

# December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Newsletter

## Helms Elementary

A Dual Language Magnet School



### From the Desk of

**Principal, Ms. Diana Del Pilar** - Dear Helms families,

It was so good to see all of you at our **family literacy night**. I hope everyone enjoyed the opportunity to enjoy a good read aloud along with your child's class and our Helms' families and friends. Pajamas, cookies, milk, and a good book always make for a wonderful and memorable experience. I would like to give a shout out to our **Helms' teachers and PTA** for collaborating to make literacy night a joy for the season.

\*\*\*\*\***ALERT**\*\*\*\*\*

Please claim any lost items by this **Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 2012**. We will be donating all items to a nonprofit charitable organization at the end of the day.

**Magnet Coordinator, Julie Sanchez** –

**Dear PK parents:** You have received a copy of the **magnet application** so that your child can apply for the **Dual Language Kindergarten program** for the 2013-2014 school year. Every child who is interested in Dual Language must apply in order to be placed in the lottery for the magnet program.

Return finished applications to **Ms. Alvarado** in the front office before **January 11, 2013**

A reminder to parents: please be on time to pick up your child after school and after tutorials. If they are not picked up on time, we will send them to the after school program which will result in a monetary charge

**Helms PTA** – The **Winter Box Tops Collection Contest** begins **Dec 17<sup>th</sup>** & runs through **Feb 1<sup>st</sup>**, please turn them into **Ms.Hardin**.

In the Spirit of Giving, please consider donating school supplies for those students who have been affected by **Hurricane Sandy**. Many schools lost all of their supplies and have had devastating damage due to flooding. Supplies collected will be sent directly to students affected. Here's how each grade level can help gather items in need: **pk** – pencils, **kinder** – pens, **1<sup>st</sup>** - notebooks, **2<sup>nd</sup>** – folders, **3<sup>rd</sup>** markers, **4<sup>th</sup>** – crayons, **5<sup>th</sup>** - safety scissors.

There is a large box in the **front hall** of the school for drop off of the supplies. For more information, please contact **Allison Hartley** at **allisondegiahartley@gmail.com**

**Nurse, Ms. Barraza** - **Project Saving Smiles** permission forms are due by **Friday, December 14, 2012**. Remember-no late permission forms can be accepted.

**If your child failed their vision screening** and received a permission form for the Vision Partnership field trip, all Permission forms are due to Nurse Barraza by **Friday, December 21, 2012**.

## Upcoming Events

**December 12**

Picture retake day

**December 13**

2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip

**December 14**

Early Childhood Winter Choir  
Performance @ Reagan HS

## Important Announcements

**Future Early Dismissal Dates**  
(12:45pm)

January 30<sup>th</sup> & February 20<sup>th</sup> .

### PTA

THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER PTA  
GENERAL MEETING. PTA GENERAL  
MEETINGS WILL RESUME JANUARY 17,  
2013

### Picture Retake Day

December 12, 2012

In the cafeteria. For those who were  
absent or didn't like the first set.

## Parent Connection

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