

HUTCHINSON HAPPENINGS FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH/APRIL 2012

HUTCH Plan for AU

The Campus Leadership Team met with Al Cogburn last week to look at the 2nd round of benchmark tests. Our last meeting for the year will be in May.

Staff Development

The staff continues to work on the Fundamental 5 teaching techniques during class. Additionally, Mrs. Stovall trained the staff for the first administration of the STAAR test, and the ESL teachers also passed their certification requirements for the TELAS administration for English Language Learners.

Spring Pictures and Yearbook

Pictures were taken on Thursday, March 22. These included both individual and class pictures. Big shoutout to Tammy Johnson, who is producing our 2nd PK-8 Yearbook this year. The proofs looked great, and I know that parents appreciate just purchasing one book for the family.

TexasFest

TexasFest was another huge success this year, despite the cold weather. The students enjoyed the new Spyder ride. The kids also decorated their cowboy hats for competition. I thought "Snake in the Grass" was definitely out of the box! The little girl had gone to the Cupcake Creation booth...loved her photo....



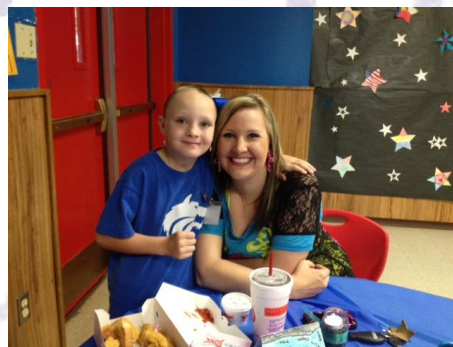
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The 75% goal was Game Day Extravaganza at the Sports Complex last Friday. About 125 kids earned their 75% goal this year. The kids had a ball just hanging out at the complex, and the day ended with an ice cream sandwich and running through the sprinklers at the soccer field there. Kudos to Sue Young and Darlene Mitchell, who allowed us to take the kids there at no expense.



Parent Involvement—the 212 Parent

Last Wednesday, we hosted about 50 parents for lunch as “212 Parents: Those Who Gave the Extra Degree” this year. Teachers sent invitations to about 100 parents who helped make the Hutch experience memorable for their students and others.



Field Trips

The 3rd and 4th Grade GT students visited the Spade Ranch in preparation for their upcoming Distance Learning competition, “Barbed Wire and Roses,” the story of how barbed wire was brought to Mitchell County.





Shoutouts

Big shoutout to Mrs. Stovall for getting everything ready for the STAAR and TELPAS tests. It is a huge undertaking to get tests ready, ensure that staff is trained, and to double check all the codes on each test. Also, thanks to Janey Burke who helps all the campus test coordinators make the testing days run very smoothly. And of course, I can't forget the TDCJ for their assistance in setting up the Railhead Building for our annual TexasFest. We couldn't do it without their support.



Upcoming Events

At the end of April 3rd and 4th graders will STAAR test in reading and math; 5th graders will take the STAAR science.