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SAMUEL W. HOUSTON ELEMENTARY

Building Champions by ensuring ALL students reach high levels of learning academically, behaviorally, and socially.



THE PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

It is truly "all hands on deck" at Samuel Walker Houston Elementary as we work collectively to support student success. Our teachers, alongside campus and district Instructional Coaches, are intentionally utilizing intervention time to address student learning gaps. Instruction is driven by data, with targeted support provided based on specific deficits identified through benchmark and classroom assessments. This focused, collaborative approach ensures that every student receives the support needed to grow academically.

My administrative team has taken an additional proactive step by conducting individual goal-setting meetings with all 4th and 5th grade students. During these one-on-one conferences, students reviewed their fall benchmark scores and previous STAAR data to set personalized goals for the upcoming second round of benchmark assessments. These conversations have been both eye-opening and empowering. Students are gaining a clearer understanding of their performance, taking ownership of their learning, and recognizing the connection between effort and achievement.

Family engagement continues to be a priority at Samuel Walker Houston, and this year's Academic Night was a tremendous success. Parents received copies of their child's Middle-of-Year (MOY) i-Ready data in both math and reading. Teachers and staff were available throughout the evening to answer questions, explain data, and provide guidance on how families can support learning at home. Students and families participated in interactive math and literacy games, and they were provided with take-home activity resources to continue practicing essential skills. The evening concluded with nachos and refreshments, offering families a chance to enjoy time together on campus in a positive, engaging learning environment.

As we look ahead, we are preparing for upcoming state assessments, beginning February 19th with TELPAS testing for our Emergent Bilingual students. We are encouraged by the academic growth our students have demonstrated since the beginning of the school year and are eager to see that growth reflected in our spring assessment results. The dedication of our staff, the engagement of our families, and the determination of our students position us well for success.

We are proud of the progress our Champions are making at Samuel Walker Houston Elementary as we continue building a strong foundation for excellence. None of this work would be possible without the unwavering support of our Amazing School Board. Your commitment to our students, staff, and community makes a meaningful difference each and every day.

Sting 'Em Hornets!

