



Soaring Eagle Express

November 6, 2009

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your cooperation with the cookie dough sale. The teachers have received some items and there is such an excitement in the air. The fourth grade in particular was excited about their mini laptops. As I was visiting classes, they are already using them in their lessons. As you know, I love technology and it excites me to have staff utilizing technology confidently with our students. The more we can offer our students, the more opportunities are afforded to them.

I would like to recognize our Kindergarten and first grade teachers along with our cadre members who are working so hard to make our annual Veteran's Day celebration so special. It touches me to hear the beautiful voices of our little ones as they sing patriotic songs to honor our veterans. The students are working very hard. In addition, the staff have been staying countless hours after school to decorate and prepare for the event. We have many special events during the year but I must say for me Veteran's Day and Grandparents Day are my favorites. Parents are invited to our performance on Monday night at 6:30 p.m. If you know of any veteran, please let them know of our dedication to them so they may be in attendance on Tuesday, November 10 at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

As the weather changes, it is exciting to have the cool, crisp mornings. Please make sure your children are dressed for the weather. Make time to check our lost and found as it frequently is overflowing with coats, jackets, sweaters, even shoes and belts! I think the pile multiplies overnight. It's like the washing machines that we all have had that swallow a sock time and time again. You can never find the matching pair. It's just another of life's little mysteries!

In the meantime, enjoy the fabulous weather. If you need anything, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Irma Flores-Brothers, Principal



FIFTH GRADE LEADERSHIP

Thank you to the Safety Patrol Officers from Mrs. Turners and Mrs. Williams class. They all did a great job greeting the students and parents in the morning for the month of October. Well done Officers.



Thank you to our first KEGE-TV crew of this year for getting our morning announcements off to a great start! They are Kathryn, Ryan, Lexie, Ashlyn, Alex, Sean, Marissa, and Peyton.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

I hope you all are enjoying the great weather and are settling into the time change. It is nice to have some light on my way to work in the morning, but hard to get used to the early darkness.

Things are going great, but fast here at Elm Grove. Our third, fourth, and fifth graders are already about to begin the first round of District Benchmark Tests. Because of all of the events going on, the schedule is a little broken up this year. It is as follows:

- ◆ Monday, November 9 – Math (3rd, 4th, 5th)
- ◆ Tuesday, November 10 – Science (5th only), and Writing (4th only)
- ◆ Monday, November 16 – Reading (3rd, 4th, 5th)

Please be sure that your child gets a good night's sleep and healthy breakfast before each test. You should receive notification of your child's scores before we leave for the Thanksgiving Break.

There are some other exciting events coming up quickly such as our Veterans' Day program and Thanksgiving lunches. Please look for details on those. We look forward to seeing you at those events!

As always, thank you for your continued support!

Kathy Faulks, Assistant Principal



GT REFERRALS

Referrals can be made for GT testing beginning November 2nd through December 4th. If you would like to have your child tested for GT services, please pick up a referral form from the GT Specialist or GT contact at your home campus. For more information, contact our EES GT Specialist Mrs. Tamara Keithley at keithleyt@hayscisd.net.

NEWS AND REMINDERS

- Veteran's Day Evening Program: November 9th at 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria
- Veteran's Day Program: November 10th at 8:30 am
- PTA Meeting: November 10th at 6:30 pm (Cafeteria)
- Thanksgiving Lunch for K, 3, & 4: November 11th
- Thanksgiving Lunch for 1, 2, & 5: November 12th
- Report cards go home on November 13th
- Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast: November 19th
- No school November 23rd—27th

Reminder: Absence notes should include student's name, teacher's name, date(s) of absence, and reason for absence. Questions? Email Christine at parksc@hayscisd.net



PE NEWS

Marathon Runners: The weather is beautiful outside! Don't forget to keep moving every day and log your miles. Just as a reminder, I am sending home the following information to help with the mileage recording:

We are using the following **estimations:**

Granite track at school: one lap, student may shade in one pizza slice, two laps is 2 pizza slices and so on

Gym warm-up: 8 laps during warm up in the gym, the student may shade in 1 pizza slice (1/4 mile), 16 laps: 2 pizza slices (1/2 mile), 32 laps: 4 pizza slices (1mile)

Sports outside of school: 30 minutes of continuous running: the student may shade in 1 whole pizza (1mile), 15 minutes: 2 pizza slices (1/2mile). Students may ask their coach to estimate how much time they run at practice.

Jump Rope for Heart/Hoops for Heart: We have begun our community service project in PE. This year we chose the American Heart Association to raise funds to educate and help those that have heart disease in their family. Every morning on the AV, the nurse gives the students a "Healthy Heart" fact. Ask your child what fact they learned that day. **The registration forms that were handed out last week are due back on November 20th.** We will hold the Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart event in the gym during your child's PE time on November 16th-20th. Thank you in advance for your support with our community service project.

We would like to thank PTA for their support once again. We have ordered the tennis equipment and look forward to offering that sport to your child in PE.

Looking forward:

Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart: November 16-20th

Winter Wonderland: December 14-18th

Keep moving,
Shelly Upton
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PTA NEWS

The next PTA meeting is November 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. One of the topics that will be covered is how to spend the remaining money from the cookie dough fundraiser.

The fourth grade parents will host the next Teachers' luncheon that is scheduled for November 12. A sign-up sheet will be sent home to all fourth grade parents.

Aim..Focus..Shoot - Yearbook Photos are Needed from all the school events and activities. Without your pictures, these events and our children will not be represented in the yearbook. Again this year, we will have a hard cover, all-color yearbook! You will have direct access to upload the photos to the publishing company's server. Download pictures at www.myyear.com. Click on studio works "photo upload" button located at the bottom right of the center box, under the words Studio Works (the photo upload button is in very light print, and difficult to see, but it is directly under the words "Studio Works"). Next enter our project number 012035 and upload the pictures. Please label pictures with event or grade level.



ART NEWS

Every Kindergarten student will have their art on display November 2nd -13th in the Kindergarten hallways. Enjoy the beautiful work of these talented students.



LIBRARY NEWS

The Elm Grove Elementary Library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair Dec. 4-11. This year's theme is "Destination Book Fair." We will hold our Family Night from 3:00 -8:00 on Tuesday, December 8. Please visit our [event webpage](#) to preview books, fill out student wish lists, and volunteer to help out with the Book Fair. This is a great opportunity to take care of your holiday shopping while providing crucial support for the library. Last year profits from the book fair were greater than the entire district budget for the Elm Grove Library. We use these profits to purchase books, audio-visual materials, and technology resources. We are only able to achieve this high level of success with the help of the many wonderful parent volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer contact me at weemsm@hayscisd.net or at (512)295-6809 x7130.

Sincerely, Mark Weems - Elm Grove Librarian

