MARCH 26, 2014 NEWSLETTER

Helms Elementary

A Dual Language Magnet School



From the Desk of

Principal, Ms. Diana Del Pilar:

Dear Helms Parents:

Hooray for our New Parking Lot!!!! Thank you to all parents for using the parking spaces and driving safely.

VERY IMPORTANT - Mark your calendar:

- 1) Final Principal Profile Meeting on March 27, 2014 at 6:00PM
- 2) Parent Input Meeting regarding school procedures and policies for the 2014-2015 school year will be on May 14, 2014 at 6:00PM
- 3) Parent Surveys coming soon! Next week you will receive surveys that will help us plan our Parent Input Meeting. Your voice and response to the survey is very important. We want to hear from you!

Extended School Year Update:

Helms Elementary School will be participating in Extended School Year for selected students in PreK – 2^{nd} grade. You will receive a detailed letter next week with the dates, times, and eligibility for this special opportunity. This program will offer students academic reinforcement and enrichment as well as a variety of fine arts and technology/science experiences. We will have field trips throughout the summer as well.

PTA Announcements

Helms Family Camp Out:

Camp Out the whole weekend or come up for just the day. Lots of family fun: fishing, bring your bikes for biking, and hiking, Create those childhood memories that last a life time.

When?: April 25, 26, 27. Where?: Double Lake Recreation Area. For more info: Contact Carol Burton, parent volunteer at 281-865-1966.

Helms Spring Auction: A Storybook Affair:

Raising Funds for Literacy and the PTA.

After School Care will provide childcare ON SITE. Parents will have to reserve/pay in advance and through After School Care.

Date: Friday, May 2, 2014. Time: 6:30 - 10:30 PM Location: CRG (Contract Resource Group) 7108 Old Katy Road, Suite 150 (77024) Ticket Prices: \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door.

Upcoming Events

- March 27: 6:00 PM
 Principal Profile Meeting
- March 28:

Report Cards Go Home (Gr. K-5th)

- March 29: 8:00 AM 12:00 PM Saturday Tutorials (Gr. 3rd – 5th)
- April 1:

STAAR Writing (4th Grade, Day 1)

• April 1:

STAAR Math (5th Grade)

April 2:

STAAR Writing (4th Grade, Day 2)

April 2:

STAAR Reading (5th Grade)

- April 2: 5:30 7:00 PM @ Conf. Rm.
 PTA Board Meeting
- April 6-12:

National Volunteer Week

April 7:

Popcorn Pick up Day

April 10:

Spring Individual Pictures (PK – 2nd)

April 11:

Spring Individual Pictures (Grades 3rd – 5th & Mrs. Allietta's)

- April 11: 1:40 PM @ Cafeteria
 Bilingual Spelling Bee
- April 13-19:

National Library Week

- April 15: 3:45 5:15 PM
 SDMC Meeting
- April 15: 5:30 PM @ Library
 PTA General Meeting
- April 16:

National Librarian Day

April 18:

Winter Storm Make-up Day

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 Area
 Helms Family Camp Out
- May 2: 6:30 10:30 PM @ CRG
 Spring Auction: A Storybook Affair
- May 4-10:

Teacher Appreciation Week

• May 5:

Cinco de Mayo

May 5-9:

Stanford/Aprenda ($Gr. 1^{st} - 5^{th}$)

May 6:

Nat. Teacher Appreciation Day

May 7:

National School Nurse Day

- May 7: 5:30 7:00 PM @ Conf. Rm.
 PTA Board Meeting
- May 14:

Parent Input Meeting