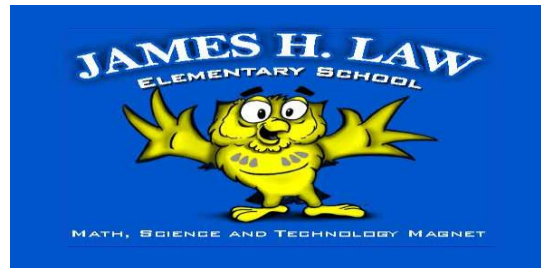


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## Calendar of Events

### November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Last day for early VOTING!

### November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Magnet Open House (Administration Building)  
UIL Competition @ Kolter Elem 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

### November 4<sup>th</sup>

Daylight Savings Time Ends –Fall Back

### November 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

Magnet Awareness Week- Magnet Tours at 1:00 pm

### November 6<sup>th</sup>

First day to accept Magnet applications  
Last day to VOTE!

Starbase 5th Grade

### November 8<sup>th</sup>

Starbase 5th Grade

### November 13<sup>th</sup>

MLK Parent Magnet Night 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
HISD Parent Classes 2:00 pm -3:00 pm

### November 14<sup>th</sup>

Weekly tours every Wednesdays at 1:00 pm  
Early Dismissal @12:30 pm  
Basketball Game @ Sunnyside Center

### November 15<sup>th</sup>

Basketball Game @ Sunnyside Center  
Starbase 5th Grade

### November 16<sup>th</sup>

Parent Involvement Annual Celebration 8:30am-12:30 pm  
@ Delmar Stadium

### November 18<sup>th</sup>

Educational Health Expo: For a Better Life –GRB Center  
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**VOTE! VOTE!  
VOTE!**

Come out and VOTE!

Last day to VOTE is NOV. 6,  
2012

For more information logon to  
<http://houstonisd.org/2012bond>



**Congratulations to our  
Student of the Month in the following classes:**

**PK: Sarah Flores**

**K: Blessen Sewell**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Rhyann Lillie**

**2<sup>nd</sup> : Ra'Shalen Mims**

**3<sup>rd</sup> : Jaiden Maxfield**

**4<sup>th</sup> : Ja'Lasha Leon**

**5<sup>th</sup>: Diana Garcia**

**Teacher of the Month: Shawnette Shields**

**November 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>**

Thanksgiving Holiday

**Calendar of Events continuation...**

**November 29<sup>th</sup>**

Starbase 5th Grade

**November 30<sup>th</sup>**

Fall Dance

**Magnet News**

The Magnet Awareness Week is just around the corner! It will be held here at Law Elementary starting November 5<sup>th</sup> - November 9<sup>th</sup>. I will be providing daily tours at 1:00pm. Please bring a friend! If you are unable to attend during the week of November 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, I will be able to provide tours every Wednesday of the week at 1:00pm. Please call ahead of time to schedule.

During this visit, you will also be able to receive and submit new magnet applications for next year. Please make sure you submit your application on or before January 11, 2013. Our school number is (713)732-3630 and my email is [mmoes@houstonisd.org](mailto:mmoes@houstonisd.org). Please call or email me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Myra Moes

Magnet/GT Coordinator

# NOVEMBER MATH MADNESS

Can you answer this question??? If you can, write your answer on a sheet of paper with your name, grade, and your teacher's name and give it to Ms. Wilson.

**Primary (K-2)**

If there are 50 ears, how many people are there?

**Intermediate (3-5)**

Using all of the digits 5 through 9, create a

**Staff of the Month: Zenyda Ruiz**  
**Clinic News**

TO: The Parent(s) of Law Elementary Students  
FROM: Ruby Ferguson, RN MSN School Nurse  
RE: FREE Flu Shots – November 7, 2012 9 AM – 2 PM

A FREE flu shot clinic will be held at Law Elementary School on **Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** during school hours. The event is sponsored by Law Elementary in partnership with Texas Children's Hospital.

La clínica estará dando vacunas en la escuela Law Elementary el jueves 17 de noviembre durante horas escolares. El evento es patrocinado por Law Elementary en asociación con el hospital Texas Children's.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN GRADES 1ST TO 5TH  
DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT- RETURN SIGNED  
CONSENT FORMS IMMEDIATELY TO THE  
NURSE

PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN PRE-K TO  
KINDERGARTEN, LIFESKILLS OR PPCD- PLEASE  
COME BRING YOUR CHILD TO THE MOBILE  
CLINIC

PADRES DE NIÑOS EN LOS GRADOS 1 AL 5 DE  
NO TIENEN QUE ESTAR PRESENTES-REGRESAN  
las formas de consentimiento firmados  
INMEDIATAMENTE A LA ENFERMERA.

PADRES DE ALUMNOS DE PRE-K a KINDER,  
LifeSkills o PPCD-Por favor, POR FAVOR TRAER A  
SU HIJO A LA CLÍNICA MÓVIL.



## Benchmark Testing Dates

**Nov. 5- READING : Grades 3, 4, and 5**

**Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> – High Frequency Words:  
Grades 1 and 2**

**Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>- WRITING: Grades 3 and 4**

subtraction problem with the largest answer possible.

**Congratulations to our  
2012-2013 Student Council!**



**Back Row (left to right):**

Eric Clark (Event Coordinator)

Cynthia Gomez (Historian)

Tori Edmonds (President)

Dajah Thomas (Secretary)

Christopher Kirkendall (Vice President)

**Front Row (left to right):**

Julescia Calegon (Event Coordinator)

Dacorry Owens (Treasurer)

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – SCIENCE: Grade 5

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> – MATH: Grades 3, 4, and 5



## Grade Level News

### Pre-Kindergarten



*The PK Students at Law Elementary have embarked on a joyous journey of Discovery-First Steps; which will lead to Exploring-Showing Progress and Connecting-Ready to Apply. The PK Teachers at Law Elementary would like to share some of the activities that your child will be learning during the next month!*

**In Math** our PK students will be exploring Measurement! Our students will be able to determine length and width; in addition to comparing the size and mass of objects. Our PK students will also integrate Earth Science lessons with Math, to make predictions of objects that sink or float; in addition to the amount of volume or capacity that can be filled inside an object. All PK students will also learn how to gather data and create bar graphs!

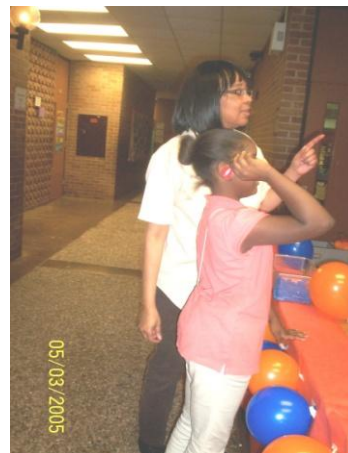
**In science** during the next four weeks our PK students will be learning about the differences between big and small, they can do this by measuring and comparing different items. They will also describe, compare and sort rocks by several properties. We will also explore things that float and things that sink. They will estimate weight by using a balance and weighing a variety of objects.

**In Language Arts** our PK students continue to work independently at workstations where they are learning about letters, listening skills, following directions and expressing themselves. This month we are also working on beginning sounds, syllabication and vocabulary building.



### Kindergarten

The 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks has started and the Kinder classes have begun to decode simple words. In order to help your child master this skill, please refer to the “Weekly Schedule For The Decodable Readers” that are sent home in your child’s folder every Monday. The schedule also includes practice with phonological awareness, phonics and HFW.



The Kindergarteners will have a traditional “Thanksgiving Feast”. We will dress in costumes and learn about the Pilgrims who came to America and made friends with the Indians. (Date TBA)



### First Grade Team



The whole first grade has been working on measurement. Mrs. Mosley's class made and measured their spiders they made for Halloween. We made our spiders and with unifix cubes measured the length of our spiders. We had a lot of fun making our spiders and learned some interesting facts about them too!

To all Parents and guardians, don't forget that starting November 5<sup>th</sup> thru November 16<sup>th</sup>, we are testing your child for their High Frequency Word Evaluation with First Grade words. Thanks for all your support and help this year.

### Second Grade Team



Mrs. I. Perez's class is busy learning how to count collections of coins and interpreting data on graph charts. We are excited about the upcoming elections, because we will be having a mock election in our room. We will be voting for our favorite story in our Reading basal. We are working on comprehension and vocabulary in Reading. We are studying how light and sound travel in Science. We are happy that the weather is finally changing to being cooler. Yea, Fall!

A Message from Ms. Germany:

Reminder: Parents please allow your child to read twenty minutes per night and ask: who, what, when, where, and why questions about what they read. Students need to practice basic facts 1 through 9 (1+1=2 up to 9+9=18)

### Third Grade Team



Reading: Students will be reading expository texts, such as Amazing Bird Nest.

Math: 3rd grade math teachers are working on multiplication/division.

Science: Students are learning about force, motion, energy and work. Students using science manipulative to demonstrate their own force, motion, energy, and work.

### Fourth Grade Team



Fourth graders are working diligently on learning how to compose narrative stories. Students are learning how to write with voice to make their writing come alive. Parents, please show interest in your student's narrative stories, and help them develop their thoughts at home. We also encourage you to read with your child every day. It's been said that if you're a good reader, you're a great writer. Let's work together to develop our future authors!



### Fifth Grade Team



#### Reading

This month in reading our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be studying text structures. The term "text structure" refers to how information is organized in a passage (ex. Compare and contrast, chronological and sequencing). The structure of a text can change multiple times in a work and even within a paragraph. Students will be required to identify text structures on state reading tests; therefore, it is important that they are given exposure to the various patterns of organization.

#### Language Arts

Fifth graders are working on their higher order thinking skills to prepare for this year's STARR Testing. In spelling, our students will learn word attack skills. Word attack skills are needed to be able to make sense of an unknown word in the context of reading. Word attack skills rely on the ability to recognize the sounds that make up words and to put those sounds together. More advanced word attack skills involve using context, prefixes or suffixes or a dictionary to determine what a word means.

#### Math

In fifth grade, we will continue to build on important math skills.

In this unit, the students are studying addition and subtraction multi-step word problems. Students will learn how to compare and order fractions. Students will also learn about mixed and improper fractions. We are reviewing and practicing our multiplication facts daily. You can help your child prepare for our new material which builds on their knowledge of fractions by practicing these skills at home.

#### Science

Mr. Bolston, Ms. Martin and Mr. McMillian's classes are learning about series and parallel circuits. To introduce students to electric circuits, students will do experiments with the following materials: battery, a light bulb, and a wire. Students should work in groups to

	<p>determine how to get the light bulb to light. Students will draw a diagram in their science <i>learning logs</i> that shows what must be connected in order to get the bulb to light. Discuss the meaning of circuit with students. Students will be creating two different kinds of circuits: a series circuit and a parallel circuit.</p> <p><b>Social Studies</b></p> <p>In this unit, students examine the causes and results of the conflict that was the American Revolution. Students will be partaking in an integrated unit based on The American Revolution. Students will study the following: causes leading up to the war important turning points of the war the immediate effects following the war.</p>
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