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Red School Buzz

Principal's Office

Octaviano Trevino

December will be a very busy month. The deadline for the Magnet applications for the 2020-2021 school year is December 6. Red's Winter Program is scheduled for December 12 at 6:30 p.m. Students in Kindergarten, first grade and second grade will be participating in the program. The Book Fair will open on December 11 through December 19. Books make great gifts for the holidays. The last day for fall tutorials is December 11. Winter class parties will be on December 19. These events will conclude the Fall Semester of school. There are many events to look forward to in the Spring Semester which will begin on January 6, 2020.

Attendance continues to be one of our areas of focus. Our goal is to meet the district expectation of 98%. Students should attend school all day - every day and should only be absent due to illness or medical appointments. We do understand that occasionally unforeseen circumstances occur, but these should be few and infrequent.

Getting students to school on time is equally important as getting students to school each day. The school day begins at 7:30 a.m. School doors open at 7:00 a.m. Students are considered tardy at 7:40 a.m. Arriving late is disruptive to the learning environment and instructional time is lost. Please make every effort to get students to school on time. I know I can count on you to help us reach our attendance goals in the Spring Semester.

I wish all our Red School family a very happy and safe holiday season.



Upcoming Events - December

- 02-Tutorials 3:00-4:00
- 03-Tutorials 3:00-4:00
- 04-Tutorials 3:00-4:00
- 05-PTO Holiday Shoppe
- 05-Magnet Tour 9:00a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
- 06-PTO Holiday Shoppe
- 07-Tutorials 9:00-Noon
- 07-Crescendo Music Performance 10:00 a.m.
- 07-G/T Saturday 9:30-Noon
- 09-Candy Grams Delivered This Week
- 09-Tutorials 3:00-4:00
- 09-Sp.Ed. to Health Museum 8:30-12:00
- 09-G/T Testing Grades 1st -4th Only All Week
- 10-Tutorials 3:00-4:00
- 10-Futboleros (Chocolate Sales)
- 11-Tutorials 3:00-4:00
- 12-Book Fair Begins
- 12-Winter Program 6:30 p.m.
- 13-Book Fair
- 13- 2nd Grade to Museum of Natural Science 9:00-1:00
- 16-Pre-K to Main Street Theatre 11:30-2:00
- 17- Book Fair
- 18-Book Fair
- 18- Free Dress Day
- 18-3rd Grade to Menil Collection 8:30-12:00
- 19-Book Fair
- 19-Winter Parties
- 19-Last Day for Students
- 06-Students Return

Title 1 Information
 District Parent and Family Engagement Policy information packets are available in the school office. Red's School Parent & Family Engagement Policy information is available in the school office. School-Parent Compact for Achievement information available in the school office.

Reminder!!

Attendance Notes must be turned into the office within 3 days of a student returning to school after an absence.
Student First and Last name, Date of Absence, Teacher Name, Reason for the absence.

Who's Who?



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S.T.E.M. Magnet

Theme: *Computers and Software*

Math Lab:

In the Math Lab, students will learn about the connection between math and coding and how to program a computer using the website <https://www.codebymath.com/>

Science Lab:

This month in the Science Lab we will be finishing up our unit on light and circuits and we will begin learning about weather and seasons for the younger students while the big kids are learning about weather, climate, and the water cycle. We will be making some short trips outside to record weather conditions, so be sure to dress for the weather, especially on science lab days. Big kids will also be building a model of the water cycle to explore how water moves between the atmosphere and the surface of earth.

Computer Lab:

This month in the Computer Lab, students will be learning about computer and software engineering, and how coding empowers computers to perform the fantastic feats they do. Pre-K through second grade will learn about computer coding using Blockly to help establish the basics of coding. Third through fifth grade students will investigate coding by using Scratch for constructionist purposes involving problem solving. We will also be looking how coding affects our everyday lives and how coding is a 21st century skill which students should embrace for the rest of their lives. All students will be participating in Hour of Code activities, allowing them to share experiences as other students will around the world.



Please follow the link below to fill out a short survey from Parent and Community Engagement. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/REDES-19>

Magnet Coordinator/LaFoscia Maxie

Magnet Minutes

Welcome to December! This month's **Magnet Theme is Computers and Software**. Ask your child if they knew that the first computers were people. The movie Hidden Figures illustrates this. Some vocabulary words you may hear are: *software, hardware, download, upload, mouse, and monitor*.

- **Phase 1 of the Magnet/School Choice** window is approaching its close. Be sure to apply and submit those magnet applications by **December 6th**. Ranking your choices in order is important. The window is earlier this year and so is **notification which will be January 30, 2020**.
- The last **Magnet Tour is December 5th at 9:00am and 1:00 pm**.
- We are in the midst of **G/T Testing**. Kindergarten and 5th grade are complete and 1st – 4th grade will be complete by the end of the semester. For first through fourth grades, parents will have to complete and submit an application and parent recommendation. Those can be found online at <https://www.houstonisd.org/Domain/32983> or in the office. The testing dates are:

December 9 th – 13 th	Abilities & Achievement	1 st – 4 th grade (non-identified students whose parents applied ONLY)
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- **G/T Saturday is December 7th**! All currently identified students are invited to come stretch their brains in the area of Visual and Spatial Activities. Flyers are sent home in Tuesday folders. **** Tutorials takes priority over GT Saturday. ****

Please contact Mrs. Maxie for any questions you may have at LMAXIE@HOUSTONISD.ORG



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Pre-K

PK is going to Main Street Theater to see "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" on Dec. 16.

Polar Express Day is on December 18. Children can wear their pajamas to school for this day and we will enjoy hot chocolate while watching the movie Polar Express. Please make sure they wear regular shoes, not slippers!

Winter party is Dec. 19

Please make sure your child has an extra change of clothes to keep at school just in case of a spill or accident. Thank you

Kindergarten

1st Grade

December is here and first grade is ready to engage in fun and exciting topics! We will be focusing on persuasive writing, adding and subtracting, reading a graph and interpreting its data, observing weather patterns and seasonal changes, and learning about our world through maps and holiday celebrations. Thank you, parents, for your support this first semester. Please practice High Frequency Words over the break and feel free to login to the HUB for your child to use educational resources while we are gone.

2nd Grade

3rd Grade

Third graders will be starting informational text and number pairs and relationships. We are looking forward to a restful winter break!

4th Grade

In December, fourth grade is focused on division in math and comprehending informational text in reading. We are still writing expository compositions and working on revising and editing.

5th Grade

Progress reports, 5th grade shirt forms, and blazer order forms were sent home. Please return them ASAP. The DLA Assessment Window is Dec. 9-13.

In Reading, we will be reviewing all of the genres covered so far this year- informative text, argumentative texts, poetry, drama, and fiction. We will be focusing on test-taking strategies and annotating texts as we read.

In Math, students will be working on the TEKS 5.3A, 5.3J, 5.3L, 5.4E, and 5.4F. These standards cover estimating real-world problems, dividing and multiplying fractions, describing the meaning of parentheses and brackets in numerical expressions, and simplifying numerical expressions.

In Science, students will be studying electricity, conductors and circuits. They will continue with hands-on activities during science lab.

Pep Squad Practice dates:

12/4

12/11



Please come dressed in athletic attire and bring \$75 CASH to Ms. Bouteller by Thursday, December 19, 2019. Please email Ms. Bouteller with any questions or concerns. LBOUTELL@houstonisd.org



Physical Education

Cara Grossman-P.E. Teacher



SAVE SAVE SAVE SAVE those Box Tops!!! For every Box Top you save and hand in to Coach Grossman, Red Elementary gets 10 cents. The money earned goes toward activities and equipment for the students.



“Cans for Children’s Cancer Research” - Please help Red Elementary’s Student Council raise money for Children’s Cancer Research by recycling ALUMINUM CANS! We are collecting the CLEAN ALUMINUM CANS every Monday. All money collected from this recycling project will be donated to the Texas Children’s Hospital. Thank you for your support!



Please help your child and remind them to participate and wear their tennis shoes each day. Thank you for your continued support.



165 of our students participated in the Stack Up Challenge - Most people sport stacking at multiple locations in one day!



We are looking for a few good students to join our UIL team this year!

Practices will begin Wednesday, November 13 from 3-4 pm in room 5.



We will practice writing stories and narratives, learn new poems, challenging spelling words and so much more.

Contact Ms. Andrews in room 5 or email at mandrew6@houstonisd.org for more information!

Participants must have:

- Passing grades
- Availability on Saturdays
- Teacher recommendation
- Dedication to practices and meets
- Good behavior

Competition	Grade(s)
Creative Writing	2 nd
Oral Reading	3 rd , 4 th , 5 th
Spelling	3 rd , 4 th , 5 th
Ready Writing	3 rd , 4 th , 5 th
Chess	3 rd , 4 th , 5 th

**Please leave car signs on mirror until child has been loaded.
Need a car sign? Call the office, 713-726-3638.**

Reminders

School Policy:

To Eliminate distractions to instructional time, dropping off items such as, lunches, backpacks, homework, binders, books, etc. is not permitted.

HISD Policy:

Any Parent or Family Member wanting to attend Field Trips, Class Parties, and all other school events, must register through VIPS and have a cleared background check. The website to register is: www.houstonisd.org/vipslogin

Reminder:

School hours are 7:30 a.m. – 2:50 p.m. Students can be dropped-off at 7 a.m. It is imperative that students arrive on time. Missed instructional time at the beginning of the day has a negative impact on student performance. We want every student to be successful. Arriving on time establishes a healthy routine and ensures that students are ready for learning.

Attendance is very important. Students should come to school **ALL DAY EVERY DAY**. Absences should only occur if a child is ill or an emergency occurs. These absences should be rare and infrequent. Early pick-up should be reserved for appointments only. A note from the doctor/dentist is required for students leaving early for appointments. All students who have perfect attendance at the end of the school year will qualify for the end of the year field trip. Keep in mind that students with tardies will be disqualified from the trip.

Pre-K Enrollment for 2020-2021 School Year

There is a new process for Pre-K enrollment. Please check the HISD website under Magnet & Program Choice Transfer Prekindergarten Enrollment for details and instructions. Information fliers are also available in the office.



Photo ID required **each time** you visit school and for checking-out students for early release.



**No Parking on Hazelton for Drop-Off,
Pick-up or Walk-up
Citations will be issued by HISD Police
and HPD.**



