

# SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 NEWSLETTER

## Helms Elementary

A Dual Language Magnet School



### From the Desk of

Principal, Ms. Diana Del Pilar

Dear Parents – You will not want to miss our Parent Mathematics Workshops this Week! Look for the Workshop flyer that went home today. Progress reports also went home today. Please discuss your child's progress with him/her and set up a Parent Conference if you have any questions or concerns. Please remember that we have early dismissal on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. I would like to remind you that your volunteerism in our school is greatly needed and sincerely appreciated. Please turn in your volunteer survey and volunteer back ground check form as soon as possible. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Fourth Helms Family Camp Out. It is not too late reserve your camp site.

**Magnet Coordinator, Julie Sanchez-** Many parents ask, "How can I support my dual language immersion student if I do not speak the language of immersion?" There are many things you can do. Read to your children daily. Ask questions about what you read. Allow them to experience activities that are tied to what he is learning in class. If they are working on measurement in Math or Science, let them help make a recipe that uses measuring. Let the children help with shopping so that can see what a pound of bananas looks like. Also, keep in contact with the teacher to find out how you can better support your child's individual needs. Get reading materials in the immersion language to have at home. These are all ways to help your our child be successful. (Center for Applied Linguistics)

**Librarian –** Join the Pre-K and K Classes as they participate in the Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day on October 4, 2012. We want to model literacy and the importance of reading to young children. If you are interested in reading to your child's class, please contact their teacher or Ms. Hardin, the library lady.

**Counselor –** This school year Helms will be participating in the No-Place for Hate initiative. During the week of October 1<sup>st</sup>, students will sign the Resolution of Respect. We will keep fostering the importance that respect has in our daily lives. As we begin our activities, October will be the month to showcase a "Multicultural Quilt", if you would like to help your son/daughter in this activity please contact their teacher. If you are interested in donating any supplies for the activities, please contact the school.

**The Helms Wetland and Outdoor Classroom Committee-** The next community work day is scheduled for November 10, 2012.

**Helms Parent and Teacher President, Claudia de Leon-** The PTA would like to remind you that **The 4th Annual Helms Family Camp-Out** will be from September 28 - September 30, 2012 at the Doublelake Recreation Area Coldspring, TX. \$10 per family. More information and registration forms are available on the Helms website or in the front office. Questions? contact Kim Martinez at [kmartinez2@hotmail.com](mailto:kmartinez2@hotmail.com) or 832-867-4804. This week after school the 4th grade will have a pie sales desk outside. **The Fall Festival & Dance-A-Thon** will be at Helms Spark Park on Saturday, October 27, 2012. Dance-A-Thon from 10:00AM-11:00 AM & Fall Festival from 11-3:00 PM. Volunteers are need to help support the Fall Festival and Dance-A-Thon. For information, please contact: **James Inman 281-772-8862** [fallfestival@aol.com](mailto:fallfestival@aol.com) or **Debbie Treviño 713-416-2674** [debtrevino00@gmail.com](mailto:debtrevino00@gmail.com). **"The Autumn 2012 Contest has begun!** Turn in all of your Box Tops to Ms. Hardin before Oct 26th. The class that collects the most Box Tops wins an extra P.E. Class with Mr. Easterday! Each student who collects at least 25 Box Tops wins a small prize!

Get in the Know....

## Upcoming Events

### September 24

Progress Report Go Home Today

### September 26

Early Dismissal at 12:45

### September 24-27

Camp Olympia 5<sup>th</sup> grad

### September 28-30

Helms All Family Camp-out

## Important Announcements

Wednesday, September 26 is **Early Dismissal** at 12:45. For a fee, you may take advantage of our After School Program on this day. Please contact Mr. David Preston at 713-867-0820.

Future Early(12:45PM)Dismissal Dates: October 24<sup>th</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup>, January 30<sup>th</sup>, and February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Lunch is \$2.25. Students that are provided a lunch tray, but do not bring lunch money, will be charged for their lunch to their HISD issued lunch account. Please send your child to school with lunch money or a nutritious lunch.

## Parent Connection

Mrs. Del Pilar

## Recognitions