

# MARCH 12, 2014 NEWSLETTER

## Helms Elementary

A Dual Language Magnet School



### From the Desk of

#### Principal, Ms. Diana Del Pilar:

Dear parents, this is a reminder to attend the two upcoming principal profile meetings on March 13<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6p.m. at Helms with the School Support Officer Angela McConico. It is my hope that you engage this process. Thank you.

### Important Announcements

#### Name That Book Contest:

The Name That Book Club members placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the HISD Contest. The Name That Book Contest serves to acquaint HISD students with award-winning books, representing a variety of genres. Helms students have been busy reading over 30 books and practicing for the competition, which took place on March 4, 2014. Members of the team Helms are: Vincent Wollner, Romina Wright, Glenn Wilcoxon, Elizabeth Bauer, Paloma Geisler, Joseph Busch, Angelica Franklin, Korin Saucedo, Zoe Vontoure, Joshua Harris, Flora Moreno, Stephen Freeman, Sara Paniagua, Oliver Heard and Evan Wright-Artigas. We are very proud of their hard work and dedication.

#### Bilingual Spelling Bee:

**When?** Friday, April 11, 2014. **Where?** Helms Cafeteria. **Time?** 1:40 PM.  
**More info and documents:** Helms' website: [www.houstonisd.org/helms](http://www.houstonisd.org/helms)

### PTA Announcements

#### PTA General Meeting has been moved to March 24<sup>th</sup>:

Due to a scheduling conflict, the PTA general meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> has been moved to Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> so that the board can meet with the general membership to discuss the principal selection process. If you are interested in being on the interview panel, we would encourage you be present at this meeting. We will also be nominating members to be on the Nomination Committee. The meeting will start at 5:30 pm and childcare will be provided. Hope to see you there!

#### It's Popcorn Time!!!:

Please sell as much popcorn to raise money for our school. Popcorn is \$5 a bag and Helms makes \$2.50 per bag. Orders due March 25<sup>th</sup>. Pick up day Monday April 7<sup>th</sup>. Smoothie party for the class that sells the most popcorn. The highest seller will receive a \$50 Chucky Cheese gift card and the next 3 highest sellers will receive a \$10 Fat Cat Creamery gift card. Extra order forms are available in the office. Call Natasha Heard if you have any questions on 281-650-0767.

### Upcoming Events

- **March 13: 2:00 – 3:15 PM**  
STAAR Pep-Rally (Gr. 3 – 5 & Ms. A's)
- **March 13: 6:00 PM**  
Principal Profile Meeting
- **March 14: 8:30 AM @ Cafeteria**  
PAC Meeting & Coffee w/ Principal
- **March 14:**  
End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle
- **March 17-19:**  
Spring Into Writing Workshop
- **March 17-21:**  
Spring Break
- **March 24:**  
Boy Scout Talk (Gr. 1 – 5, only boys)
- **March 24: 5:30 – 7:00 PM @ Library**  
PTA General Meeting
- **March 25: 3:45 – 5:15 PM**  
SDMC Meeting
- **March 25:**  
Last day of Popcorn Sales
- **March 27: 6:00 PM**  
Principal Profile Meeting
- **March 28:**  
Report Cards Go Home (Gr. K – 5<sup>th</sup>)
- **March 29: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
Saturday Tutorials (Gr. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>)
- **April 2: 5:30 – 7:00 PM @ Conf. Room**  
PTA Board Meeting

### PTA Events

#### Helms Family Camp Out:

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

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.

#### Helms Spring Auction A Storybook Affair:

Raising Funds for Literacy and the PTA.  
**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

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