

# Shadowbriar Elementary School Newsletter

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## REMINDERS

- ◆ PreK and Siblings, Special Education and Daycare Only in front carpool
- ◆ Red Ribbon Week- Oct. 26-30
- ◆ Principal Day for Mr. Samuel-Oct 27
- ◆ Virtual Character Parade-Oct. 30
- ◆ Nov. 3- No School
- ◆ Complete all compliance forms in the link provided

Please complete all HISD compliance forms:

<https://youtu.be/RwiShAFKlTI>

## Principal's News

Welcome Back, Shadowbriar will continue to develop the leadership in each of our students while building a positive student community with the 7 habits of Leader In Me. Next, our students will have opportunities to engage in virtual learning experiences and create virtual semester projects to develop higher order thinking skills that support our S.T.E.A.M. magnet program. Lastly, we will invest in our student's and staff's social and emotional health by building relationships and developing a positive campus culture and climate by incorporating CHAMPS strategies.

Collectively as a team, we will prepare our children to become productive citizens and global graduates. With your dedication and commitment to active engagement-We WILL positively impact the lives of our students. You are our partners, and together we will lead our students into a world of infinite possibilities through education.

## As a Professional Learning Community, we promise to:

- Create a classroom and campus environment and culture and climate that supports, develops, and engages ALL student leaders and student learners.
- Use data to inform planning and instructional decisions.
- Engage ALL students with differentiated learning experiences in literacy and

numeracy that develop higher-order thinking skills.

-Provide equity for ALL student leaders and student learners through culturally relevant teaching and relationship building.

-Actively engage our students, parents, and community members as stakeholders and partners.

Welcome back again Shadowbriar families, and we look forward to partnering with each of you to ensure your students' academic success. Have a great year.

Bulldogs Rising-Bulldog Strong!

Mark Samuel



# Campus Safety and Wellness Reminders

Hello Bulldog Families,

I am thankful to our Shadowbriar Community and our Families for helping us to keep our students and staff safe. The safety and wellness of our students and staff is our #1 priority. To support us in our campus safety and wellness efforts, I have included some updates and reminders below.

## Morning Arrival:

- All students should arrive by 7:30 am. Late students should remain virtual and classwork will be completed online to avoid disruptions to the learning environment.
- All late arriving student's and parents will need to wait outside the front door, where social distancing can occur. A member of the staff will be available to take your temperature and provide students with PPE.

## Lunch:

- ALL students are provided a free lunch from the district.
- If your child would like a different lunch it must be packed in their lunch box and provided as they enter for school. No drop-offs are allowed. You will not be able to drop off lunch beginning on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Afternoon Dismissal:

- If your child is released as a walker parents must wait by the stop sign away from the school dismissal doors.
- If you need to pick your child up early for an appointment, he/she should remain virtual for the day from home. Please do not pick up your child early as it disrupts learning for your child as well as the learning environment for other students. Campus visitation is limited, and parents will be assisted at the main office entry/foyer if there are emergency pick-up concerns.

Thank you for helping us keep our campus safe.

# PK Monthly Newsletter

Microsoft TEAM: PK Hurricanes

Telephone: 281-368-2160

**Department Moto :** Making connections and leading the way in Pre-K!

## STEAM Project Description:

**DATES ARE TBA: Fall Semester: *Extreme Weather***

The students will dive deep researching various weather topics through experiments and visual learning options. The project will consist of a family project (area of study chosen by the student) and a presentation.

## Parent Communication:

- Email
- Class Dojo

## Themes of Study:

- *Theme 1: My School and Me*
- ***Theme 2: My Family and Friends***
- ***Theme 3: Giants***
- *Theme 4: Choices*
- *Theme 5: Stories and Rhymes*
- *Theme 6: I Build! I Create!*
- *Theme 7: Things that Move*
- *Theme 8: Animals*
- *Theme 9: Changes*

## Pre-Kindergarten grading system

The pre-k grading system reads as the following:

1	Discovery first steps.
2	Exploring-showing progress.
3	Connecting-ready to apply

## Report Cards:

**1<sup>st</sup> 6 weeks (October 23, 2020 )**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 6 weeks (December 11, 2020 )**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 6 weeks (February 5, 2021 )**

**4<sup>th</sup> 6 weeks (March, 26 2021 )**

**5<sup>th</sup> 6 weeks (May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021)**

**6<sup>th</sup> 6 weeks (June 11<sup>th</sup> 2021)**

## Circle Assessment Dates

- **Beginning of the Year**  
(October 5-November 6<sup>th</sup> 2020 )
- Middle of the Year  
( January 25-February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 )
- End of the Year ( May 3-June 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 )  
PIN access numbers are given out during BOY conferences. DO NOT LOOSE THE PIN NUMBER

## F2F

School supplies are due. Remember a change of clothing should be placed in a ziplock bag and kept at school (clothes, spare mask, socks, and shoes)

## Miscellaneous:

- F2F Students: School supplies are due; Personal sanitizer is a must! I do not provide this.
- **PEANUT/NUT FREE SCHOOL**
- Visitors and Volunteers (including field trip) must be processed by the VIPS program. There is a new certification program to be eligible to volunteer. Ask the office for details.

## Important Upcoming Dates

October 30- Virtual Character Parade  
November 3- Teacher Service Day, (No Students)  
November 23- 27- Thanksgiving Break



# Kindergarten Newsletter



October/November 2020

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us on Class Dojo or Microsoft Teams!

## Instructional Focus

- Drama
- Beginning, Middle, and ending sounds.
- Skip counting by 10s
- Identifying numbers to 20.
- Identifying objects by shape, color, texture and size.

## Dates To Remember

October 26-Oct. 30-Red Ribbon week  
October 30- Virtual Character Showcase  
Nov. 3- No School



## Weekly Tidbits

- Face to face students must bring their laptops/iPad to school daily.
- All work should be completed by the end of the week.
- Please send students to school with a change of clothes.
- Please practice tying shoes, buttoning pants, and opening lunch.



# OCTOBER NEWS

## A note from First Grade

Happy Fall! Did you hear about the monster who ate too many houses?? He was home sick! ☺ Please continue to talk to your child about health safety measures at school.



## Events

November 3 – No School

November 23- 27-  
Thanksgiving Break



## Reminders

Read for 20 minutes daily. You can access online books through CLEVER (digital resources) on the MyOn and Learning A-Z apps.

Practice your High Frequency Words daily.



## Learning Focus

### ELA

Drama  
Parts of speech  
Sentence Structure

### Math

Comparing Numbers  
Counting forward  
Counting backwards  
Skip count by 5's and 10's

### Social Studies

Needs and Wants  
Goods and Services

### Science

Properties of objects  
Types of energy



# Second Grade News



## This Month



**Nov 2** Election Day for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students.

**Nov 3** **No school for Students**

**Nov 2-13** High Frequency Word Exam

**Nov 23-27** **Thanksgiving Holiday**

## Notes from your teachers



**IN-PERSON STUDENTS** need to bring all materials including mask, laptop, and charger each day.

**VIRTUAL STUDENTS** should be logged in with cameras on during all live lessons

## A Peek At What We Are Learning



Reading Drama



Writing Personal narrative and the writing process



Math Graphs, charts, and time



Science Energy, heat, light, and sound



Social Studies Election Day, explorers, our country, state, and city

# SECOND GRADE INNOVATORS





# 3rd Grade

Shadowbriar Elementary

## November

"We are a class of great Scholars that lead by practicing the 8 Habits while collecting strategies for college, careers and beyond!"

### SMART Goals

-Reading: All students will show at least one year's (4 reading levels) growth in Reading.

-Math: All students will master their multiplication and corresponding division facts through 12.

-Attendance: All students will be present at least 97% of the time in school.

### Calendar

October 30- Virtual Character Parade

November 3- Teacher Service Day, (No Students)

November 8- Progress Report for Cycle 2 Due

November (9-13)- Math Snapshot

November 23- 27- Thanksgiving Break

### Math-

Unit 4: Students will use variety of strategies to develop fluency and automaticity with multiplication and division facts. Students will determine a quotient using the relationship between multiplication and division and will use divisibility rules to determine whether a number is even or odd.

Unit 5: Students will use a variety of strategies, including number lines, to round and estimate solutions to and represent and solve one- and two-step addition and subtraction word problems, including problems that involve data.

### English Language Art-

Unit 3: Students will analyze and explore genre characteristics in Drama. Students will apply their learning of characteristics in Drama and craft to their compositions.

Unit 4: Students will analyze and explore genre characteristics in poetry. Students will apply their learning of genre characteristics and craft to their writing.

### Science-

Unit 5: Students will explore different forms of energy and will use the content to engage in Project-Based Learning.

### Social Studies-

Unit 2: Students practice the study of history by locating, examining, and interpreting visual, print, and oral historical records.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teachers

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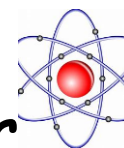
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# Fourth Grade Atoms Newsletter

## We Are Better Together!

### Daily Learning Expectations

Attend class every day.

Turn on laptop/tablet cameras!

Keep microphones on mute.

Make sure you have pencils and notebooks.

Complete and submit assignments on the HUB.

### In Class or Virtual Attire

Emerald green polo shirt/Shadowbriar t-shirt

Khaki, navy or jeans bottom

light jacket

facial mask (in person)

### Supplies Needed

#### for

### In Person or Virtual Learning

Reading Notebook

Math Notebook

Writing Notebook

Sharpened Pencils

Pencil Sharpener with lid

Bottle of water

### Fourth Grade Schedule

7:30am-7:45am	Breakfast
7:45am-8:15am	Leader in Me
8:15am-8:45am	Small Group
8:45am-9:15am	Small Group
9:15am-9:45am	Small Group
9:45am-10:00am	BREAK
10:00am-10:50am	Writing/Science Lesson (Ms. Smith)
11:00am-12:05pm	ANCILLARY
12:05pm-12:35pm	LUNCH
12:35pm-1:00pm	BREAK
1:00pm-1:50pm	Reading/Social Studies Lesson (Ms. Lott)
1:55pm-2:45pm	Math Lesson (Mr. Ellis)
2:45pm-3:00pm	DISMISSAL

### September and October Birthday Celebrants

If your birthday was in September or October. Decorate a poster with your name and birth date to display on Friday, October 30. We will have a virtual birthday celebration for all our September and October students. Make sure you have a sweet treat to enjoy at that time.

### Ways to communicate with fourth grade teachers:

Ms. Smith

Email Address:

[Stephanie.Smith@houstonisd.org](mailto:Stephanie.Smith@houstonisd.org)

Contact Phone Number: 832-521-8655

Ms. Lott

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Mr. Ellis

Email Address

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Contact Phone Number: 832-452-9535

### Kindly Reminder:

Accept invitation from our  
grade level team on Class  
Dojo

## Fifth Grade News

### What are we learning?

**ELA:** We will be studying units focused on comparing and contrasting, story elements, point of view, and figurative language relating to our literature standards. We will also be focusing on planning, drafting, editing, and revising Personal Narrative writing pieces.

**Math:** We will be focusing on our division unit. Students will be learning partial quotients, the area model for division, the standard algorithm, and division with remainders.

**Social studies:** We will be launching our "Turn of the Century" unit. Students will be learning about the cattle drive, inventors, the Spanish-American war, and immigration.

**Science:** We will be wrapping up our units on cells with a focus on Microorganisms.

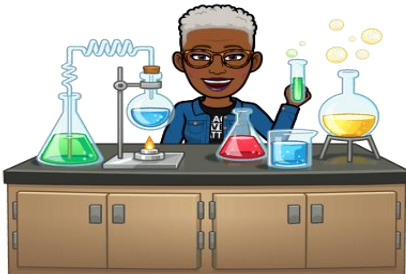


### Upcoming Dates

October 30th: Virtual Book Character Parade

November 3: No School Teacher Workday

November 23-27: Thanksgiving Break



### Reminders

School Starts at 7:30!  
Please make sure if you are face to face you keep your mask on and bring laptop & headphones!



## Book Character Showcase

### Shadowbriar Elementary School

Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>

(during teachers assigned ELA/Reading Block-watch for Dojo messages and Team chats)

This will be our first ever Virtual Book Character Showcase.

Students will show and tell about a book or comic book. The book must be one that the child has either read or listened to an adult read. This will occur during their reading block. Students can represent their book in a creative way with a poster, a 3D model or simply hold the book up for discussion. Teachers and peers will inquire about the plots, characters, settings, rise or conflict and how the characters use or do not use Leader in Me Habits throughout the book.

There will not be classroom parties associated with the parade. Students are also not allowed to wear "Halloween or Book Character Costumes". Regular dress is required, but students can bring their poster, artifact or book to share during the Book Character Showcase.

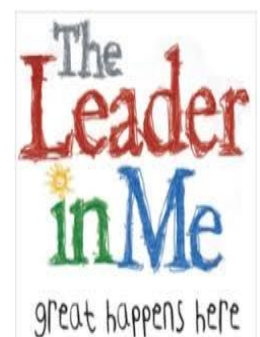


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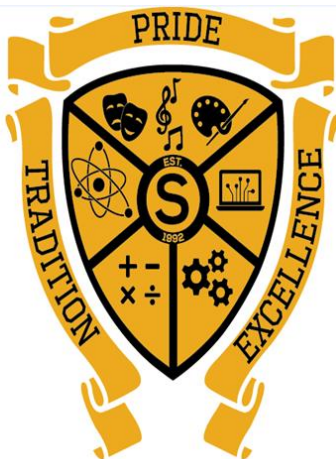
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## Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon week will be October 26<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> . Get ready to join the Department of Academic and Career Counseling by showing your spirit during Red Ribbon Week. This year's Red Ribbon Week theme is: **Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free.** Join Houston ISD by participating in the following spirit activities for Red Ribbon Week. Take pictures and post on social media outlets using the hashtag #RedRibbonWeek and [@HoustonISD](https://twitter.com/HoustonISD).

- **Monday-** "Mask up Against Drugs" We are encouraging the HISD family to wear and post pictures in their favorite mask.
- **Tuesday-** "Pair up Against Drugs" Team up with a buddy and show how you all support each, by dressing alike (Twin day)
- **Wednesday-** "Sock it to Drugs" Wear crazy socks to kick drugs out of our community.
- **Thursday-** "Shade Out Drug and Peer Pressure" Take pictures in your favorite shades.
- **Friday-** "Team Up Against Drugs" Wear your favorite team's jersey.

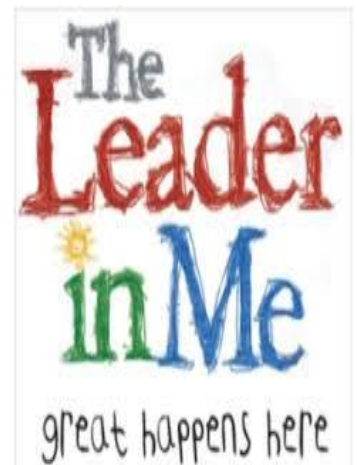


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# Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 73



## Help Us LAUNCH the Cub Scout Adventure For 2020-2021!

### Next Pack Meeting:

- **Tuesday, November 10**
- **7:00 pm**
- **Ashford Methodist**
- Scout Hut & field behind the church

### Register to Join Scouting

1. Online at [www.BeAScout.org](http://www.BeAScout.org)
2. Or In Person November 10 at 7:00 pm

### Next Pack Meeting

Tues. Nov. 10 7:00 pm



### Spookeree!

Saturday, Oct. 24



### Adventure Day

Saturday, Nov. 21



## About Cub Scout Pack 73

### Cub Scout Activities at Ashford Methodist:

Contact: [Pack73Houston@gmail.com](mailto:Pack73Houston@gmail.com)

[www.Mustang73.org](http://www.Mustang73.org)

K through 5th grade — Boys and Girls Can Join

Regular Pack Meetings:

**7:00 pm, 2nd Tuesday Every Month**



### Ashford United Methodist Church

2201 S Dairy Ashford Rd  
Houston, TX 77077

Scout Hut Behind the Church

