

APRIL 16, 2014 NEWSLETTER

Helms Elementary

A Dual Language Magnet School



From the Desk of

Principal, Ms. Diana Del Pilar:

Dear parents, Thank you so much for your participation in our recent parent input meeting. Your feedback and ideas are greatly valued and appreciated. If you missed this opportunity, please feel free to reach out to me or any of our SDMC members to share your suggestions on how to improve our school. Mrs. Chyna Harris, PTA president is an SDMC member that is accessible and can also take your input.

Next week is STAAR test week, parents and visitors are not allowed. Please help us ensure a secure testing environment.

This week you should have received a short survey. Please fill it out and return it by Friday. This is a way we can also improve our campus. The class with the highest number of returned surveys in each grade will win a free dress day!

VIPS Coordinator, Ms. Cristina Alejandro:

The VIPs Breakfast has been moved to May 1, 2014. Invitations will go out next week, April 24th.

P.E. Teacher, Mr. Calvin Easterday:

Good morning parents, starting Monday April 28th extending through Friday May 2nd I am looking for 4 parent volunteers per class to help Mrs. Che create some box cars for field day. Pre-k is 8:50-9:40 Kinder is 9:40-10:30 1st grade is 10:30 to 11:20 and 2nd grade is 11:20 -12:10. If you can make some time to come help out during your child's class on their ancillary ART day to help make some box cars that would be greatly appreciated. If you're unable to help in the construction of the box car maybe you would be willing to donate some of the following materials; large cardboard box, strong string/rope, colorful duct tape, paint, or any other creative material that could be used for constructing a box car. Thanks, Mr. Easterday

Upcoming Events

- **Until April 19:**
Helms Week of the Young Child
- **Until April 19:**
National Library Week
- **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 R. Area**
Helms Family Camp Out
- **April 30: 5:45 PM @ Library**
PTA General Meeting
- **May 1:**
VIP Breakfast
- **May 4 – 10:**
Teacher Appreciation Week
- **May 5 – 9:**
Stanford and Aprenda Testing (1st–5th)
- **May 5:**
Cinco de Mayo
- **May 6:**
National Teacher Appreciation Day
- **May 7:**
National School Nurse Day
- **May 7: 5:30 PM @ Conference Room**
PTA Board Meeting
- **May 10:**
Día de las Madres
- **May 11:**
Mothers Day
- **May 20: 9:00 AM**
PreK Awards
- **May 20: 3:45 PM**
SDMC Meeting
- **May 20: 5:30 PM @ Library**
PTA General Meeting

PTA Announcements

Helms Family Camp Out:

When: April 25, 26 & 27. **Where:** Double Lake Recreation Area. **More info:** 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 has been rescheduled:

When: April 30th. **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.