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Fall Festival was a blast! A little grey cloud and rain could not bring us down. Coach Anderson who was leading the Fall Festival decided on Thursday to commit to an inside festival to avoid the potential rain and mud outside. He worked with everyone to quickly shift. We appreciate everyone who prepared and participated in this fun event for our kids. We raised over \$4,200.00 this year. By our estimates that is \$500. more than last year! As we walked around and visited with teachers, families and students, I was reminded of our commitment to appreciating each other. We are a diverse group of people (much like our city!) and I love how we work so well together. Even in the midst of potential conflict (rain, dismissal during the beginning of festival and the endless problems we all face), we are able to work together to the benefit of our kids. We appreciate you and all that you do!!

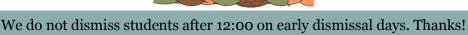
Today, as I begin our newsletter, it is Monday. We have already had HISD media here filming our teachers working with Microsoft. We were chosen out of 10 schools in the United States-exciting!!

Tuesday is Picture Day. Students should come in their uniform. This is the photo used in their permanent folders and offered to parents for purchase.

Wednesday is Early Dimissal-our first one! We will begin dismissing at 12:00 so that we can be finished close to 12:30. Teachers will then go to their training. I know it is a hassle to find child care at these times. Know that these days are always used so that our teachers can improve their craft-teaching!

Thursday is open house from 5:30-7:00. Come and visit your child's class.







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IMPORTANT DATES

- September 23 Picture Day
- September 24 (Wednesday) Early Dismissal
- September 25 (Thursday) Open House 5:30-7:00
- September 29, copy club training, 8:30 am
- October 3, no school
- October 17 Field Day
- October 29 Early Dismissal
- October 31 Story Parade



HISD FAMILY LEARNING ACADEMY

HISD is hosting six "Super Saturday" events for parents. The event closest to us is November 8th at Reagan High School. All HISD families are invited. We are offering free childcare (ages 3-8) and free transportation once you have registered. More than 15 workshops will be offered in English and in Spanish on how to support your child's success. Planning our children's future is an important step in making sure that we accomplish it!

Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn from community leaders and organizations in Houston as well as attend our family wellness resource fair.

Need more information? Go to: http://www.houstonisd.org/FLA And register today!

"It is time for parents to teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength."

— Maya Angelou

PTO

Congratulations to our new 2014-2015 PTO Board!

President Michelle Trevino

Vice President Terrian Shackelford

Secretary Vanessa Delgado

Treasurer Cynthia Gutierrez

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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period.

From http://hispanicheritagemonth.gov/about/

Here are some amazing Texans who have definitely affected our heritage:

- Lauro Cavazos (born 1927), U.S. Secretary of Education in the George H.
 W. Bush administration, first Hispanic U.S. Cabinet officer
- Nick Garcia (born 1979), soccer player
- Rafael A. Lecuona (1928–2014) Cuban-American gymnast 1948–1956
- Ninfa Laurenzo (1924–2001), restaurateur
- Leonel Castillo first Hispanic city treasurer and council member National Director of Immigration Houston International University
- Mario José Molina-Pasquel Henríquez (1943) is a Mexican chemist and one of the most prominent precursors to the discovery of the Antarctic ozone hole. He was a co-recipient of the 1995 Nobel Prize in Chemistry .