

HUTCHINSON HAPPENINGS FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL/MAY 2012

HUTCH Plan for AU

The last called meeting for the CLT team will be on Monday, May 21st. We may or may not know test scores by that time. The state has informed us, though, that final passing rates for grade 3-8 will not be released until January 2013.

Science Blitz

Mrs. Wulfjen conducted a two-day science blitz for our 5th graders prior to the test. The girls spent one day in rotations with various teachers, and the boys spent the next. They had a great time, and Kakai could probably package this seminar to sell to others. Fantastic job.

STAAR Rally

We held our annual Staff Skit for testing on William Shakespeare's birthday. Based loosely, and I mean loosely, on Dancing with the Stars and American Idol, each grade level group performed a special song from the decades. See pictures from this extraordinary event, "Rock the STAAR!"





STAAR Testing

After that invigorating assembly, which actually did talk about testing strategies, our last round of the STAAR tests were given the last week of April. 3rd and 4th graders took reading and math, and 5th grade took the science test. We had another good round of testing with no problems.

Staff Development

Team Hutch will be signing up individually for summer training opportunities this year. Many have already done so.

Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Comes to Hutch

Janine Lemons called to ask if we would be interested in having a RAD office speak to the Hutchinson girls. I thought it would be a great idea. Although she didn't speak about self-defense, she did talk to the 5th grade girls about being smart and being a young woman of strength as they enter CMS. Various topics, from safety in numbers, bullying, cyber bullying, etc. were covered. The next day, the male RAD officer was unable to come to Hutch, but Mrs. Stovall and I met with the 5th grade boys and spoke of many of the same topics.

KickBack Day

Friday, April 27 was just a "kickback" day for the students and staff, as we recovered from loads of testing pressure. Students rotated between reading for AR, outside activities, art activities, and some techie games on the SMART board. It was a great day of fun, yet still loads of learning.

AR

We will take 128 students to Camp Butman this year. Great number of students who worked extremely to get not only their number of points needed, but also passed the tests with 80% accuracy. Great job, kids!

Transition Day

We attended a wonderful concert presented by the CHS band on May 3rd, then our 5th graders travelled to CMS to visit the campus. 2nd graders from Kelley came to Hutch to meet the teachers, and our 3rd graders "flew up" to see 4th grade teachers and 4th grade found out what it will be like to be the *big guys* next year as they visited 5th grade.

Mother's Day Tea

We held our first-ever Mother's Day Tea on Wednesday the 9th. Students invited their special females to join them for cookies and tea in honor of Mom's Day.



Water Fun Day

We hosted our annual Water Fun Day yesterday. Loads of fun in the sun!

Upcoming Events

AR 100% Trip –May 17 and 18

Awards Assembly—May 22

GT Play over the Presidents—May 22

PlayDay at Coach A's Complex—May 23

Movie Day—May 24

Thanks for being a great Board!