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Welcome back from the winter break! I am hoping everyone had an enjoyable time with family and friends. Our first semester was very productive. I am looking forward to an outstanding second semester. Report cards will go home on January 10th. Please talk to your child about any grade below 70 or a conduct grade of P or U. It is important to remember that HISD and the State of Texas have established promotion standards that students must meet to be promoted to the next grade. Schedule a conference with your child's teacher if you have any concerns about your child's progress. Go to www.houstonisd.org for more information on promotion standards.

Student attendance can use some improvement. It is very important that students come to school every day - all day unless they are ill. Every minute of the school day is important. Your cooperation is needed to improve attendance.

Let's gear up to make the spring semester a great one!



Upcoming Events - January

- 06- Student Return
- 10- Report Cards Go Home
- 10- Coffee with the Principal 8:00 a.m.
- 13- Tutorials 3:00-4:00
- 14- Tutorials 3:00-4:00
- 14- Spelling Bee 1:00
- 15- Tutorials 3:00-4:00
- 15- Real Men Read 8:30 a.m.
- 15- Free Dress Day
- 16- Honor Roll/Perfect Attendance Celebration
- 16- BMX Show (Chocolate Sales)
- 17- Early Dismissal 12:00 noon
- 20- Holiday No School
- 21- Tutorials 3:00-4:00
- 22- Tutorials 3:00-4:00
- 22- 3rd Grade to Museum of Fine Arts
- 25- Saturday Tutorials 9:00-Noon
- 27- Tutorials 3:00-4:00
- 28- Tutorials 3:00-4:00
- 29- Tutorials 3:00-4:00

Science Fair Packets going home in Tuesday Folders!

New Procedure for Pre-K Enrollment 2020-2021 School Year

The procedure for PK enrollment has changed. All applications must be completed on-line by February 28, 2020. Students will be selected through lottery process. See attached information sheet for more detailed information.

PK Timelines

Phase 1 (Sept. 27 – Feb. 28, 2020) Qualified in-district, TEA Eligible applications received during this phase will be entered into lotteries.

Phase 2 (Feb. 29 – onward) Qualified in-district, TEA Eligible applications will be considered on a space available basis.

Phase 3 (June 1, 2020 – onward) TEA Non-Eligible (tuition-based) PK 4 and TEA Eligible PK 3 applications will be considered on a space available basis.

Notification By midnight on May 1, 2020, notification of PK Phase 1 acceptance for Phase 1 applicants. Status will be viewable online and via email.

Who's Who?



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S.T.E.M. Magnet

Theme: *Engineering*

Math Lab:

In the Math Lab students will learn how Civil Engineers work to improve travel and commerce, provide people with safe drinking water, and protect communities from earthquakes and floods. Students will construct a road and bridge to people in a community to their work and home lives.

Science Lab:

This month in the Science Lab, students will be learning about weather. Upper students will learn about the water cycle, how water continuously moves between the atmosphere and Earth's surface. Primary students will learn about weather types, and how different types of weather inform what we wear to stay safe. All students will also have an engineering challenge this month. Upper students will be designing, building, and testing a house that can withstand a windstorm, while primary students will be designing, building, and testing a structure to provide shade for an ice cube.

Computer Lab

This month in the Computer Lab, students will be learning about mechanical and civil engineering, and how engineering involves the design, production and operation of machinery. Pre-K through second grade will focus on this discipline by understanding simple machines and how we interact with them daily, also learning how friction and force work through them. Third through fifth grade students will investigate more about simple machines, applying comprehension in class experimentation using the Computer Lab to reinforce these concepts. We will also work with SketchUp Pro to explore various aspects of mechanical engineering.



Magnet Coordinator/LaFoscia Maxie Magnet Minutes

Happy 2nd Semester! We have made it through the first half of the school year. This month's **Magnet Theme is Engineering**. Ask your child what an engineer does. Engineers are some of the original problem-solvers. Some vocabulary words that you may hear are: *process, investigate, observations, and reflect*.

- **Magnet notifications** will go out via U.S. Mail, email, and the online Smart Choice website on **January 30, 2020**. Parents have 10 days to select and confirm their school choice for the 2020-2021 school year.
- We have completed testing for G/T for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. We are currently accepting applications for **prekindergarten students for G/T Testing**. The deadline to apply is **January 24, 2020**. The testing will take place in February. More information will be sent home in Tuesday folders.
- Red has been selected for **National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) testing**. This is a nation-wide assessment where students are preselected for testing. This is specific to nine-year old students. More information will be sent home in Tuesday folders. This assessment is scheduled for **February 5, 2020**.

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

GRADE LEVEL NEWS



Pre-K

Welcome back! We have started Middle of the Year assessments. Parents will receive results in February. If you have any questions about assessment, please contact your child's teacher. Remember to read to your child daily, it is a great way to increase vocabulary. Make sure your child has an extra complete (shirt, bottoms, underwear & socks) set of clothes to keep at school in case of a spill or accident. Thank you

Kindergarten

This month, kindergarten will practice reading, learn about living and non-living things, learn about different jobs and why they are important, practice counting to 100 and beginning to solve basic addition and subtraction problems. We will continue to practice independence with simple tasks like zipping up jackets and keeping personal work spaces clean and organized.

1st Grade

Welcome back, First Grade! This month we will be exploring fairy tales, folktales, fables, and nursery rhymes. We will continue our practice in skip counting and representing numbers; however, students are now expected to show mathematical fluency with numbers up to 120. It's all about natural resources, uses, and conservation of these resources in science this month. We will be studying soil and its layers. We will also focus our time on studying Martin Luther King, Jr. and the profound impact he left on our nation. Additionally, we will discuss job and the importance of working in the community.

2nd Grade

3rd Grade

Third grade is focusing on mastering multiplication and division facts as well as starting the unit on drama. Our next field trip is scheduled for January 22, we are visiting the Museum of Fine Arts.

4th Grade

We are back and ready for a great year! In math we are learning about units of measurement, both customary and metric systems. We will also be calculating area and perimeter of square figures.

This month in reading, we will be focusing on making connections between two texts (Paired selections) with a continued focus on understanding nonfiction texts. We will be digging into our writing with a renewed energy towards revising and editing previous compositions.

5th Grade

Report Cards will be sent home January 10th. Middle of the Year Ren360 testing will be completed before January 17th for math and reading. The testing window for Snapshot 2 is January 27-31, 2020. Please remind your students to bring home and return their Tuesday folders each week!

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. We will complete running records for reading and fluency by January 17th.

In Math, students will be working on the TEKS 5.5A, 5.7A, 5.4B, and 5.4H. The standards on Snapshot 2 are: 5.3A, 5.3J, 5.3L, 5.4E, 5.4F, 5.5A, and 5.7A. Students can always practice these TEKS on Reasoning Mind.

Pep Squad Practice dates:

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Practice is until 4:15 PM and students are to be picked up from the circle drive out front. Please wait in the line until a coach dismisses your child and do not block the entrance to the parking lot. Afterschool Care parents need to be able to pick their students up quickly and safely. Thank you! Basketball schedule will be sent via Remind.



1/8
1/15
1/22
1/29



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.

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



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

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.

**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.

Notes from The Nurse

It's Cold & Flu Season Again

It's not always easy to tell the difference between a cold and the flu, but here are some general symptoms that may help differentiate between them:

Flu Symptoms

Sudden Onset

High Fever

Severe Exhaustion

Dry Cough

Headache

Decreased Appetite

Muscle Aches

Chills

Usually no sore throat

Cold Symptoms

Slow onset

No (or mild) Fever

Mild Exhaustion

Severe or Hacking Cough

Usually no headache

Normal Appetite

Usually no muscle aches

Usually no chills

Sore Throat

Important note: Symptoms vary from child to child; call your child's healthcare provider if you suspect the flu. As always please keep your child at home for fever over 100° in the last 24 hours. Students **MUST** be fever free without the aid of fever reducers for 24 hours

Please do not send your student to school if they had fever the night before or that morning. Students sent to school after given fever reducers are still contagious to the other students & staff. Keeping your sick child home prevents their classmates & teachers from being exposed to illness.

Washing hands and keeping hands away from the face also helps in preventing illness. We can protect and strengthen our own immunity by eating nutritious foods, exercising, sleeping 8 –10 hours a night, and reducing stress.

If you are unsure - call your health care provider or Nurse Harvey for advice.



