



H.I.S. BOARD REPORT

December 6, 2017

H.I.S. Beliefs

We believe:

- **supportive relationships strengthen positive educational and life experiences.**
- **high expectations compel students to strive for excellence.**
- **an accepting and encouraging school environment inspires intellectual risk taking.**
- **authentic and engaging experiences foster opportunities for high levels of learning and growth.**
- **clear and open communication creates a pathway for school and community collaboration.**

December Board Report

The third six weeks is coming to an end with great academic successes at HIS! It continues to be an honor to see all the students smiling faces and eager minds walking through our hallways and in our classrooms! Our teachers are doing a phenomenal job at continuing to plan engaging lessons and incorporating various types of technology! We are all looking forward to continued success and great experiences this year at HIS!

Go Eagles!

H.I.S. Counselor's Corner

Each month the students at H.I.S. have the opportunity to exhibit a certain character trait and receive the character idol award. While all staff encourages all students to exhibit these traits all the time, students are selected by their teachers that go above and beyond to show these specific traits with classmates and others as well as through their daily work habits. This month the character trait was self-control. Students that were chosen will get to have a pizza lunch with Mrs. Fleming and play games for prizes. These students will also receive a spirit stick for the trait of self-control. Each of these students will get a sign to place in their yard that says, "H.I.S. Self-Control Character Idol lives here! Go HIS Eagles!" We are looking forward to celebrating with these responsibility character idols! We can't wait to see who earns the honors for January which is fairness.

H.I.S. Sixth Annual Career Day

On Friday, November 17, 2017, H.I.S. took part in our sixth annual Career Day! Our students traveled throughout the day visiting various careers from our community. Some examples of what our students got to experience today were Equestrian Instructor, Raptors from Cameron Park Zoo, Hill College Cosmetology, HILCO Electric, Farm Equipment Exhibit, Dentist, Air Traffic Controller, and many more! H.E.S. second graders joined in on the festivities for the morning and got to experience in learning about all the things they can choose from to be when they grow up. H.I.S. had a day filled with goals being discussed and thought about for our students, supportive relationships built to strengthen positive educational and life experiences, and authentic engagement that foster opportunities for high levels of learning and growth. IT was a GREAT day at H.I.S. GO EAGLES!

H.I.S. U.I.L Activities

H.I.S. is anxiously looking forward to the academic U.I.L. events that are approaching. Our students and coaches have been working very hard to prepare for this great educational day and we know our Eagles will represent us well and rock it out! H.I.S. will host the academic meet with 2nd-5th grade. They will compete on December 6th. Special thanks go to Mrs. Hamilton for all her hard work and preparation to ensure the students and teachers have everything they need for all U.I.L. activities to be a HUGE success!

We wish all our students good luck!

H.I.S. Christmas Craft Days

H.I.S. will have Christmas crafts on the week of December 12th, 13th, and 14th after school. Mrs. Abreu and Mrs. Hamilton offer this to all of our students to stay after school to enjoy a snack and make a holiday craft with classmates. We are looking forward to good times with friends!

Fifth Grade Field Trip

Fifth Grade will take a field trip to the Perot Museum on Thursday, December 14th. The students got to tour the many levels of the museum and explore with all the different types of interacting exhibits. The fifth grade students and teachers were very excited about this because many of the attractions they got to view and learn about have been discovered this school year or will be discovered very soon in all subject areas. Lots of learning taking place on this field trip!

Terrific Third Grade

This month in Science, 3rd grade students will begin adventuring into the world of Energy and Simple Machines. From kinetic to potential, our young learners will complete independent experiments to discover the laws of energy and motion with marbles and building materials to

present their findings to their science community. In addition, they will design demonstrations to represent various types of energy, such as light, heat, sound, and mechanical energies in an effort to gain knowledge in novel and authentic way. This will then help us flow effortlessly into the world of Simple Machines, where our young scientists discover that even the most simple items can do some serious work. After exploring these machines through various hands-on activities, students will then use their knowledge to build a working food vehicle prototype using various food items provided and create a scientific diagram labeling the simple machines they have included in their design.

In 3rd grade Social Studies, we will be conducting research of various cultures around the world. Students will discover the cuisine, music, language, traditional dress, and interesting facts within a group, record their research, utilize their writing skills to share what they've learned, and then combine all their hard work into various projects to share on Culture Day 2018. Students and parents alike will join us as we share our learning and food from around the world, dressed in traditional dress from our respective cultures. All of this learning will culminate in our annual celebration of Christmas Around the World rotations, in which the entire third grade will jump aboard our imaginary airplanes and zoom from room to room to discover Christmas traditions from the cultures we have studied.

Fabulous Fourth Grade

The month of November was packed full of fun activities for our fourth graders! In Math, students have worked on problem solving with all operations including interpreting the remainder. Our fourth graders disguised a turkey and wrote a persuasive story as to why not to eat turkey! They have also been busy practicing their editing and revising skills. Students also participated in a cross curricular unit over the Titanic. Each class utilized material over the Titanic to incorporate into their classes. They were able to learn about the events that led up to sinking of the Titanic, the route the Titanic took, and the different social classes. Our librarian, Mrs. Teel, gave our students an etiquette lesson and taught them how to dace. They will wrap up the unit with a Titanic Dance that will be held in our gym. They will be able to socialize, dance, snack, and take pictures.

Phenomenal Fifth Grade

In the upcoming month our 5th graders will be busy in math learning how to read and complete stem and leaf charts as well as dot plot graphs. Social Studies has the students completing the battles of the American Revolution and the forming of a new government for the United States of America. The students will review our most historical documents. These documents will include the Articles of Confederation, Constitution and Bill of Rights.

The novel Wonder will be concluded in reading. Then the students will begin a fun activity with the story, "The Grinch". They will work on similes and metaphors as well as comparing and contrasting.

In science, students will be exploring the uses of energy, including mechanical, light, thermal, electrical, and sound energy. Students will be demonstrating open and closed circuits and will be differentiating between series and parallel circuits through several lab activities. Students will also observe light energy and distinguish if light is being reflected or refracted with a variety of objects.

SPED/Interventionist Classes making LOTS of Growth this Semester

- Ms. Dupree's students:
 - 3rd Grade: Revising & Editing; Fractions
 - 4th Grade: Inferencing, Writing CBA, Persuasive Writing; Represent Comparing Fractions
 - 5th Grade: Informational Text, Formulas for Area, Perimeter, Volume
 - Dyslexia: Word Identification, Fluency, Comprehension
- Ms. Ashley Tucker's co-teach classes:
 - 3rd grade math: fractions
 - 4th grade math: division
 - 5th grade math: data and tables
- Ms. Lee's class:
 - In November, our unit focused on children around the world. We spent time journal writing about the different conditions children learn in such as outside schools with no roofs in foreign countries.
 - We also spent a lot of time on our character trait for the month, compassion. The children are learning how to show compassion for other students they go to school with.
- Ms. Lewis's students:
 - Eagle Reading Academy students will be reading diligently at their instructional and independent levels to move towards reading on grade level. Students will be working on all components of reading: phonics, phonological awareness, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension, while reading various genres of literature.
- Ms. Bruckbauer's and Ms. Straw's students:
 - In 3rd grade ESL, we are discussing the characteristics of a fable and identifying the theme. We are also creating a summary for the fable "The Crow and The Pitcher."
 - 4th grade ESL students have been working with commonly confused homophones and have been learning about similes.

- In 5th grade ESL, students read a fictional text and determined character traits of the characters. They cited the characters' actions in the story as evidence for their conclusions. Students also wrote for the purpose of comparing and contrasting the two main characters from the story.
- ESL students also have been practicing with the computerized reading improvement program Fast Forward.

Spectacular Specials

Artists at H.I.S. are working with clay this month. 3rd grade made clay cupcakes and the most exciting part is that we used molds made with our 3D printer. 4th grade are making fish and 5th is making roses. We are also working on Christmas tree paintings, reindeers and nutcrackers. Art is always my favorite time of year.

In honor of Computer Science Education Weeks, my Tech App classes will participate in The Hour of Code. It is a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. This will give the students the opportunity to learn that computer science is fun and creative. They will learn, hey, I can do this!

5th Grade GATE students are continuing their study of nanotechnology. They have each chosen topics of interest such as use in medical practices, space exploration, invisibility cloaks, and graphene sheets to filter water in remote areas of the world.

Musicians at HIS have been singing beautifully this month! The first nine weeks classes also completed their recorder class and read the music staff without labeled notes. They are on their way to reading music independently. Another exciting thing that happened in our music department here at HIS is that we are recipients of a TMEA grant for \$800 to go towards equipping our music room with world drums! Thanks also to Mrs. Tucker for supplementing the grant with \$300 in additional funds. We can experience world drumming and understand how drums fit into other cultures in a hands-on way very soon now!

En la clase de Español: students learned/reviewed the days of the week, months, seasons, and the weather that goes along with the seasons. They will also learn/review articles of clothing and body parts

IMPORTANT DATES

- December 7th
 - Grading Writing CBAs – Grades 3, 4, and 5
 - H.I.S. Musical Practice 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- December 8th
 - 3rd Grade Christmas Musical – 6:00 p.m.

- December 11th
 - Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Blackwell and several teachers will be off campus to attend a Data Dig PD at Region 12 in Waco
- December 12th
 - Christmas Craft After School for all grades with Mrs. Abreu and Mrs. Hamilton
- December 13th
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 - H.I.S. Musical Practice 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- December 14th
 - 5th Grade Field Trip to the Perot Museum
 - Christmas Craft After School for all grades with Mrs. Abreu and Mrs. Hamilton
 - H.I.S. Musical Practice 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- December 15th
 - District Luncheon
- December 18th
 - H.I.S. Polar Express 8:00a.m. Group 1 /11:00 a.m. Group 2
- December 19th
 - Sack Races/Parties
 - H.I.S. Christmas Staff Party at El Con
- December 20th
 - Christmas Assembly - Pajama Day
 - End of the 3rd 6 Weeks
- December 21st – January 2nd – Christmas Holidays – NO SCHOOL
- January 3rd – Staff Returns/Professional Development Day

Enrollment for 2017-2018:

3rd: 142

4th: 151

5th: 154

Total: 447

HIS would like to thank you for all you do for our campus and district! We are looking forward to a great school year! GO EAGLES! We would also like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and hope this holiday season is filled with multiple blessings and lots of joy!