

APRIL 23, 2014 NEWSLETTER

Helms Elementary

A Dual Language Magnet School



From the Desk of

Principal, Ms. Diana Del Pilar:

Dear Helms Parents, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that daily attendance is extremely important to our school. We have many incentives in place to reward students for coming to school, including a moonwalk jump party and perfect attendance pencils. Our current attendance average is 96%. This is a decrease from last year's average of 96.7%. Our campus goal for this year is 97.5%. We need your help.

Please turn in your ABSENCE NOTES to Mrs. Alvarado for every absence by Monday morning. Every family that turns in an absence note will receive a Free Dress Day pass.

Students who have been absent or tardy must present a written excuse from the parents or guardian when they return to school. Excuses for absences and tardies are:

- personal illness
- sickness or death in the family
- quarantine
- weather or road conditions making travel dangerous
- participation in school activities with permission of the principal
- juvenile court proceeding documented by a probation officer
- approved college visitation
- emergencies
- or "any other cause acceptable to teacher, principal, or superintendent"

Upcoming Events

- **April 25 – 27: @ Double Lake Recreat. Area**
Helms Family Camp Out
- **April 30: 5:45 PM @ Library**
PTA General Meeting
- **May 1:**
VIP Breakfast
- **May 2:**
Helms Custodian Appreciation Day
- **May 4 – 10:**
Teacher Appreciation Week
- **May 5 – 9 & 12 – 13:**
Stanford and Aprenda Testing (Gr. 1st to 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 13:**
Math STAAR Gr.5, 2nd Adm.
- **May 14:**
Reading STAAR Gr.5, 2nd Adm.
- **May 15: 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM**
K – 2nd & Ms. Allietta's Class Field Trip
- **May 16: 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM**
3rd – 5th Field Day
- **May 20: 3:45 – 5:15 PM**
SDMC Meeting
- **May 20: 5:30 PM @ Library**
PTA General Meeting

PTA Announcement

Helms Family Camp - Out: Friday - Sunday, April 25-27, 2014 (sponsored by the Helms PTA):

Let's Go Camping! Let's Have Some Outdoor Fun! Stay for the Weekend or Come for the Day!

Campground: Double Lake Recreation Area, Coldspring, TX 77331. **Check in time:** Friday, 4:00 PM. **Check out:** Sunday, 1:00 PM

Tent camping fees: We will camp in two group sites already reserved: \$10.00 per family for up to 5 people (to be paid at time of registration- paid to the Helms PTA). Cost is the same for camping one night only or two nights. \$9.00 per vehicle, per night, to be paid at campground entrance.

Note: We welcome those families that wish to come for the day only. The cost for day use only (at campground entrance) is \$6.00 per vehicle for up to 5 people. Day only visitors do not pay the \$10 camping fee.

What to bring: Bring your own tent, camping equipment and your family's food. We will have a Helms Potluck on Saturday at 4:00 PM, so bring a dish to share.

For more information: Call or email Carol Burton, carolurbanharvest@gmail.com or 281-865 1966. Helms Family Camp-Out Registration Form available at Helms website: <http://www.houstonisd.org/helms>