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# SAMUEL W. HOUSTON ELEMENTARY

Building Champions by ensuring ALL students reach high levels of learning academically, behaviorally, and socially.



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## THE PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

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This season provides a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the many wonderful things happening at Samuel Walker Houston Elementary. I am truly thankful and blessed to work alongside the most dedicated and talented staff in Huntsville ISD. We are equally grateful for the support of our parents and families, who entrust us each day with their most precious gifts. We appreciate their partnership and were thrilled to welcome so many for our Thanksgiving celebrations. We were also proud to have our Student Council open the most recent School Board meeting and our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Honor and Fire Choirs perform at the PAC on Monday night.

To give families a well-deserved break, our team hosted a Stay and Play event last Friday, where students enjoyed games, crafts, and time together. Even Santa managed to stop by—checking in on our older students and doing a bit of last-minute recon with our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes!

Academically, this fall semester has been one of notable growth for both students and teachers. Our staff continues to strengthen their ability to design targeted interventions informed by student data. Benchmark assessments for grades 3–5 are now complete, and we are analyzing results and preparing instructional and intervention plans for the spring semester. We are also excited to assess and celebrate growth in our Pre-K through 2nd grade students. A walk through our campus showcases data displays that highlight the progress our students are making across grade levels.

This year has brought challenges as well, including heartbreaking losses and unexpected disappointments. Through it all, our school family has shown remarkable strength, unity, and resilience. We sincerely thank each of our School Board members for the trust and support you extend to our campus leadership team. Your commitment enables us to continue this important work, and the greatest reward remains the opportunity to positively impact the lives of our students.

We wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sting 'Em Hornets!



