



## HES Family Newsletter - September 2024

### Welcome!!!

Welcome to a brand new year at HES! We are excited to have our family back together and can't wait to see all the growth as we work together #buildingfutureleaders! Our staff and students have gotten off to a GREAT start. Please check out our first newsletter of the year for what's coming up in September across the campus!



### Our Busy Classrooms



#### Pre-Kindergarten by Kandy Faris

Our Pre-Kindergarten students have been busy learning the rules and procedures for school. We've been practicing alot! We want to be safe, so we plan to follow the rules we have learned. We have toured the building and met many people. We have made new friends and learned to work at school.

Last month, we learned about our school. Our big question was "How do we learn and play at our school?" This month we are learning about ourselves. We will be learning about our friends & families and using our senses. We have been naming the colors, counting 1-10 and writing our names. We are looking forward to more learning!



#### Kindergarten by Hortensia Leon



This next month we will continue to learn how to count and write our numbers from 0-10 with the help of Eureka Math! We will also continue to work on writing personal narratives in writing using beginning, middle and end. In phonics we will continue to work on rhyming words, initial sound isolation, final sound isolation, and changing beginning and ending syllable. In Science we will continue to learn about magnets, lights and objects , shadows, and properties of rocks. Lastly, in reading we will look at topic and central idea, problem and solution, topic and theme. We can not

wait to see how much progress our students will make this month academically and socially! GO HES EAGLES!!

### 1st Grade by Debora Abrego

Coming up in 1st Grade students will be working on recognizing text organization and applying that to understand central and supporting ideas as well as setting elements. Informational writing will help students learn to write about actual events and real life topics. Students will also be studying government officials and learning all about their positions.



### 2nd Grade by Holly Hand

We are off to a great start in second grade! In Reading Language Arts we have been discussing the author's purpose of writing a text, the central idea of a text, character traits, and writing our first personal narratives. We will continue honing our skills in these areas as well as learn how to connect visuals and text, study suffixes, synonyms and antonyms, and much more! In Social Studies we have discussed our communities and how they work and grow together with common beliefs and will soon learn about

people who have helped shape our communities. In math we have been practicing decomposing numbers to help grow our number sense and will be learning how to measure and estimate length. We will end the month with place value and modeling base ten numbers with money. Our wonderful scientists will learn all about matter.

We would like to remind our parents and families to be checking their student's calendar in the take home folder every night as well as making sure they are reading at least ten minutes and studying their math facts. Thank you for your support in your child's education!

### 3rd Grade by Amber Lopez

In reading, students are working on identifying the literary elements, point of view, and text and graphic features for fiction stories. In writing, we are working on writing, editing, and publishing personal narratives. In social studies, students are learning about being part of a community and what makes a good community. In math, we are learning how to solve 1 and 2 step word problems. We are continuing to learn how to count money. In science we are learning about the different states of matter.



### Important dates:

September 27 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

### Reminders for parents:

Students are able to check out 2 library books from the library. We ask that you read with your child at least 10 minutes each night. Also, ask them questions about what they are reading to help grow their comprehension skills. For math, please have students work on learning their math facts.

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## **Notes From Around Campus**

### **Counselor's Corner by Shae Owens**

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year!! I am excited that we are beginning our seventh year of implementing Choose Love for Schools at HES this year! Not only that, but we are incredibly honored to have become one of only two Certified Choose Love Schools in the great state of Texas. (The other is our own Hillsboro Intermediate School!) Choose Love for Schools is a Character Social Emotional Development program that emphasizes the simple, universal teachings of courage, gratitude, forgiveness, and compassion in action. During the months of September and October, we will focus on the character pillar of Courage each morning during our Choose Love time, as well as in our Choose Love Enrichment lessons. Students will learn that courage means choosing to work through difficulties and do the right thing, even if you feel afraid. It takes courage to do things such as express our feelings, make good choices, tell the truth, admit mistakes, ask for forgiveness, and to be kind. For more information about Choose Love for Schools and Choose Love for Home, please take a look and register at NO COST on their website,

<https://www.chooselovemovement.org>.

Below are optional activities that students and families/ caregivers can use to practice Choose Love skills and concepts at home. If you choose, the following discussion starters and activities can be used with your children to extend their learning of Courage beyond the classroom/ school.

- "To me, courage is....."
- "I show courage at school by...."
- "I show courage at home by....."
- "I show courage in my community by....."
- "It takes courage to show my feelings because...."
- Students show a family member how to do a Brave Breath.
- Create a family book of courageous acts that displays pictures of your family being courageous.
- Talk with your family about why it is important to practice courage.

Thank you for your continued support in helping promote your child's academic, social, emotional, and personal well-being. By working together, we can help our children become healthy, happy, successful individuals. It will be a fantastic school year!

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# Choose Love Certified School



**Creating Safer Schools  
and Loving Communities.**



## **Shout Outs from The Specials Team**

HES Technology Lab - Mrs. Price

September is going to be a great month in the technology lab. Your child will be learning about internet safety and being a good digital citizen. This month Kindergarten thru Third Grade will continue with their typing program while Pre-k will begin exploring Starfall, as well as learning to use a chrome book.

**HES Music Class - Mrs. Abt**

Music classes have had a wonderful start to the new school year! We have been learning procedures and routines. We are singing and moving to the rhythm and beat of the music. In September, we will continue learning about rhythm, beat, and reading rhythms. Towards the end of September we will learn how to use some of the classroom rhythm instruments while reading the rhythm cards and singing songs.

**HES Library Center- Mrs. Wilson**

Scholastic Book Fair Sept. 23-26

Volunteers are welcome! An online sign up will be shared soon. Be sure to fill out the yearly volunteer form

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1J8b9Len0n79vbL6VDqa20dgcDARH0Wm-BpHnDr4DqI/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1J8b9Len0n79vbL6VDqa20dgcDARH0Wm-BpHnDr4DqI/viewform?edit_requested=true)

**PE - Coach Franklin**

PE has had a great start to the school year! We have been learning fundamental movement patterns, while working on body awareness and coordination!

### **ESL/Bilingual - Mrs. Roberts**

All testing has been completed, and I am excited to start working with our ESL/Bilingual students to practice effective strategies in second-language acquisition.



### **PE**

Stretches & Warm-Up w/  
Coach Franklin



### **Technology**

Digital Citizenship Lessons



### **Music**

Rhythm Lessons w/ PK

## **Things to Know in SPED from Sarah Sides**

### **Dyslexia facts and myths for the beginning of the school year**

Fact: Dyslexia is a language-based learning disability that is neurological in origin

Myth: Dyslexia is not reversed letters or reading backwards

Fact: Dyslexia is difficulty with reading, spelling, writing, speaking, rhyming, memorization and pronunciation

Myth: Dyslexia is not a "disease" that has a cure

Fact: Dyslexia can cause varying difficulties that can change during different stages of life and learning

Myth: Dyslexia does not mean the individual has a lower IQ-the opposite is usually true

Some ways teachers and parents/guardians can help when a student is suspected of having or has dyslexia:

- Clarify or simplify written directions
- Repeat directions
- Block out distractions
- Maintain daily routines
- Provide additional practice to acquire skill mastery
- Be explicit with instructions

Famous people with dyslexia:

Albert Einstein

Pablo Picasso

Event Information

**HES Fall Pictures**

When?

**Friday, Sep 6, 2024, 08:00 AM**



Event Information

**Specials w/ Grandparents**

When?

**Friday, Sep 6, 2024, 08:30 AM**



**Lauren Sulak**

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