

Hughston Hotline

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Hughston PTA chosen Best Elementary PTA and Best Overall PTA!!

Our PTA is clearly the best. It's our dedicated volunteers who help to make our school great. Thank you to our President, Gretchen Abner who has tirelessly led us to the success we enjoy.

If you would like to be part of the winning team, please contact any PTA board member. We have plenty of opportunities to showcase your talents.

Hughston Elementary 2008- 2009 Yearbook

Students will be receiving their purchased copy of the 2008-2009 yearbook on June 5th.

Great News! We have received a few extra copies of the yearbook. The cost is \$18. Requests will be filled on a first come first served basis. If you would like one, contact Linda McAdams 972-985-4701.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

29 Spring Parties 2 p.m.

JUNE

4 5th Grade Graduation 7 p.m.

5 Last Day of School - Early Release
12 p.m.

AUGUST

25 First Day of Classes

For Up-To Date communication on Hughston events and information, sign up to receive our Hughston eNews by going to <http://elist.pisd.edu/login.php>. Click on the link for "First Time Subscribers"!

For links to other Hughston and PISD pages, including Parent Viewer (to view your child's MAP test scores), PayPams, School Supplies, or just to watch our excellent Hughston School Video, visit the Hughston webpage at <http://k-12.pisd.edu/schools/hughston/default.html>



HUGHSTON PRIDE: A State of Mind!

Safe Bicycle Riding Prevents Injuries

More traffic, distracted drivers mean safety is paramount for parents

Kids and bikes haven't changed much over the years. "But the world has," says Lori Vinson, Trauma program manager at Children's Medical Center.

"There is so much more traffic on the roads today. People are driving more — and driving faster — with many distractions," Vinson says. "Parents should consider the bicycle as a vehicle, not a toy. By law, bicyclists must obey the same traffic regulations as motor vehicle drivers."

With that in mind, Vinson says parents should take as much care in teaching children how to drive a bike as they will in teaching them how to drive a car.

Injuries and Statistics

Since 2005, more than 130 children have been admitted to Children's after being hit by a car while riding their bikes. Four of those children died.

Head injuries are the most common cause of death and disability in these cases. Bicycle helmets have been shown to reduce the incidence of head and brain injury by 85 percent. But studies show few parents require their children to wear a bike helmet every time, every ride, with no exceptions.

Many parents underestimate the risk and are surprised to learn that most bicycle injuries occur on neighborhood roads. Boys ages 6 to 15 years old are at greatest risk because they ride bikes more often and are more likely to practice risk-taking behaviors. Children often lack the ability to accurately judge the speed of an oncoming car, they don't have the same peripheral vision as adults, and they often think cars will automatically stop for them. Children may also be more easily distracted.

The Dallas Area Safe Kids Coalition recommends that before you let your children ride in the street, they should be at least 10 years old and able to demonstrate that:

- They know the rules of the road.
- They can ride straight.
- They use the brakes properly.
- They know how to swerve around hazards.
- They're on a constant lookout for traffic.

Make sure beginning cyclists know these rules:

- Don't play in the road.
- Don't ride on busy streets.
- Stop and look before crossing or entering any road.
- Ride in the same direction as traffic, even if riding on the shoulder or the sidewalk.
- Stop for all stop signs, and obey all other traffic signs and signals.
- Don't just "follow the leader" when riding when others. Make your own safety decisions, such as when to cross a road.
- Keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times. Two hands are better.
- Don't ride at night. Wear bright clothing during the day so you'll be more easily seen.
- Wear a helmet whenever you ride.



Resources:

Children's Health Library: Injury Prevention

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Hughston Happenings:

From the Desk of the Principal, Luanne Collins

Mustang Pride. . . It's a State of Mind! The students and staff of Hughston Elementary School have certainly worked hard during the 2008-2009 school year and Mustang Pride is evident throughout the school! There are many wonderful accomplishments we can celebrate! Students have grown, not only in stature, but, also, academically, as I am sure your child's teachers have shared with you. Many have earned recognition at school district, and regional levels in Science Fair, Mockingbird Poetry Contest, Wordmasters, and Continental Math Competitions! In addition, hundreds of students have compositions published in our literary magazine and will be honored at our Authors' and Artists' Extravaganza on May 28. Early results on this year's TAKS also indicate that our students have done well on those benchmarks.

We have had outstanding dramatic and musical performances by our talented young people. . . our first and second grade level programs, Mustang Chorale performance, and kindergarten song programs. We had a successful Family Swim Night, Family Skate Night, Spring Fling, an awesome few days at Collin County Adventure Camp, fine arts field trips, trips to the outdoor learning center, super Magic Mustang Assemblies, and presentations by Nana Puddin', authors, potters, and community leaders. Our students participated in PTA-sponsored after-school programs (Palette Pals, Book Buddies, and Mustang Chorale), Student Council, iLead, math clubs, reading clubs, and Writers' Guild. Our leadership organization, Student Council, participated in the PSHS homecoming parade. They also led efforts to collect hundreds of canned goods for needy families. Our Safety Patrol members actively demonstrated how they could make a difference to smooth, safe arrival and dismissal times. Our students have become voracious readers who eagerly share their latest books. Students have developed problem solving skills, writing skills, jogging skills, artistic talents, technology skills, and teamwork skills! We see many smiles and hear eager greetings as students arrive at school each day. What a wonderful, busy learning place Hughston has been!

The teamwork of students, staff, and parents has made this a happy, productive, rewarding year! Under the competent, caring direction of our PTA officers, the Hughston community had many wonderful learning and fun activities. We are excited that the Watch D.O.G.S. program was successfully initiated and is now fully operational. Our school has truly been "Best in the West! Every Way! Every Day!" because of the collegial efforts of those who are a part of our school. The staff and I wish you all a safe, happy, and relaxing summer. We will have an exciting, wonderful new school year awaiting us in August. To those of you who are leaving us to go on to new cities or new schools, we wish you continued success. We will miss you, but we hope that you will take fond memories of Hughston with you as you go!

Special Thanks to Volunteers! The staff at Hughston would like to thank the multitude of volunteers who have quietly and enthusiastically supported the many efforts of the children and teachers of the Hughston community. Whether you worked in the classroom, in the library, in the workroom, at home on school projects, in the office, at Collin County Adventure Camp, in our flower beds, at our programs or assemblies, in our Destination Imagination program, at our school book fairs, in the Watch D.O.G.S., or in any other way, YOU are important to us and have made a difference in the lives of your children! If you have supported your children by encouraging them as they did their homework, studied for a

test, solved a problem, wrote an essay, read a book, or worked on their math facts, YOU have made an incredible difference in the lives of YOUR children. If you listened and looked as they sang a new song, showed you their latest creation, or taught you a new game or exercise, YOU have made a difference to our precious children. Thanks to each of you for helping the children of this community realize that learning is important and that they can make this community a better place by what they do!

Thanks to PTA: Many, many thanks to Gretchen Abner and the PTA Board for their leadership in planning supportive fun and fundraising activities for our school! Their tireless efforts add so much to what we can do for the children! Special congratulations to this stellar group for receiving the honor of being named the most outstanding local unit of the PlanoISD Council of PTA's in both the elementary and overall categories! It's great that others recognize how fortunate we are to have such a wonderful parent-teacher leadership group! Our after-school activities, recess equipment, school assemblies, Mustang Magic Magazine, and many classroom consumables are funded through their efforts. Our new PTA Board for 2009-10 will be under the leadership of our president, Liz Mosier, who is already busily preparing for a great school year. Thanks to Ben Criste, too, who has coordinated the efforts of organizing Watch D.O.G.S. with our Assistant Principal, Deborah Bonner.

Thanks to Parents and Teacher Appreciation Committee: The week of May 4 was Teacher Appreciation Week at Hughston. What a fun week of activities and celebration for the entire Hughston staff! We would like to thank Jeanette Clopp and her creative and industrious committee, and the many generous parents and students for providing a week of special events and thoughtful gestures. Of course, all staff members treasured the many smiles, flowers, drawings, notes, and hugs that were given by the students. Each creative card, flower, note, food item, and event was greatly appreciated! The teachers and staff members at Hughston are a very caring, dedicated team, and I thank each of you for recognizing that! The memories of a special appreciation week and a great year with your children will be treasured for a lifetime!

Teachers of the Year Honored: Sue Sayed, Special Education teacher, and Julia Thomas, second grade teacher, were honored at the Teacher of the Year Banquet sponsored by PISD on May 21. We are so appreciative of the special, caring, fun, creative, professional teaching efforts that these teachers deliver in their classrooms on a daily basis.

Teachers Honored for Service to PISD: Several teachers were honored recently for outstanding service to PISD. Those recognized included Susan Clark (20 years), Marsha Burger (15 years), and Sherry Bilotta & Aime Traynor (10 Years). We are really proud of these outstanding staff members and thank them for their continued enthusiastic efforts at our school.

In addition, JorJa Landauer, talented fifth grade teacher, announced her retirement from teaching after twenty years of dedicated service to children. We are so proud of her efforts on behalf of the children in the Hughston community during the past sixteen years. Mrs. Landauer is looking forward to having time to travel with her husband, and I know she will take many treasured memories of former students, their families, and her colleagues with her wherever she goes.

Plan Summer Activities that Reinforce Learning: The brain is like a muscle. The more you use it, the stronger it gets. Your students have worked so hard this year and learned so much! Even though they will soon be out for the summer, it is important that students keep newly acquired skills sharp. Read, read, read with your child. Visit the library. Make a fun scrapbook together where the children put photographs or drawings of fun activities and then write about what you did together. Review math facts by playing board games or computer games as a family. Get a book that reviews various math or

reading skills and play “school” with your children and their dolls or bears!

Plan Ahead for Next Year’s Science Fair: The summer time is the perfect time to plan, collect information and data, and conduct experiments for next year’s science fair! It’s a fun summertime activity that promotes learning! Some of our students are involved in so many activities during the school year, that they don’t have time to plan a project at that time. By starting this summer, it can be all ready for the science fair in January! We hope all of our young scientists will have a project ready to enter next year!

Dress Code Reminder: As you shop for your children’s back-to-school clothing in August, it is important to keep in mind the district dress code.

Students in grades K-2 may wear regular shorts. Students in grades 3-12 may wear shorts, but shorts must meet the following standards:

- Must be loose-fitting; no biking shorts, cutoffs, boxer shorts, or combinations thereof.
- Must be hemmed or cuffed
- Length must be to the fingertips of longer

Dresses or skirts must be longer than fingertips.

Tank tops, tube tops, halter-type blouses or mesh shirts will not be permitted. Sleeveless sports shirts cannot have over-sized armholes, unless a shirt is worn underneath. Sundresses will be permitted if modestly cut. Shirts should overlap the waistbands of skirts, shorts, or pants.

Items with provocative, offensive, violent, or drug-related pictures or slogans will not be permitted. Items advertising alcoholic beverages or tobacco products will not be permitted.

No type of clothing which has been torn or has holes will be allowed.

No sagging pants or shorts.

No visible pierced jewelry other than earrings.

On PE days, students must wear tennis shoes for safety in the gym or outside during rigorous exercise and activities.

School “Meet the Teacher” Event for the 2009-2010: On Friday, August 21, 2009, all new and returning students will be able to meet their new teachers and locate their new desks & lockers at a Hughston “Meet the Teacher Event” from 3:15 - 4:00 in the afternoon. Be sure to mark this date and time on your calendar.

New Students for 2009-2010: We want to register new students as early as possible so we have the correct number of teachers for the students who will be attending in the fall. If you have a new family that moves in next door to you this summer, please encourage them to call the school to register elementary-aged students as early as possible (469-752-2003). Our office will be open until June 24, and we will re-open on July 27. Your efforts in making this happen will help all of our students get off to a better start in the fall. It is always disruptive to children if we have to add/lose teachers or homerooms once the school year has started.

Security Notice: All schools in PISD are using the Raptor sign-in system to ensure student safety. This system enables schools to run a check on all visitors through a national database. On the first day of school, ALL visitors will be required to check in through the office and wait for a badge. Please expect LONG lines due to the high traffic on the first day of school. If possible, you may wish to use “Meet the Teacher” on Fri, August 22nd as the time to walk your child to class. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your understanding and support.

From the Front Office:

Dear Parents...

If you are planning on moving over the summer, please remember to contact the front office so we can plan accordingly for next year.

If you know of any neighbors or friends who have not pre-registered their school age child or Kindergartner for next year, please tell them to call or come by the Hughston office to do so.

Summer Office Hours and Dates:

June 8-June 25 7am - 4pm

MONDAY-THURSDAY (closed Fridays)

Please call before coming up to the school to make sure the staff is in.

The office will be closed June 26-July 24 and reopen on Monday, July 27.

Registration for new students will begin on Thursday, August 13 between the hours of 9:00 am-11 am and 1:00 pm-3:00 pm.

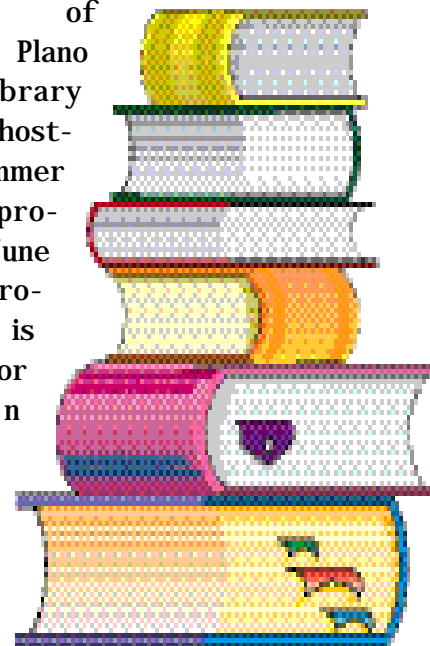
Thank you.

Wendy A. Hammond
Hughston Elementary
469-752-2002

Library Lagniappe

Thank you so much to all students, staff, and parents for helping make our spring book fair a huge success. I am encouraging students to read their book fair books during their summer break.

Speaking of which, the Plano Public Library will begin hosting its summer reading program on June 5th. The program is designed for children from birth to those entering 5th grade.



(6th grade and above may join the teen summer reading program) The goal is to read or be read to for 600 minutes or more. Be sure to complete your reading log. Your completed log is your entry to win an MP3 player.

I have enjoyed serving Hughston Elementary as librarian and look forward to the 2009-2010 school year.

Enjoy your summer break and don't forget to **READ, READ, READ!**

Sincerely,

Tonya Ashcroft

Librarian

"Today's readers are tomorrow's leaders"

Counselor Corner

WOW! It seems that we were just beginning the school year. It's hard to believe that another year is coming to a close. Teachers and students have been working diligently. The Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skill (TAKS) has once again come and gone. The third graders completed the reading portion of TAKS on March 3rd and the math portion on April 28th. Fourth graders completed the writing portion on March 3rd, the math portion on April 28th and the reading portion on April 29th. Our 5th graders completed the reading portion on March 3rd, the math portion on April 7th and the science portion on April 30th.

In guidance we viewed the WHO videos in March and April. W.H.O. stands for "We Help Ourselves." The students learned what to do in potentially dangerous situations. The three rules of WHO are: 1) say no or stop, 2) walk away and 3) get help from an adult you trust. We want all students to stay safe and happy.

Fifth grade viewed a video titled "How to Succeed in Middle School." This video discussed the transition to middle school. We discussed the feelings about moving on to the next phase in their lives. It is exciting to see the fifth graders take this next step in their school journey.

Summer is a good time to give your child responsibility for chores. What does washing dishes or

brushing the dog have to do with school success? When children learn to be more responsible at home, their schoolwork, often improves. Doing chores at home helps children learn how to plan, get organized, develop concentration, and follow through. Chores also help kids become more responsible, cooperative, and self-confident. These are skills they need to succeed in school and life!

Summer Tip: Summer vacation often means lots of extra TV viewing - more than most parents realize. What can your kids do instead? Try some of these activities.

Leave a jigsaw puzzle out for the family to work on. Listen to books on tape. Later, draw the scene you liked best.

Fill a craft box with odds and ends, such as markers, paint, glue, paper, old magazines, and bits of ribbon. Bring it out when your kids are bored.

Learn card tricks to amaze each other.

Listen to music as a family. Take turns playing your favorites.

(Taken from Home and School Connection)

It has been a great year. I have enjoyed working with all the students, parents and teachers here at Hughston. I look forward to working with you all next year. Have a relaxing and safe summer.

Pam Hart

News from the Nurse

A quick reminder about the new vaccine requirements for children entering 7th grade:

Beginning this Fall, a child entering 7th grade will be required to have a second dose of the Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine, a dose of the Meningococcal vaccine and a Tdap booster, unless there is documentation of a tetanus containing vaccine having been received within the previous five years.

As your child receives these vaccines, please send a copy of the vaccination form to me so that your child's school record may be updated.

Thank you,

Marsha Burger, R.N.

Literacy Corner

“Summer time, summer time, sum-sum-summer time...” As a youngster, I loved the lyrics of a popular song that I played over and over in my head as summertime approached. I couldn’t wait to enjoy the “lazy-hazy” days of summer because my first love was playing baseball in the empty lot across the street from my house with my big brother’s friends. Summertime provided lots of free time to play the game that was so near and dear to my heart. However, one thing that I credit my parents for during my young summertime years was their insistence that my brother and I pay a visit to the town’s public library every week.

My hometown’s public library was located in the heart of the small business district next to the city park. Each week my dad would dutifully drive us to the large, red-brick library to visit the spacious shelves loaded with books of every description. Ultimately before exiting the check-out counter, my dad would give a nod if we had checked out books of his approval. The bottom line was that we were required to check out two books every week so we would have something to read before we turned out the lights at bedtime.

You would think my brother and I would find this routine distasteful, but actually we used this quiet reading time to postpone lights out. I remember begging my mother, “Can I just read one more chapter?” Pretending reluctance, my mother would pause before giving a feigned contemplative answer. Each time I begged for an extension of reading time, I was convinced that I was the clever one by using reading time as an excuse for extending my awake-time beyond the 8:00 lights out time. What I didn’t realize then was that my parents were plotting to make their children life-long readers. Not surprisingly, the habit of settling in with a good book before bedtime became a voluntary routine as I approached my teenage years and continues to this day.

Not surprisingly, my brother and I are avid readers. The genres we select vary according to our needs. Reading for career or personal growth, entertainment, or to assuage curiosity, whatever the reason, we both find ourselves daily turning the pages of a book.

...And to think that it all began when we were elementary aged children who loved summers filled with baseball and keeping the bed lamp on past 8:00 in the evening!

So, now my summertime hope is that Hughston’s parents will be as wise as my parents were to creatively find ways to place top priority on enhancing reading skills during the “lazy-hazy” days of sum-sum-summertime.

Footnote: If you have questions concerning ordering home-delivered Summer Skills review books, feel free to contact me by telephone or e-mail.

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Grade Level News



Kindergarten

In Kindergarten, we have been excited to become "Star Student" of the week. The children have

been able to share wishes, things they like and dislike, and what they would like to be when they grow up. The children have also been able to share a toy, best work, favorite book, and favorite music.

We also had a wonderful time at the Outdoor Learning Center! We had fun learning about different plants on the nature walk and seeing many kinds of animals and what their body coverings were. Thanks to all our volunteers for making our field trip an exciting adventure. In addition, the Kindergartners were full of smiles when they performed their program for their parents and the school. In big centers, in the dramatic play center, the children are role-playing and taking turns being McDonald's employees and customers. The employees are working inside the restaurant and at the drive-thru to please the customers.

During the last week of school, we will be doing a Texas theme which includes relay games and some fun activities about Texas. So, get ready y'all!

The Kindergarten Team would like to thank each family for sharing their child with us this year. We have watched every student blossom in so many areas and we are confident that they will continue to grow and feel successful in first grade! Seeing your child smile and being excited about school shows us that we made a huge impact on their first year. Have a wonderful and relaxing summer!



1st Grade

The last weeks of school are always such a whirlwind! Our program was a feast for the eyes as well as a delight for the ears! Thanks to everyone who made it such a success. A special thank you to Mrs. Hatch and Mrs. Moudy for going the extra mile and creating our beautiful scenery!

Many of our students were recognized at the Author/Artist Extravaganza Night on May 28th! This proves once again what tremendous talent we have in first grade!

As the year comes to a close, we'd like to take the opportunity to thank all of our wonderful families for all of the kindness and support you have offered us throughout the school year. It has truly been our pleasure to have been able to be a small part in your children's lives. We know they are ready to be second grade trailblazers!



100Years



2nd Grade

Wow, what a fantastic year we have had in 2nd grade! It seems impossible that it is almost over! It has been an incredible year of growth for our kids. We are so proud of all they have accomplished this year. Thank you for letting us be a part of their lives! We'd also like to thank all of our hard-working and thoughtful parents!

We have done some exciting things this year and this last six weeks is no exception. We have been busy solving mysteries, digging up fossils to

build a dinosaur, and researching. We've been on two very fun field trips this year as well!

The Second Grade Team will be sending our kid-dos to 3rd grade with fond memories! We'll miss our Trailblazers, but we believe they are prepared to be Shining Stars in 3rd! Have a relaxing summer and thank you for a fantastic year.


With Love,
The 2nd Grade Teachers



3rd Grade

Third graders are keeping busy as the year quickly comes to a close. We have loved studying natural resources and ways to help keep our planet clean. In math, students are working hard to master all of their multiplication facts and become great problem solvers. Our language arts students are enjoying studying and discussing literature. We were also thrilled to have Mrs. Gray come in to share some great writing lessons with our third graders! We are so proud of what deep thinkers our students have become!

It seems like just yesterday we were getting to know our new Third Grade Superstars. They have grown and matured in so many different ways. We are so proud of all of their accomplishments. We are also very grateful to all of the parents who helped make our Superstars shine this year. Your support of your students and teachers is so greatly appreciated! We are sad to see our third graders go but we know they will make wonderful "Top Bananas."



4th Grade


Fourth grade has had a fabulous April and May. We finished studying body systems and have moved on to the free enterprise system. The Writing Extravaganza was a great showplace for our students' writing. So much of fourth grade is about becoming better readers and writers. We have also just completed a unit on Jackie Robinson and baseball.

In language arts, we are wrapping up word study by having a vocabulary parade where all the students dress up as a word and parade. Each class is reading a different novel to work on those comprehension skills and we are writing daily to continue our great growth

Fourth grade is busily wrapping up the year. Every day has an alphabet theme from Quiet Day to Wrangle Up your classroom. In addition, we are wrapping up Social Studies by learning about economics and the laws of supply and demand. We formed an assembly line and did a mass production of bookmarks for Kindergarten and First grade.

Every Friday we are doing whole group problem solving in math. It is great to see the students use all their skills that they have learned this year!

We are excited that school is winding down and that our wonderful fourth graders are about to head off to summer vacation and then fifth grade. We wish the lots of luck and success in the future. GO TOP BANANAS, GO!!!!!!!



5th Grade

It seems like only yesterday our fifth graders arrived full of anticipation as the Top Apples of Hughston. Now the year is coming to a close. What a year it has been!

In Science, we have been studying the human body. Students completed skeleton models using recycled products. What wonderful projects they were! They learned 25 bones and five different joints of the human body. As usual, they amazed us with their creativity!

Our visit to Haggard was a success. The students are ready to become Haggard Eagles and say their farewells to Hughston Mustangs. They have learned so many skills that will help them be successful in middle school. The fifth grade team wishes them well!



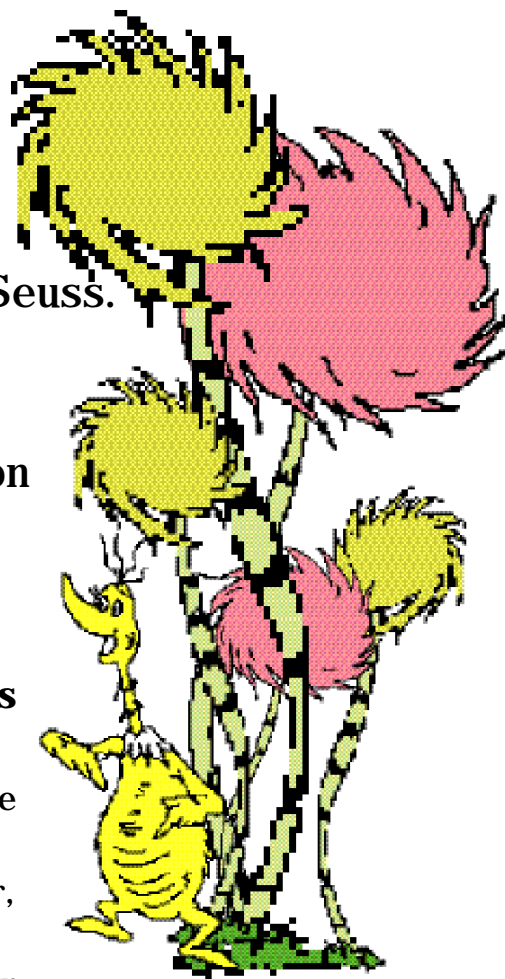
5th Grade Graduation

Fifth grade graduation is June 4th at 7pm. In the cafeteria. The theme is based on the book "Oh, The Places You'll Go" by Dr. Seuss. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Julie-Anne Dean Principal of Haggard Middle School. Parents can bring their cameras. A reception immediately follows with punch and cookies.

Special Thanks goes out the following volunteers for their help.

- 5th Grade Memory Book: Jane Tecklenberg, Catherine McGough, and Kelly Howell
- 5th Grade Bulletin Board: Aubrey Tuggle, Sandy Hamer, and Patricia Harrison
- **Alisha Devlin** - Lead Room Parent and Coordinator for the events.

You make our 5th graders shine!!



5th Grade Parents - Save the Date

Parents - Save the date for 6th grade schedule pick-up August 13th from 9 a.m. - noon. This is Haggard's first big event to kick-off the new school year. Not only will the students pick up their schedules, parents will have an opportunity to shop the "Haggard Mall" for school supplies, planners, gym clothing, Haggard spirit wear, etc. Watch for your Summer Mailer packet arriving in late June! It will include the necessary papers for schedule pick-up. In August, you will receive a copy of the Emergency Card from Plano ISD. Please save all these papers and bring them with you to Schedule pick-up on August 13th. We look forward to seeing you then - have a great summer!



Back by popular demand, we are once again having our talent day in music. Each class has the chance to show off their various talents to their classmates during their music time. These talents include singing, dancing, playing an instrument, magic tricks, gymnastics, etc. They have also brought trophies or medals they have won. We have also seen many sports uniforms and dance outfits. They are doing so many things to show off their talents.

In KINDERGARTEN, students now know how musicians read quarter notes and eighth notes. It is so exciting to see them starting to read music! They also did a wonderful job on their spring program! It is always fun to experience singing on the stage.

In FIRST GRADE, children worked so hard on their songs for their Seasons program. They did a performance for the school as well as a performance for their families. Both times, they showed off how hard they had been working because everyone loved it! Way to go, 1st grade!

In SECOND GRADE, students have become masters at performing in canon, both rhythmically and melodically. It is very impressive to hear! They have also learned that "unison" means that everyone sings all together. Each student has also practiced singing the pentatone (ask your child what that is J). Most recently, we have been practicing reading 16th notes.

In THIRD GRADE, after they discovered separated eighth notes, students learned how to read syncopated rhythms which is when rhythms occur on unusual parts of the beat. They have also been singing their newest sound "low la" which is actually below do.

In FOURTH GRADE, our students have finally mastered reading eighth note and sixteenth note combinations. It took a little while, but now they really have it! They have also been singing their newest sound "high do."

In FIFTH GRADE, now that students know the entire solfege scale, they have been reading it on the staff so they can continue to feel more comfortable reading music. We have also learned another way to read music with the treble clef using letter names. This helps prepare them for music in middle school, especially if they are going to play an instrument. They are also learning songs to perform at their graduation ceremony next week.

It has been such a wonderful year! I hope everyone has a restful summer, and I can't wait to see everyone again next year! If you ever have any questions about the music program, please feel free to contact me.

Robyn Heyde

Elementary Music Specialist



Hughston's artists have worked hard, and done such a great job this year! We are finishing our final pieces and packing everything up to take home the last week of school. Make sure to go through your child's portfolio when they bring it home. They've learned so much about famous artists and specific techniques for creating great art. If your child is absent the last week of school, their portfolio will be available for pick up this summer, in the front office. Way to go Hughston artists; you've worked so hard this year, and created great works!

Mrs. Krueger

Art Teacher

We see...

Sportsmanship

Teamwork

Attitude

Respect

Success



...every day in Physical Education Class!!

We are having the best year moving and staying active in Physical Education Class! The return of our beautiful Texas Spring weather has our 2nd through 5th grade students outside for a power walk/jog around our track every day! We have a 10 mile club, 20 mile club, 30 mile club, and 40 mile club, complete with certificates and prizes once these "milestones" are achieved! We love to watch our students aim for high mileage!

We had a great time teaching the students 12 different ways to jump rope in our "Jumping Unit." We covered the single, double, rocker, kicker, ski jump, bell jump, scissors, jumping jack, double whip, crossover, running man, and around the world. Ask your child to name their favorite jump, and then ask them to teach you!

Next, we introduced our Striking and Scooter Units. These units have all of the students favorite games such as "Knights," "Hockey Clean Up," "Paddle Ball," "The Blob," "Spaghetti and Meatballs," and "Iron Man Workout" to name a few. The students go CRAZY when they walk in the gym and see the scooters out for class! Hidden behind all of that scooter fun is a great workout for the arm and leg muscles! Shhh...it's our secret!

We recently administered the second FITNESSGRAM testing to the 3rd through 5th grade students. FITNESSGRAM is a valuable tool that helps assess a young student's fitness level and identifies ways to improve fitness and health. It includes a

variety of health related physical fitness tests, including the Pacer, Curl-Up, Push-Up, Trunk Lift, and Back-Saver Sit and Reach (flexibility). These tests are designed to assess cardiovascular fitness, muscle strength, muscular endurance, flexibility, and body composition. The results of the FITNESSGRAM testing, similar to a report card summarizing the student's performance in each category, will be distributed soon! We are amazed at the improvement from the first FITNESSGRAM testing earlier this year! The goal of the FITNESSGRAM program is the same as our goal in Physical Education Class, to provide students with the knowledge, attitude, and skills to be active for a lifetime!

Have a safe, active, and enjoyable summer! Remember, everyone, regardless of age, gender, or ability, benefits from activity and fitness. Help your children continue to view physical activity as an important part of their daily lives! Help your children earn time on the computer, TV, or video game, by tracking the number of hours they are active, and then rewarding them once a goal is reached! It was an absolute pleasure coaching your children this year!! See you in August!

Ben Pirillo,

Dakarai Stephens,

Ruth Koch

Physical Education Staff



Our co-volunteers of the month are **Linda McAdams** and **Jane Hatch**. Linda and Jane worked hard to make our yearbook a success this year. Thank You, Linda and Jane, for all you do!

Central Market

Shoppers

Support Hughston

We have cards in the office for anyone to use when they shop at Central Market. Each time you scan your card with purchase, Hughston will receive 5% back. Pick up your cards in the office.

"Beauty Is...."

Next year's Reflections theme.

Take some time this summer to think about how you would like to participate in Reflections, a national PTA art program. You can check out previous winners by going to http://pta.browser-media.com/cs/program_gallery. There were many Plano participants that won at the state level last year and we were even represented at the national level. It's truly amazing to see the talent of these students. Students can participate in six categories; literature, dance choreography, musical composition, photography, film/video production, and visual arts. So, why not work on this fun project this summer, with the theme of "Beauty Is..."

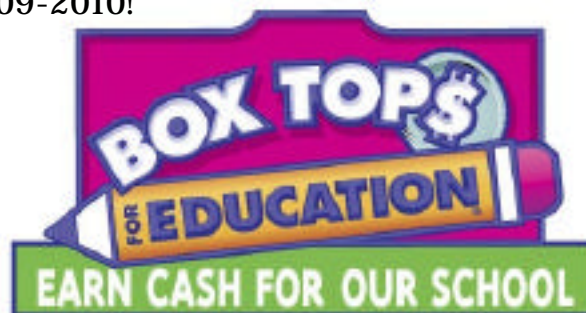
Information will be available next fall. Good luck and have fun!



If anyone is interested in updating the marquee for half or all of the 2009-2010 school year, let the office know. It involves one day a week for 30 minutes. Two people are needed to change out the letters. It is a great way to help out the PTA and the school if you work. You can do it on the weekends or any time of day at your convenience.

Keep clippin' your Box Tops this summer!

Don't stop - keep clipping and turning them in until the end of school. And, clip them all summer. Let's see if we can hit 20,000 in 2009-2010!



2009 - 2010 HUGHSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

NOTE: *The following are the basic supplies needed to start the school year. Please check with individual schools for additions/deletions. Some consumable supplies may need to be replenished during the course of the year.*

KINDERGARTEN

Crayons (24 colors)
White glue (three 4 oz. bottles)
Four pencils (regular #2)
Two boxes facial tissues (250 count box)
White (preferred) or manila drawing paper,
12 X 18 (100 sheets)
Construction paper, assorted colors 12 X 18
(80 sheets)
Washable water color markers
Two folders with pockets
Watercolors with brush
Hand wipes (2 boxes)
Scissors - one pair blunt
Large eraser
Two small glue sticks

FIRST GRADE

Crayons (16 colors)
White glue 8 oz.
Four pencils (regular #2)
Facial tissues (250 count box)
Four Mead/McDougal-Littell tablets
(Mead #48170, #48512, #48166, or #48156)
or School Depot (#SD21006)
Scissors (sharp point)
White (preferred) or manila drawing paper,
12 X 18 (100 sheets)
Construction paper, assorted colors 12 X 18
(80 sheets)
Four folders with pockets & brads,
three with pockets & no brads
School box (plastic)

Watercolors with brush
Large eraser
Three wide rule spiral notebooks (40 sheets)
non-perforated (primary rule - if available)
Hand wipes (1 box)
Washable water color markers

SECOND GRADE

Crayons (16 colors)
Two large white glue sticks
Pencils, one box (regular #2)
Facial tissues (250 count box)
Three Mead/McDougal-Littell tablets
(Mead #48039, #48156, #48512, #48210, or
#25334) or School Depot (#SD21006)
Scissors (sharp point)
Four folders with pockets and brads
School box (plastic, small size)
White drawing paper, 12 X 18 (100 sheets)
Construction paper, heavy weight, assorted colors
12 X 18 (80 sheets)
Watercolors with brush
Eraser, 2 large pink
Four wide rule spiral tablets (70 sheets)
Wide rule notebook paper (200 count)
Hand wipes - antibacterial (1 box)
One box map colors
One highlighter (yellow)
Hand sanitizer (8 oz. pump)
*No folders larger than 11" x 14", please.

THIRD GRADE

Crayons (24 colors)
 Two glue sticks
 Twelve pencils (regular #2)
 Two boxes facial tissue (250 count box)
 One composition book (100 ct)
 One package notebook paper (wide rule, loose leaf) 200 ct.
 Two spiral notebooks (wide rule)
 Scissors (sharp point)
 Four solid color folders with brads and pockets (red, green, blue, yellow)
 Plastic ruler, 12" (inch and centimeter)
 White (preferred) or manila drawing paper 12 X 18 (50 sheets)
 Construction paper, assorted colors 12 X18 (50 sheets)
 Colored pencils
 Large school box
 Two red marking pencils
 Hand sanitizer (8oz. pump)
 Washable water color markers
 Pencil sharpener with receptacle
 One binder (1" vinyl)

FOURTH GRADE

Crayons (24 colors)
 White glue (4 oz.) or 1 glue stick
 Twelve pencils (regular #2)
 Two boxes facial tissues (250 count box)
 Two packages -Notebook paper (wide rule) 200 ct.
 Five spiral notebooks (wide rule)
 Scissors (sharp point)
 Plastic ruler, 12" (inch and centimeter)
 White (preferred) or manila drawing paper 12 X 18 (50 sheets)
 Construction paper, assorted colors 12 X 18 (40 sheets)
 One red pen (ballpoint or felt tip)
 Five solid color folders with brads and pockets

(assorted colors)
 Colored pencils
 Two highlighters (yellow)
 Large eraser
 One three-ring notebook, 2" wide, with subject dividers and zipper pouch
 One hand sanitizer (8 oz. pump)
 One pencil sharpener with receptacle

FIFTH GRADE

Crayons (24 colors)
 White glue (4 oz.)
 Four pencils (regular #2)
 Two boxes facial tissues (250 count)
 Notebook paper (wide rule)
 Scissors (sharp point)
 Plastic ruler, 12" (inch and centimeter)
 White (preferred) or manila drawing paper 12 X 18 (50 sheets)
 Construction paper, assorted colors 12 X 18 (40 sheets)
 Watercolors with brush
 Colored pencils
 Three 100 page spiral notebooks
 Red pen (fine point felt or ballpoint)
 Ballpoint pen (blue or black)
 Three-ring notebook with package of subject dividers (2" notebooks; no thicker)
 Three folders with brads and pockets (assorted colors)
 One green folder with brads and pockets
 Washable water color markers
 Zipper pouch (large)
 One highlighter (yellow)
 Hand wipes (1 box)

NOTE: For 3rd-5th graders, agendas are required and will be available for \$5.50 at the back-to-school open house in August. Please note, agendas are automatically included in school supply packs purchased through the school for 3rd-5th grade.