

APRIL 30, 2014 NEWSLETTER

Helms Elementary

A Dual Language Magnet School



From the Desk of

Principal, Ms. Diana Del Pilar:

Dear parents, Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week and you are invited to help us celebrate our teachers. Please follow the Teacher Appreciation Week Calendar with suggestions on how to celebrate each day. I would like to recognize our teachers and staff for their commitment to providing our students, your children, with a safe, nurturing, exciting, and rigorous educational environment. Helms teachers are the best teachers in Houston ISD!

I would also like to remind all parents of PreK – 2nd grade students to complete and return the Extended School Year Registration forms by Friday so we can start to make our class rosters.

We are conducting an absence note round up! Please bring your child's absence notes and receive a free dress day pass. This will assist us in increasing our attendance average. We need your help.

Magnet Coordinator, Mrs. Lola Perejón:

You are invited to meet the 2014-2015 principal for Helms Elementary, Mr. John Baker.

When: Monday, May 5, 2014. **Time:** 6:00-7:00PM. **Location:** Helms Cafeteria

Important Announcement

Extended Primary Year:

Nothing is more important for your child than a solid foundation in reading and math. This summer only at 29 HISD campuses, the state of Texas is funding a summer school program, known as Extended Primary Year, designed to give primary students the reinforcement and extra help they need – special attention that will set them on a path to future success. There is no charge for this program. Helms Elementary has been selected for this program. Students will be in the classroom from June 9 - June 27 and July 7 - August 1 with a one-week break.

To know more about it, and for your child to participate, please fill out the document you will find at Helms' website home and return it no later than May 1.

Upcoming Events

- **May 2:**
Helms Custodian Appreciation Day
- **May 4 – 10:**
Teacher Appreciation Week
- **May 5 – 9 & 12 – 13:**
Stanford and Aprenda Testing (1st – 5th)
- **May 5:**
Cinco de Mayo
- **May 5: 6:00 – 7:00 PM @ Cafeteria**
Meet New Principal Meeting
- **May 6:**
National Teacher Appreciation Day
- **May 7:**
National School Nurse Day
- **May 7: 5:30 PM @ Conference Room**
PTA Board Meeting
- **May 10:**
Día de las Madres
- **May 11:**
Mothers Day
- **May 13:**
Math STAAR Grade 5, 2nd Adm.
- **May 14:**
Reading STAAR Grade 5, 2nd Adm.
- **May 15: 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM**
K – 2nd & Ms. Allietta's Class Field Trip
- **May 16: 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM**
3rd – 5th Field Trip
- **May 16: 9:00 AM**
VIPS Appreciation Breakfast
- **May 20: 9:00 AM**
PreK Awards
- **May 20: 3:45 – 5:15 PM**
SDMC Meeting
- **May 20: 5:30 PM @ Library**
PTA General Meeting
- **May 21: 9:00 AM**
KN Awards
- **May 22: 9:00 AM**
1st Grade Awards
- **May 23: 9:00 AM**
2nd Grade Awards
- **May 23: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**
PreK Water Day
- **May 26:**
Winter Storm Make-up Day
- **May 27: 9:00 AM**
3rd Grade Awards
- **May 28: 9:00 AM**
4th Grade Awards
- **May 29: 9:00 AM**
5th Grade Awards
- **May 29:**
End of 4th Cycle (Grades K – 5th)
- **May 29:**
Report Cards go home (Grades PK – 5th)
- **May 29:**
Last Day of School