

THE LIONS LINES

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Hamilton Elementary

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SCHOOL EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 3 Kdg. Math Benchmarks thru 10/7
Author Jackie Sims Hopkins visits 2nd gr.
- 4 Gr. 1, 2 Math Benchmark
- 5 College Day
Gr. 3, 4, 5 Math Benchmark
- 6 7:50 AM Choir Practice
8:00 AM Recreational Chess Club
Fall Portraits by Lifetouch
Read for the Record
PTO Spirit Night at Orange Leaf Yogurt
- 7 7:50 AM Choir Practice
PTO Spirit Cart during lunches
- 10 Student Holiday – Parent Conference Day
Snack Drive for sister school
- 11 PTO Meeting at 9:30 AM
- 13 7:50 AM Red Choir Practice
8:00 AM Competitive Chess Club
- 14 7:50 AM Blue Choir Practice
2nd Grade Garden Day
PAWS store during lunches
- 17 4th Gr. Parent Writing Night 6:00 PM
- 18 PTO Fundraiser Pickup
- 20 8:00 AM Recreational Chess Club
- 21 End of 1st Nine Weeks
3rd Grade Garden Day

FALL PICTURES OCTOBER 6

Fall Portraits will be taken by Lifetouch on Thursday, October 6. Order forms were sent home last week. You may order online before picture day @ mylifetouch.com using Picture Day ID: RW01120Y0 or student may present order form and payment at time of sitting to purchase a package. All students will have their picture taken (regardless of purchasing package).

Dear Parents,

I read last week that the U.S. Senate passed a bipartisan resolution honoring October 2011 as National Principals Month. Well, I was already celebrating that due to the recent honors and recognitions that our campus recently received. First, I was notified that Hamilton was a recipient of the *Texas Comptroller's Texas Honor Circle Award*, which was earned for the combination of high student success and low campus spending. We appreciate the ongoing support of our PTO, which assists us in meeting our students' need for instructional materials and programs on a minimal budget.

Secondly, my week became even better when I was notified that we earned the distinguished *Texas Business Education Coalition Award*, which is based on three or more consecutive years of high performance for all students. This award compares Texas schools that are similar to each other, as far as student demographics, so that the award is equitable. Less than 4% of all schools earn this, and it is our third year to receive the honor.

When I thought the week couldn't get any better, I received a heartwarming email to let me know that HES was chosen as a district award winner in the *Volunteer, Partnership Program Award* category with our VIPS department based on the Sister to Sister School Adoption Program we have in place with Holbrook Elementary. Our school will now compete at the state level based on the support we have provided to the students of Holbrook. Our next opportunity to assist Holbrook will be on Parent Conference Day. Soon our PTO will be sending an email blast to request snack donations for Holbrook. Please consider dropping off a packaged snack donation when you come for your conference. These assist the staff while they provide extended day service and weekend tutoring.

We are so proud of our staff, students, and community at Hamilton, for a multitude of reasons!

Catherine Bartlett, Ed.D.

SNACK DRIVE



Your Hamilton Elementary PTO would like to give some treats to our sister school! The PTO will be collecting snack donations on MONDAY, OCTOBER 10th during parent/teacher conferences.

When you do your grocery shopping this week or weekend, please add some healthy snacks (no candy) to your cart for our sister school's after school program. Donations can be dropped off at the entrance to the school when you come for your parent/teacher conference or at the front office the next day. If you are interested in more ways to help our sister school, please contact Norma Gross at norma.gross@yahoo.com. We appreciate your support!

A Note from the Nurse:

Now that school is in full swing, we have the unpleasant return of head lice. Please be aware that several students have been treated for lice this year. Many people associate lice with uncleanliness or poor hygiene, but this is not true. Although these insects cannot hop, jump, or fly, they are easily transmitted from one child to another via head-to-head contact, or the sharing of hats, combs, brushes, etc. Please do your part to prevent their spread by examining your children on a regular basis. If you do find a case of lice, or if you are not sure what to look for and need more information, please contact Laura Matthews, the school nurse at (281)320-7056.

HAMILTON PTO SPIRIT NIGHT

Hamilton Elementary PTO is pleased to introduce Spirit Nights to you, your family, and friends. This is a new and fun way to treat your family to a night out and raise funds for your school at the same time! Spirit Nights will be held on the first Thursday of every month at alternating locations.

We are proud to kick off this new event with Orange Leaf Yogurt, located at 12702 Grant Road on the corner of Grant and Malcomson Rd., next Thursday, October 6th from 4pm-8pm.

Spirit Night is a great way to help out your school, use as a reward for benchmarks, try a restaurant for the first time, or do just because you LOVE it! Please come and join us for a great time and a chance to win one of five \$5 Orange Leaf gift cards. PTO representatives will be on site to greet you and answer any questions. Remember to let the cashier know that you are with Hamilton Elementary to receive 10% off your purchase! We can't wait to see you there!

Library News . . .

Read for the Record - Hamilton Elementary will once again participate in Read For The Record where we will help break the world record for the most people reading the same book on the same day. This year's book is *Llama, Llama Red Pajama!*

Name That Book - We need 3rd, 4th and 5th grade parent volunteers to assist with Lunch Bunches in the library on October 13th. Please sign up thru PTO Manager. All students interested in NTB need to bring their lunches to school that day.

Looking Ahead - Author Peter Catalanotto will be visiting with Kindergarten and 1st grade the afternoon of October 19th - your children won't want to miss it! Also, Storybook Character Dress Up Day is October 28th so start thinking up a creative costume!

**HORIZONS Mid-year Testing/Students K-11
Open Referral Period
October 1st through November 30th**



Student Council

Congratulations to our 2011 - 12 Student Council Representatives who were elected by their classmates last Friday. Each 4th and 5th grade homeroom elected two students to represent them. These students were chosen because they have shown to be responsible students capable of providing leadership for other students.

The council is responsible for year round fundraising such as the Hamilton School Store and paper recycling. The students help to host various special events here at Hamilton. Some of these events include Veteran's Day and Grandparent's Day. The council is also responsible for planning community service projects which the whole school participates in. Some of the community service projects we will be participating in this year are Pennies for Patients, and a November food drive.

The first meeting of the year will be Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

The following students have been chosen by their classmates:

5th Grade Representatives:

Haley: Alex Grant, Madison Friedhoff
Harris: Jonathan D'Agulair, Amanda Bugos
Holliday: Zach French, Ria Blank
Norwood: Jack Phillips, Hannah Lowe
Smith: TJ Mounce, Emma White
Ferrell: Carson Danner, Carmela Urdaneta

4th Grade Representatives:

Aramburu: Javier Falkenberg, Ashley Rogers
Arnoldi: Javier Fernandez, Katie Harper
Caballero: Jacob Anderson, Camryn Duran
Collette: Leo Park, Peyton Wood
Dunbar: Ty Salter, Anna Lee Hurley
Stubbins: Tyler McClosky, Karsyn Wendler
Turner: Zachary Shorter, Kelsey Bounds
Yager: David Wall, Meghan Parker

- Parents who wish to refer their child must follow the process described below:
- Please access the HORIZONS website at <http://cfisd.net/dept2/curricu/gifted/gifted.htm> and review a PowerPoint presentation entitled, *Should I Refer My Child for the HORIZONS Program?*
 - If testing is appropriate, request a *HORIZONS Parent Survey and Permission to Test* form from your elementary counselor or secondary director of instruction. The form may also be accessed on the HORIZONS website.
 - Return the *HORIZONS Parent Survey and Permission to Test* form to your elementary counselor or secondary director of instruction no later than Wednesday, November 30th. Students will not be screened unless the parent permission form is turned in on time.
 - Kindergarten students will be tested on their campus during the school day in January 2012, and students in grades 1-11 will be tested on their campus during the school day prior to spring break. Specific testing dates will be provided to parents by the campus at the start of second semester.
 - Kindergarten students who qualify for HORIZONS will receive services beginning in March with parent permission.
 - Students in grades 1-11 who qualify for HORIZONS will receive services at the beginning of the 2012-13 school year with parent permission.



Hamilton Elementary Spirit Night

First Thursday of Every Month

4 p.m. To 8 p.m.

10% OFF when you come in

15% BACK to your school

Being held at 12702 Grant Rd