

HES Hippo Happenings- Parent Edition

WEEK OF OCTOBER OCTOBER 4TH

CAMPUS NEWS

Hello HES Families-

Just a reminder that there is no school next Monday, October 11th.

We have some exciting news about our PreK/Kinder wing that has been under construction. It is ready for our Prek and Kinder classes to move into (yay!), and our classes will be moving in over the course of the next few weeks. Mrs. Trent's Kinder class actually got moved over on Friday, and the kiddos were so excited about their new space. All classes should be moved in and settled by the end of October. Hopefully our front office and front drive will follow soon and be open again toward the end of November, and our kitchen and cafeteria should be finished not too long after that.

Our annual fall Big Kahuna Fundraiser ends this Friday, October 8th.

Thank you in advance for your support with this year's fundraiser.

Our annual fundraiser is a way to raise money to pay for various items that come up through the school year that our regular operating budget doesn't cover. In the past, we've used these funds for classroom libraries, leveled literacy intervention kits, professional development for teachers, luncheons and teacher appreciation, Field Day, end of the year student activities, and many other items that come up as a school year unfolds.

Just a reminder that our school day now starts at 7:30 this school year. We have a steady stream of cars arriving after the 7:30 bell--some as late as 7:40/7:45. We start opening car doors at 7:00 even though our doors don't open until 7:10 to get the traffic through, so that is no longer a challenge. If your child is arriving after 7:30, he/she is missing the start of the school day. Please work to ensure your child arrives before 7:30 so he/she can start the school day with classmates and is not marked tardy. If for some reason there is not an adult outside after 7:30, you will need to drive to our office entrance and park by the construction trailer and walk your child to the door to ring the doorbell. Thank you in advance for helping your student successfully start their school day on time.

UIL EVENTS AND PRACTICE TIMES

Practices begin this week. Students will need a completed and returned permission slip prior to their practice day. The practice days are as follows:

Art-4th/5th grade-Thursday-3:15-4:15
 Chess Puzzle-2nd/3rd grade-Wednesday-3:05-4:05
 Chess Puzzle-4th/5th grade-Monday-3:15-4:15
 Creative Writing-Wednesday-3:05-4:05
 Music Memory-3rd/4th/5th grade-Thursday-3:15-4:15
 Ready Writing-3rd/4th/5th grade-Thursday 3:05-4:05
 Spelling-3rd/4th/5th grade-Tuesday-3:15-4:15
 Storytelling 2nd/3rd grade-Monday-3:05-4:05

Please contact Laura Watkins at laura.watkins@huttoisd.net if you have any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 2ND GRADE PARENTS

Beginning in the 2021-22 school year, all students in second grade will be assessed with the *Cognitive Ability Test (CogAT)* in the month of October. This is an assessment that we use to identify students for giftedness. This practice will enable us to identify students with exceptional ability or potential so that we may more equitably serve students, especially populations underrepresented in Gifted and Talented programming. Students will take this screener during the school day and it will take approximately 30-45 minutes. There is nothing you need to do to prepare your student for this screener. Based on the results of the CogAT screener, eligible students will be invited to complete the full GT testing battery in the Winter.



HEALTH REMINDERS

Please contact the campus nurse if your child is experiencing Covid like symptoms after a close contact or if your child tests positive for Covid 19. Please remember, while our district safety plan does not require a 14 day quarantine after a direct exposure, we do ask parents to closely monitor students for symptoms. Those that choose to self quarantine based on an exposure will have absences excused. While we do not have a virtual option for quarantine periods, please contact your child's teacher for assignments they can do while at home.

DON'T FORGET...

- If you have a transportation change request for your child, we must receive it **BEFORE 1:30 PM**. If you call after 1:30, we cannot guarantee the change will occur due to the nature of the end of the day and the time it takes to get messages out. Thank you for your understanding and for following our end of day procedures. All transportation changes should be emailed to hesis.receptionist@huttoisd.net by 1:30 each day.

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