



H.I.S. BOARD REPORT

February 7, 2018

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.**

February Board Report

The fourth six weeks of school has been amazing here at HIS! All of our students are arriving with smiles on their faces every day and continuously learning new things as the school year continues to progress. Our teachers are building activities and lessons from collections of data from our students. They are using this information also to continually plan engaging lesson 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 fairness. 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 fairness. We are also starting something new this year. Each of these students will get a sign to place in their yard that says, "H.I.S. Fairness Character Idol lives here! Go HIS Eagles!" We are looking forward to celebrating with these fairness character idols! We can't wait to see who earns the honors for February which is honesty.

H.I.S. at the Hill County Fair

Several H.I.S. students were very busy getting their baked goods, crafts and animals ready for the fair! We had multiple students entered several baked goods, along with lots of arts and crafts, as well as, several of our students won showmanship and placed well with their animals. Several of our students proudly got to auction off items at both the home economic auction as well as their animals! All of us at H.I.S. are so proud of each and every one of our students that participated in this year's Hill County Fair and we cannot wait to see what is in store for next year!

Third Grade is ready for GREATNESS in the weeks to come...

Third graders has started of the new year working hard and will continue to work hard this next month! This month in science third grade is starting to learn about different kinds of land changes. They are learning about different natural disasters, how they change earth and how to prepare for them. By the end of the month they will begin learning about soil and all its many layers. In social studies students will be finishing up economics by producing their own product. They will come up with a business plan and a budget for creating their product. They then will create an advertisement showing why their product is better than anyone else's. To end the project they will sell their product at market day where they have to make sure they display and talk up their item to sell out. After they will look at how much money their made, subtract what they spent creating the product, and see who earned a profit. In reading students will continue to have fiction and nonfiction passages spiraled into their work. Students will be working hard to prepare for their benchmark and will practice the skills they have learned this year. In math students are creating Valentine's Day boxes out of geometric shapes. They are competing again each other to make the most creative box and also using the most geometric shapes. The students have also started to work on their multiplication facts and testing their knowledge to earn a movie ticket along with popcorn and candy. The more facts you master the more goodies you get at the movie.

Our 4th graders are ready to GROW!

January was a full month of learning for our Fantastic Fourth Graders! Fourth grade students came back from the holidays ready to work!

Students have rapped in reading learning point of view. 4th grade students are diving into poetry, studying the structural elements this week. Soon students will look at figurative language, learning how to identify it, understand it, and use it. They are using quotation marks in writing. 4th grade writers have start a daily journal to improve writing skills and are focusing on how to use quotation marks and correct punctuation for dialogue. They are also continuing their study of homophones.

Math-During math students are using their skills learned before Christmas to problem solve with fractions. Our Mathematicians are finishing up working with fractions and starting geometry.

Sci As scientist they are identifying energy forms and their uses. Fourth grade Scientists are also exploring electricity and circuits.

The second semester has started strong and challenging to encourage our students to succeed!

Fabulous Fifth Graders are Working Hard this Month!

5th grade has a lot going on in February! Social Studies is beginning to delve into the Oregon Trail, moving West, the Gold Rush, and inventions. ELAR is creating board games that require students to reflect on what they have learned since the first six weeks of school. This will help prepare them for their upcoming benchmark. Classes have started their second novel study, Something Upstairs. Math classes continue to review previously learned material. On Thursday and Friday, students who have mastered the concepts from the week are given the opportunity to create a variety of projects to display their knowledge. We have some very creative kids! In science, students have been exploring the processes that led to the formation of sedimentary rocks and fossil fuels. Students created a "how-to" chart that compared and contrasted the processes involved. Students will now be collaborating with their classmates in creating advertisements that explain the importance of using alternative energy resources instead of burning fossil fuels. Students will explain how the resource works, where the resource is used mostly, and what the resource is used for in the world. Towards the end of the month students will be demonstrating how several landforms are created by wind, water, or ice. All students and teachers are working hard to prepare for the upcoming benchmarks.

Check out the AMAZING things that are taking place in SPECIALS

Artists at HIS are going to create their clay projects this month. 3rd will make clay cupcakes, 4th will make fish and 5th will make clay roses. Then we will work on watercolor paintings, 3rd will paint landscapes and add castles made of foil, 4th will

paint farm landscapes, and 5th will paint a still life of flowers in a vase. Art is so much fun!

3rd grade is learning to cut, copy and paste without using scissors or glue. 4th grade is learning to use Google Drawing tools. It is a very powerful image creator and editor. 5th graders are still working on earning their Google Basic Skills Driver's License.

From the Library:

HIS Spring Scholastic Book Fair

Friday, February 2nd through Friday, February 16th

Read Alouds

3rd Grade-Chocolate Fever by Robert Kimmel Smith

4th Grade-Bunnacula by James Howe

5th Grade-Wait Till Helen Comes: A Ghost Story

by Mary Downing Hahn

Happy Reading!

GATE students are in the process of creating projects to share their learning. We are looking to add new types of technology that we have not used before. For 3rd grade, that includes Rasperry Pi, greenscreen technology, and stop-motion animation. For 5th grade, they are using more complex greenscreen technology

Students in the LEx LAB are in the process of 3D printing the projects they recently designed. Currently they are building Lego vehicles which they will power with balloons.

3rd and 5th grade students are busy creating their own rhythms and melodies, and 4th grade is practicing for their program, Texas, This is Your Life!. We are all very excitedly waiting for the arrival of new drums, and thankful for the grant that made it possible to purchase them!

En la clase de Español: Los estudiantes, have been learning/reviewing day, months, and seasons. Next they will learn/review clothing articles and body parts.

H.I.S. is GROWing in ALL classes EACH and EVERY DAY!

Mrs. Stephens was awarded grant money to purchase math games and number lines for Eagle Math students. We are looking forward to using these items in our classroom. The Compass Math program is helping our students to fill in what is sometimes deep math gaps. The Reflex Math website is helping us to greatly improve upon our math facts.

3-5th math were very impressive by demonstrating a strong work ethic as they returned to the classroom. This week 3rd grade has been refreshing knowledge of geometry, 4th grade has been assessing their knowledge of fractions, and 5th grade has been reviewing and fine tuning their skills on order of operations.

The Life Skills classroom is exploring a unit designed around health topics. Health education emphasizes not only what to do when we are sick, but how to stay healthy as well. This unit relates to healthy eating, physical exercise and knowing the basic information on healthcare provisions. We are providing healthy snacks daily such as dried fruits and different nuts so children can try new snacks. It's a great start to a Healthy & Happy 2018!

In February the students of Eagle Reading Academy/Tier 3 Reading will review and practice before, during and after reading "Reading Strategies that I used today". Students need to be think about the strategies that they are using as while reading to gain information and sharpen their comprehension skills. Strategies that will be practiced are:

- Think about what I know
- Purpose for reading
- Preview text
- Made and checked predictions
- Visualized or created mental images

IMPORTANT DATES

February 5th – Destination Imagination 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

DEIC Meeting at Admin. at 5:30 p.m.

February 6th – Beach Club in the Library 3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

February 7th - Destination Imagination 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

February 12th – Destination Imagination 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

February 13th - Beach Club in the Library 3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

February 14th- Valentines Parties for H.I.S.

Destination Imagination 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

February 15th – 5th Grade Math Benchmark

February 16th –5th Grade Reading Benchmark

February 19th – President’s Day – Student Holiday – Professional Development for ALL Staff

February 20th – 3rd and 4th Grade Math Benchmark

February 21st – 3rd and 4th Grade Reading Benchmark

February 22nd – 4th Grade Writing Benchmark

5th Grade Science Benchmark

February 23rd - End of 4th 6 Weeks

ALL Destination Imagination Teams leave for Abilene to compete

February 26th – Beginning 5th 6 Weeks
February 27th – TELPAS Testing Training at a H.I.S. Faculty Meeting

Projected Enrollment for 2017-2018:

3rd: 144

4th: 152

5th: 154

Total: 450

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