

Cougar Chronicle

"Committed to Excellence in Education"

Happy New Year!

The New Year provides an opportunity to refocus on what has been achieved and what still needs to be accomplished.

Dates to Remember

January 6: Open House

January 16: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

January 18: 100th Day of school

January 22 - 28: National School Choice Week

Character Development:

C – Self confidence, Caring, Courage

O – Optimism

U – Uniqueness

G – Gratefulness

A – Assertiveness

R – Respect, Responsibility

S – School Pride

March 29 – Grade 5 Reading

May 8 – Grades 3-4 Mathematics

May 9 – Grades 3-4 Reading

May 10 – Grade 5 Science

Holiday: There is no school on Monday, January 16, 2017 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. *"The function of education, therefore, is to teach one to think intensively and think critically..." MLK*

National School Choice Week: This is a week to shine a positive spotlight on effective education options for every child.

Federal Book Investigation: The next investigation ends March 3, 2017 in which all book summaries are due. Our ultimate goal is to develop and instill into scholars the love of reading.

We are ready to make 2017 a year filled with success through hard work and dedication by providing students with daily opportunities to grow. The hard work is the responsibility of us all – teachers, students, staff, families, and administrators.

Attendance: Your child's success is directly related to excellent attendance. Our overall school attendance is an indicator on our state accountability rating and effects HGA success. Students arriving after 7:45 a.m. are considered tardy. Students who are absent should submit a written excuse (parent note or doctor's excuse) upon returning to school. Excessive tardies/absences are referred to the district's truancy officer.

Report Cards: Is your child performing to the best of their ability? Open House is this Friday, January 6th from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to retrieve your child's report card for the second nine weeks. Students will not be crossed over to the PK building on this day because we want to assure that parents receive the report cards.

Empowered Parent Coalition: The parent session is set to start again on Tuesday, January 10th at the Elite Campus (9:00 a.m.)

100th day of school: The 100th day is Wednesday, January 18, 2017 and we would like EVERYONE to dress the part. Dress up like a 100 year old person to celebrate this day.

STAAR dates:

March 28 – Grade 4 Writing; Grade 5 Mathematics

Our mission is to develop strong critical thinkers that will graduate from four year competitive colleges by providing strict character development and a rigorous academic curriculum.