hopeful that we will not be affected and will be able to keep business as usual throughout the whole school year.

This Friday is our evacuation drill, so please make certain that your children come to school with good walking shoes and weather appropriate clothing. Much of our initial assessment is indicating that many students experienced a summer slide. All of our ELA teachers will be asking students to read a lot. This is important for their growth. As in everything, the more you practice, the better you become. Reading follows that rule, and every student needs to be a good reader to achieve well at anything. We appreciate your support!

#### Upcoming:

9/6: No school, Labor Day

9/9: Picture day

9/20: Earthlab parent meeting 6:00





## Counselor's Corner

The year is off to a great start. Guidance lessons are underway, and students are already learning social and emotional skills that will make them successful here at school and at home. Parents should have received a letter with a family link and activities that you can complete with your child. For most students, activities will be coming home weekly. Take a look at what your child is learning!

Kindergarten and first grade students have learned the four skills necessary for listening to learn: eyes focused, ears listening, body still and voice quiet. Over the next month, they will build on these skills with focusing attention, following directions, learning self-talk, and being assertive.

Our 2nd and 3rd grade students are learning about being respectful. The next few lessons teach skills to help students become successful learners. The first skill is focusing attention and listening followed by using self-talk and being assertive. All of this is covered in the family link.

Students in the 4th and 5th grade are already talking about empathy and respect. Within the next month, students in this grade level will learn about listening with attention, being assertive, and respecting difference. These social skills will be practiced throughout the week here at school and at home.

Sixth graders will start out with a lesson on respecting self and others.

Most students have had at least one to two lessons. Please be sure to talk with your students on what they are learning and don't forget to check out the family link for the Second Step Program. Any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.