

## **School Board Report November 2017**

### **Kindergarten**

October was a fun and busy month for Kindergarten! Our favorite activity of the month was definitely "Who Took the Pumpkin?" Each class had their own pumpkin in their room, but after lunch, each of the pumpkins disappeared! Each day that week, students were given clues to figure out who might have taken the pumpkin and where the pumpkin was hidden. At the end of the week, the "pumpkin taker" was revealed and we celebrated getting our pumpkin back with pumpkin treats! This was an exciting week-long activity that incorporated math, science, reading, and lots of writing. On Halloween each class had the chance to discuss pumpkin parts, carve their pumpkin, and feel the insides. The Kinder students learned so much from these hands-on and engaging activities.

### **First Grade**

Students have been busy working during October! In math, they have learned to order and compare numbers. In language arts, we read nonfiction books and talked about the main idea, characters, and plot. Students also got to make S'mores by following processing steps and writing a How-To paper. We are looking forward to learning addition and subtraction strategies in math. We will also begin learning about different types of sentences in language arts.

### **Second Grade**

In second grade we were able to take our community field trip and visit many places in town. We also learned a lot celebrating Red Ribbon Week! We all have made the choice to stay drug free so we can focus on our futures! This month in reading, we will compare and contrast different versions of the same story in traditional folklore, as well as study the structure and elements of poetry. In vocabulary we are using context clues to understand the meaning of a word in a text and in conventions we are reviewing all different kinds of nouns (common/proper, singular/plural). In math, we will be focusing on two digit addition and subtraction with and without regrouping. In science, we will be studying force of motion and different types of energy. In social studies, we will be working with maps, globes, and landmarks of significance.

### **CAMP Excitement**

#### **Computer:**

In November we will be diligently working on our compass math and lexia reading programs. These are both great resources for improving each student's skills and understanding. We will also begin an internet safety program on 3 different subjects 1) appropriate online behavior, 2) safety and privacy, and 3) cyberbullying. [WWW.COMMONSENSEMEDIA.ORG](http://WWW.COMMONSENSEMEDIA.ORG) is a great internet tool for students to use at home.

#### **Art:**

Our talented children have been creating artwork that will be previewed to parents in a personalized catalog going home in November. Parents are able to order these keepsakes that have been completed by their children.

#### **Music:**

Music classes in November will be studying the King of the Symphony, Joseph Haydn. Kindergarten and First Grade will continue to learn about different classroom

instruments: names, sounds they make, and how to play them. They will continue to sing and dance to music! Second Grade will learn the choreography and memorize their Musical pieces.

#### **PE:**

Our students are excited as we will be introducing basketball as one of our new activities. Students will work on dribbling, shooting, and passing! The classes are so excited. We will talk about different types of passes such as: bounce, chest, and overhead.

#### **Reading Rascals**

The Reading Rascals are a group of students who are selected by their teachers to read to members of our community. In October we went to read to residents of Town Hall Estates. The students and residents all enjoyed sharing the love of reading. Our HES students were wonderful examples of Exemplary Eagles with their reading, manners, and excitement to read. The students chosen for October were:

**Kinder:** Lucas Marshall, Bruno Mendoza, Sofia Galaviz, Major Lopez, Ayden Vargas, Patrick Beavers, Marcos Carbajal & Elisa Garcia

**First:** Maddie Markwardt, Jaquelin Antúnez, Angelo Toten, Holly Billingsley, Eli Morales, Sara Spigener, Sophia Rea & Leonel Salvador

**Second:** Kynlee Peavy, Owen Dansby, Denisse Banco, Callie Greenberg, Cason Green, Leah Harris, Brayden Chilton & Emily Cross

#### **Math Monsters**

Math Monsters are students that have shown great effort and/or improvement in math over the last month. Every month, a teacher chooses a student to be the math monster for their class. In October, the high school student council members came and played math games in the cafeteria with the students. Our students were very excited to work with the older students and were very engaged in the math activities.

The students chosen in October were:

**Kinder:** Kameryn Rodriguez, David Marcos, Osvaldo Chavez, Brynn West, Ethan Lorenzo, Charlotte Herrera, Marlene Orellan & Maximus Cerrone

**First:** Elijah Clayton, Alexavior Vazquez, Korie Perry, Ja'Zale Maxey, Cohen Peyton, Aaron Diaz-Almanza, Jazmin Garrett & Jahiree Green

**Second:** Cassadie Murray, Daniel Hernandez, Jovi Cox, Jay'Niah Malone, Elijah Gatewood, Damian Martinez, Logan Haakinson & Violeta Gonzalez

#### **Counselor's Corner**

The character trait for October was RESPONSIBILITY. Students learned that being responsible means taking care of your business and doing what you are supposed to do. HES also celebrated Red Ribbon Week, where students learned about making the responsible, healthy choice to "Just Say No!" to drugs. We were happy to welcome Officer Lynelle Sparks and Hillsboro High School students as they visited HES as part of our Red Ribbon Rally to kick off Red Ribbon Week. Our guests shared positive messages about being drug free, students learned reasons to stay away from drugs, and were also reminded to "Just Say No!". We also held a door decorating contest to display drug free messages throughout our school. Community judges had a very difficult time choosing winners. Congratulations to the following classrooms for winning the Red Ribbon Week Door Decorating Contest: Mrs. Estrada, Mrs. Wakeland, Mrs. Spencer, and our paraprofessional staff.

Congratulations also to the following students who were chosen by their teachers as Responsibility Super Stars for doing an excellent job of showing responsibility in the classroom. They were treated to a special "Shining Super Stars Lunch" at school!!!

**Kindergarten:** Natalee Abreu, Jacob Martinez, Sofia Galaviz, Ethan Moreno, Zaylah Sanford, Teresa Guerrero, James Staggs, Juliana Martinez

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Elijah Williams, Jaquelin Antunez, Helena Huy, Jeremiah Ramos, Eli Morales, Adilyn Pledger, Sophia Rea, and Sophia Uptmor

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Angel Davalos, Jadyn Peterson, Denisse Banco, Hailie Gray, Natalie Flores, Cole Rogers, Nathan Mosca, Addison Suggs, and Mario Fernando Lopez

### **Rhythm Rascals (2nd Grade)**

The Rhythm Rascals have been practicing for their Veterans Day performances. Our program consists of poems and songs thanking our veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice in serving our country. We have performances on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at Town Hall Nursing Home, the community wide Veterans Day program at the Hillsboro Jr. High on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 and at Hillsboro Elementary School's Veterans program on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

### **Librarian's Sharing Time**

Great news! HES is hosting a Family Literacy Night on November 14 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. We are encouraging parents to come to school with their children that afternoon so they can play fun reading games and also learn about reading strategies they can use at home with their child. We plan to help parents become familiar with online reading tools that we use as well.

### **Fall Festival**

Our HES Fall Festival was held on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> and was a huge success. All of our staff helped either in a fun booth or at the concession stand. We had a large number of students and their families attend and enjoy the fun. We were lucky to have perfect weather which provided the perfect atmosphere for our festival. This fundraiser brought in a little over \$1500.00 in profit for our campus!