



The Falcon Flyer

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

We have completed our first 7 weeks of school, and Student Attendance has been good. Thank you, Parents, for making sure that your child attends school every day! We have amazing students, parents, teachers, and staff who contribute to the success of our school. We greatly appreciate your support by attending Parent-Teacher Conferences, and keeping the lines of communication open with your child's teacher. Working together will help all of our students achieve academic success this school year!

Principal K. Hobbs

Nurses Notes

We look forward to cooler temperatures but the weather change can trigger asthma attacks. If your child has asthma, please bring the medication with the DOCTOR'S ORDER form to the clinic. The form must be signed by both the parent and the physician. It is extremely important that we have your child's medication here at school so we can treat when needed and avoid having to go home or to the ER! Please remind your children to cough into their bent elbow and to keep their hands to themselves and washed! If your child has a fever of 100 or over, HISD policy requires you to keep him/her home. Your child will get well faster and it will help the other students stay healthy, too! A written note from you will excuse the absence.



Aiming For A Cause

This year the middle school PE dept. will be having a Dodgeball tournament on early dismissal October 11th. Information will be given during PE class on Monday October 3rd. Middle students may wear PINK socks on this day. This will be in place of the 3 on 3 shooting for a cause, monies raised to play or watch the dodgeball games will go to The V. Foundation for cancer research. See Coach Serpa jserpa@houstonisd.org for more information.

Pick A Parade

On the last Friday, October 28th, the Grade 1 students are invited to dress as their favorite storybook characters. On October 31st the Kindergarten students have a chance to be creative and dress up as their favorite storybook character. More information will be sent home with students.



Student Council

The Student Council is at work on various projects. The school wide Clean Cluster Competition began in October. The student leaders are focusing efforts on the Go Green, Helping Hands, Spirit, and Announcement Committees., STEM-UP Night, and the Memorial Garden activities. They will also coordinate the food drive for the Houston Food Bank.

College and Career

We are excited to have Nia Bradford from Houston ISD's College and Career Readiness Department on campus. She is presenting to our 8th grade students On October 10th about *choosing a high school*. Then on Monday Oct. 17th at 12:30 PM Magnet Coordinators from all the HISD Magnet High School programs will be on campus to present information about their schools and all 8th graders and their parents are invited. Additionally, grade 8 students will take the PSAT Test on **October 19** that provides information on their college readiness.

7th Grade: Congratulations to the 7th grade students who qualified to participate in the Duke Tips program. Letters will be sent home with applications to take the SAT. Parents and students are invited to attend an informational session on our Early Dismissal day, Oct 11th at 1:30 PM. We will work on preparing the applications during that time. The Duke Tips SAT will be given on Jan. 21, 2017.

Falcon Flyer Going Green

In our efforts to help the environment, beginning with the November issue, the Falcon Flyer will be available only from our website. It will be published the 2nd week of every month. You will have the option to print your own copy. We will have a handful of printed copies in the main office for those who do not have internet at home. We appreciate your assistance with saving the environment one page at a time.

STEM Call

Calling all 6th, 7th and 8th graders to sign up to participate in, Science Fair, Poster contest and/or Research writing this year. For more info ask your teachers and see or email our Science Fair Coordinators A. Veneziale and C. Callegari.

Special Dates...

- October** Red Ribbon and College/ Career Readiness Month
- 3 V ball Rice @ Pershing 5-7PM
- 4 Red Ribbon Essay Contest Begins
- 6 Magnet Tour of School 9:00 AM
- 8 Gr 7 & 8 Cross Country Meet 8:30 am @Herman Brown Park
- 8 Gr 8 Volleyball tournament at Episcopal
- 10 V ball Game vs Meyerland @ Rice 5-7 PM
Pink out Game to support the V Foundation for breast cancer research
- 11 Dodgeball tournament during PE. Wear pink socks
- 11 **Early Dismissal 12:35 pm**
- 11 Duke Tips Meeting 1:30 in Rm E115
- 12 **Fall Holiday No School**
- 13 School Day. Students Return
- 13-14 Pumpkin Investigation in Kindergarten
- 13 Magnet Tour of School 9:00 AM
- 17 8th Gr -HS Magnet Fair @12:30pm-1:30pm
- 17 V ball Game Rice @ Welch 5-7PM
- 19 PSAT Test for Gr 8 @ 8:15AM
- 20 Magnet Tour of School 9:00 AM
- 22 V Ball Spike Sport Tournament 7:45am
- 24 V ball Game vs Pin Oak @ Rice 5-7PM
- 25 Retakes and Class Pictures K-5th/
8th Gr. Panoramic Pictures
- 24-28 Red Ribbon Week
- M* Reddy to be drug free (Wear RED)
- T* Be a Jeanous (Wear jeans)
- W* Put a cap on drugs – wear hats
- Th* Say “peace out” to drugs – 70’s wear
- F* Be a hero–Don’t let drugs costume your life (Wear super hero shirts)
- 27 Magnet Tours 9:00AM and 1:00 PM
- 31 Final day to submit Red Ribbon Essays

November

- 8 Voting Elections

October Focus

October is Drug Prevention Month with a focus on Red Ribbons. Red Ribbon begins with students across America committing to living healthy drug-free lives. The NJHS is leading Red Ribbon Week October 24–28 with *Take a Stand: Elect to live Drug Free*. Start writing your essays now. Prizes will be provided by our wonderful PTO.

Memorial Garden Kickoff

Many thanks to Professor Richard Haddock and his Landscape Design students from Houston Community College. As a class project they are designing a plan for our Memorial Harmony Garden. Watch for the blue print design we will have on display.