



## Hillsboro Intermediate School

### Board Report November 19-20

#### 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.**

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We had a great second six weeks of this school year. It's hard to believe we are starting the third six weeks this week. Students have completed their second round of CBA testing. Teachers are looking at data and helping students understand their answer choices and providing feedback. We enjoyed Red Ribbon Week and pledged to be drug free. We continue to focus on our Choose Love initiative. We are excited to be focused on our students, creating relationships with them, helping them grow emotionally and academically. We love our school family at HIS.



### Phenomenal Fifth Graders

In math students will be reviewing geometry and moving right along into one of our favorites, data! Students will be looking at a variety of ways to analyze data and be introduced to stem and leaf plots

for the first time! Analyzing data is one of our favorite concepts to teach since we do a lot of analyzing our own test data. Especially, after our second CBA. We will spend a lot of time dissecting the data from our second test to analyze what TEKS we need more practice in and determining our strengths and areas of improvement. This is when we really dig into error analysis as well. Students will be given the opportunity to see and share their own growth from their 1<sup>st</sup> CBA to their 2<sup>nd</sup>. They each have their own personal bar graph that they set goals for themselves, and we have a class data wall. We all love to watch those numbers go up and watch our meeting and mastery levels get greater! Exciting times! In ELAR, students will extend the drama with an additional scene that they will write with a group and then create sock puppets in order to perform their scene for the class. After CBA week, we will begin to study poetry with a series of poems in our module. Students will also be writing a composition, using the writing process with attention to transitions words, figurative language, and use of semicolons in order to review previous material from last month. During the month of November our 5th grade students will begin the month by proving their knowledge of the thirteen colonies and the French and Indian War through their second CBA. We will then continue our unit on the American Revolution by exploring the causes, the important people and battles. The students will learn about the Boston Massacre, Boston Tea Party, Intolerable Acts and Continental Congress. We will of course wrap up the month with going into further depth with our Founding Fathers and establishing the United States. In science students will be exploring the formation of sedimentary rock and fossil fuels. During both of these concepts students will be examining the properties of soil and classifying renewable and nonrenewable resources.

### **Fabulous Fourth Graders**

Students will learn to solve with fluency problems that involve fractions with different numerators and different denominators and represent the comparison using the symbols  $>$ ,  $=$ , or  $<$ . Students will participate in different hands on activities to relate fractions to real life problems. In the month of November, students will learn about several forms of literature, including drama, narrative nonfiction, fairy tale, and informative text. Each genre will be explored through independent readings, class read-alouds, and group projects. Students will also continue to build their vocabulary and hone their spelling and writing skills by composing various essays demonstrating their grasp of each content module. For the first half of November, students will explore the effect of force on an object such as a push or pull, gravity, friction, or magnetism. We will then transition into Earth Science, where students will understand that Earth consists of useful resources and that its surface is constantly changing. In November, students will be learning about the lifestyles of the Native Americans in Texas prior to European exploration. They will explore how geography affected their daily lives, including their governments, economics, and social systems. They will then transition into learning about the European explorers and the early colonization of Texas.

### **Terrific Third Graders**

In 3rd grade math students will be assessing their knowledge in our 2nd round of CBAs!! Afterwards we will be reviewing our progress and continue to make steps towards mastery! Students will also be practicing Personal Financial Literacy skills with lots of new vocabulary and concepts! Third grade Geometry skills go much more in depth and complicated than previous years. We will be learning about quadrilaterals and their attributes, how to compare and contrast figures, and much more! Lastly 3rd graders will further their knowledge of area. They will learn how to decompose figures to determine their area! In Reading, third graders will start the month with a unit on drama. They will be studying the elements of drama as they read through and act out plays! Students will also continue learning about numerous affixes, possessive nouns and pronouns, and common spelling patterns. They will wrap up the month by starting the module "Teamwork", in which we will

study multiple genres that emphasize the value of working together and being inclusive! We will also begin learning about contractions and homophones! Third grade scientists will continue exploring gravity and wrap up their unit on Force and Motion. Students will then begin investigating the natural world, learning about soil, weathering, decomposition and natural resources. In social studies the students will continue learning how our founding fathers contributed to our nation. We will cover the Bill of Rights and the Constitution. We will begin our unit on the physical environment of our community!

## **SPECTACULAR SPECIALS**

GATE students used the Animation app to create animated posters for Red Ribbon Week next week. Students created a QR code that will link to their project, and the codes will be hung in the hallways.

En la Clase de Español 3rd grade learned El Alfabeto and Los Números, 4th and 5th grade reviewed El Alfabeto and Los Numeros.

From the Library☐

3rd Grade Read Aloud

Snot ☐Stew by Bill Wallace

4th Grade Read Aloud

The Ghost ☐of Fossil Glen by Cynthia DeFelice

5th Grade Read Aloud

A Dog ☐Called Kitty by Bill Wallace

10 more days till the end of the 2nd grading period!

Reading Reward Celebration ☐& ☐

Happy Reading!☐

Artists at HIS created 3D Color Wheels with paper and glue. 3rd began weaving owls, 4th weaving paper plate flowers and 5th started weaving their pouches.

## **Special Education and Interventions**

Mrs. Stephens Eagle Math students will be working on math fact fluency. We are practicing different strategies such as touch math to help us learn and memorize math facts. We are sorting our math facts into groups such as doubles, doubles plus one and doubles plus two to help with patterns. With time we will see that making equal-groups, building arrays, using area models, skip counting and equal jumps on a number line are all ways to represent multiplication facts. We are using fact families to help us see the relationship between addition/subtraction and multiplication/division. Timed tests are showing us the progress we are making in applying the skills we have learned.

Eagle Reading students will continue to work on specific targeted areas in comprehension, fluency and vocabulary during their intervention time to build skills that will help them make progression towards reading on grade level. Students will monitor their understanding of text, by rereading, asking questions and making inferences and connections. Fluency activities, which are timed will help students gain speed and accuracy in their reading. Modeled reading, chorus and echo reading will also be taking place in our classroom to make gains in fluency. Vocabulary strategies will include looking for context clues within stories, semantic maps and dictionary skills.

The Life Skills unit this month is about changing weather conditions and temperatures. Students study how weather affects clothing choices and activities. They are also learning about different recipes to cook for different seasons. They really enjoyed cooking White Chicken Chili last week for the teachers.

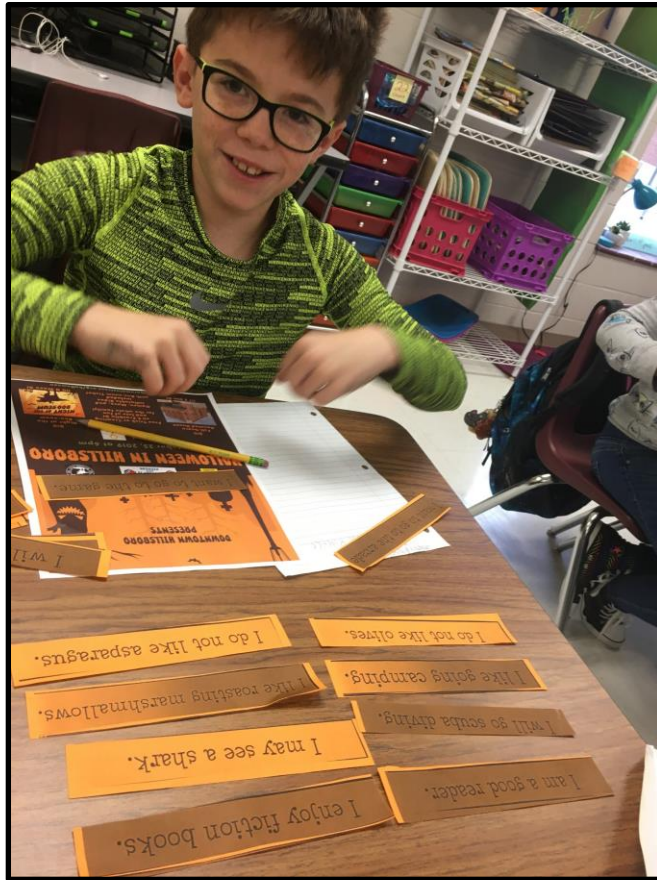
We are looking forward to our Special Olympics Bowling competition held in mid November

ESL students will be working on comprehension strategies with non-fiction texts, as well as revising and editing skills to improve their writing. Additionally, 3rd and 4th grade students will be reading dramas and identifying their elements. 5th graders will be reading poetry and describing how the authors use imagery and figurative language to achieve their purposes.

We 'Bee' Buggin' & Huggin' but not Druggin' in Queen Bee Dupree's hive as the Choose Love Bugs excitedly say "NO" to drugs for Red Ribbon Week activities by showing off their skills in perimeter and area. Students are excited and eager to prepare biography projects about an influential person in history that is meaningful to them. Students were given a choice as to whom they will research and will present their projects to the class. Math students will begin to understand points, lines, segments, rays, angles and classify 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional shapes. They will create a project to show mastery of these concepts.

The students in the co-teach Math classes are looking forward to showing what they know on the CBA they will be taking next week. The co-teach classes will be demonstrating how to work multi-step equations, as well as problems with multi-digit operations. The 5th grade will work problems that include decimals, fractions, perimeter, area, and volume to name a few. The 3rd and 4th grade will work problems that cover creating a rule for input/output, perimeter, and area as well as equations that pertain to money.





## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**November 11 Veterans Day Assembly 2:00 Gym**

**November 12 5th grade field trip to Baylor, Team Meetings after school**

**November 13 Unpacking Math TEKS**

**November 14 3rd grade field trip to Zoo**

**November 15 Big Kahuna Glow Party, Team Leader Meeting, and Angela meet with staff during conferences**

**November 19 Beach Club last day, 5th grade Perot Museum, and Faculty Meeting**

**November 22 Career Day**

### Enrollment for 2019-2020:

3rd: 141

4th: 132

5th: 140

Total: 413

**HIS would like to thank you for all you do for our campus and district!**

**GO EAGLES!**