APRIL 9, 2014 NEWSLETTER

Helms Elementary

A Dual Language Magnet School



From the Desk of

Principal, Ms. Diana Del Pilar:

Dear parents,

Your voice and input is needed. I would like to encourage you to complete and return the parent survey that is going home this week. Your input is highly valued and needed to improve our school and make it the best school for our children.

I also invite you to attend our upcoming parent input meeting on Monday, April 14th at 6PM. **THIS MEETING IS VERY IMPORTANT.** You will have the opportunity to engage our Shared Decision Making Committee Members in a panel discussion and share your input on school improvement.

I look forward to seeing you there.

PTA Announcements

Helms Family Camp Out:

When: April 25, 26 & 27. **Where:** Double Lake Recreation Area. **More info:** Please, contact Carol Burton (Parent Volunteer) @ 281-865-1966

Camp Out the whole weekend or come up for jus the day. Lots of family fun, fishing, bring your bikes and there is hiking. Create those childhood memories that last a lifetime. If you are interested, you can still register. Forms available, contact Carol Burton.

PTA General Meeting:

When: April 15th. Where: Library. Time: 5:45 pm

You don't want to miss this meeting. We will voting for the officers that will be serving on the PTA board for the next school year, 2014-2015. Come and hear the principal's report to find out what is going on with the school.

Helms Spring Auction: A Storybook Affair

Raising funds for Literacy and the PTA. Mark your calendars if you have not. The event will be on May 2 at 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm. More information will be send home soon.

Upcoming Events

- April 10:
- Spring Individual Pictures (Grades PK 2nd)
- April 11:
 - Spring Individual Pictures (3rd-5th & Mrs. A's)
- April 11: 1:40 PM @ Cafeteria
 Bilingual Spelling Bee
- April 13 19:
- Helms Week of the Young Child
- April 13 19:
- National Library Week
- April 15: 9:30 AM
- PreK Field Trip to Houston Zoo
- April 15: 3:45 5:15 PM SDMC Meeting
- April 15: 5:45 PM @ Library
 PTA General Meeting
- April 16:
- Progress Reports go home (Gr. $K 5^{th}$)
- April 16:
- National Librarian Day
- April 17:
- VIP Breakfast
- April 18:
 Winter Storm Make-up Day
- April 19: 8:00 AM 12:00 PM
- 5th Grade Students Energy Workshop
- April 22:
- Earth Day

 April 22:
- STAAR Math (Grades 3rd & 4th)
- April 23:
 - STAAR Reading (Grades 3rd & 4th)
- April 23:
- STAAR Science (5th Grade)
- April 25 27: @ Double Lake Recreat. Area Helms Family Camp Out
- May 2: 6:30 10:30 PM @ CRG
- Helms Spring Auction: A Storybook Affair
- May 14: 6:00 PM
 Parent Input Meeting

Important Announcement

Spring Individual Picture Day:

Mark your calendar for Spring Individual Picture Day. Send no money now. On Monday your child received a picture form to choose the pose. Please return this form with your child on picture day. You will review your portraits at home. If you decide not to purchase them, please return the pictures to your child's teacher.

Grades PK – 2^{nd} on Thursday, April 10th (Free Dress Day for them on this day).

Grades $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$ and Ms. Allietta's class on Friday, April 11^{th} (Free Dress Day for them on this day).