



A Message from the Principal

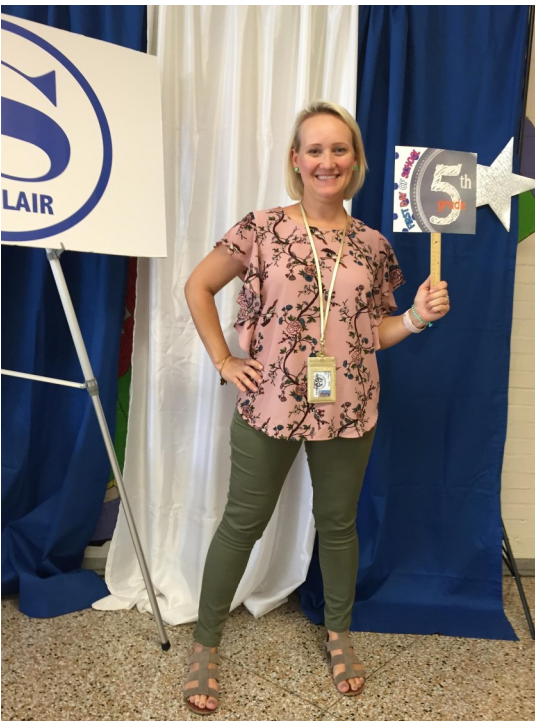
Wow, we have had a busy last few weeks; Dads with doughnuts, Veterans Breakfast, Turkey Lunch, Tri-Turkey-lon, and Superstar Showcase! Each time we hold an event I am impressed with the number of parents that turn out to support the students at Sinclair. Thank you parents for your continued support! Each time your child sees you involved with school it sends a clear message — school is important and I care about your education. We have another 4 weeks of school until the winter break which will mark the end of another grading cycle. Continue to talk with your child on a daily basis about school, their grades, and stress the importance of reading every day.

I am looking for some Dads to start a new initiative at Sinclair: Dads on Duty. The idea is to get at least one Dad from each grade level to commit to being at school every other Friday. Dads will come to school in the morning to help with arrival, be assigned to a classroom during the day, be on cafeteria duty while their child eats lunch, then rotate through classrooms again before working dismissal. We'll give them a break midday and provide lunch! If you are interested please send me an email at lmashbur@houstonisd.org

Continue to read with and encourage your child to read everyday. This can be the single most important thing you do to encourage academic success.

“One, remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Two, never give up work. Work gives you meaning and purpose and life is empty without it. Three, if you are lucky enough to find love, remember it is there and don't throw it away.”

Stephen Hawking



Teacher Spotlight:

Mrs. Smith, 5th Grade Math

- This is her 1st year as a teacher.
- Likes seafood and sparkling water.
- Mrs. Smith always has a smile and is doing an awesome job with our 5th grade students. Thank you Mrs. Smith for all that you do to make your students successful. When asked about teaching she said, “I chose teaching because I wanted to empower students to take ownership of their education. Also, I wanted to bring my previous career experience in accounting to our math students and make math relatable to their future.”



DECEMBER

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

December 1st

Kinder Oil Ranch field trip

Family Movie Night

Jaycee Park, 5:30—7:30

December 4th

Junior Cheer Squad Meeting

Room 202, 3:30—5:30

December 5th

3rd grade Musiqia field trip

December 6th

Senior Cheer Squad Meeting

Room 202, 3:30—5:30

December 9th

UIL One Act Play Festival

Hogg Middle School, 10:00

December 11th

5th grade Houston Zoo field trip

December 13th

Spirit Night

Pink's Pizza @ 34th & Shepard, 5:30—7:00

December 14th

PTO Meeting & Winter Show

Cafeteria, 6:00

December 15th

Spelling Bee (2nd through 5th)

Cafeteria, 1:50

Magnet/Vanguard Coordinator Message

Reflecting on the overwhelming parent/guardian attendance at the Superstar Showcase and Middle School Open House, I would like to extend once again our gratitude to all the adults in our students' lives who are heavily involved in supporting our magnet and vanguard programming. Both programs continue to evolve and get stronger with each coming year because of your support. Our students were so proud to share their projects with you and we hope that you will all join us again in the spring to celebrate their second semester. Our 4th and 5th graders were also able to see your investment in their education through attendance at the middle school open house. This in turn prompted them to begin thinking about goals for their academic future.

As we evolve, our magnet team is focusing on giving students additional field experiences related to the enrichment curriculum they receive on campus. Mrs. Adams, our drama teacher, hosted our 4th graders on the first magnet field trip of the year to the Renaissance Festival. They will continue to reflect back on this experience as they explore Renaissance music with Ms. Catoire later in the year and as they engage with Shakespeare in 5th grade next year. Ms. Catoire will be hosting our second magnet field trip next week as our 3rd graders experience the performing arts district downtown through a global music concert. Stay tuned for additional magnet field experiences for other grade levels in the spring semester! I am certain that many of our Superstar Parents have connections related to our magnet programming — if you would like to partner with us to create a field experience for our students related to STEM, Journalism, or Broadcast Communications, please reach out to me at Rebecca.Nielsen@HoustonISD.org.

A few reminders and announcements:

Magnet Application Deadline — The deadline to apply to magnet programs is **DECEMBER 8th**. If you are a PK family not zoned to Sinclair, or a current PK-4th grade family zoned to Sinclair but moving out of zone, please be sure to apply to Sinclair prior to this deadline and make your rankings accordingly. 5th grade families, please be sure to consider your middle school options at the final school choice fair of the semester this Saturday, December 2nd from 9AM—12PM at Key Middle School, and submit your final middle school applications by the deadline.

GT Testing — We just finished our universal testing for kindergarten and 5th grade students not yet identified as GT. In December and January, we will be moving on to testing for 1st through 4th grade students who submitted an application. Parents will receive a letter the week of December 11th with specific details.

A message from the PTO

We have a lot going on during the month of December. Please check the calendar and help us to help support Sinclair Elementary. We love our volunteers; please join us! Email volunteer@sinclairpto.org.