

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 12: Open House

January 15: Martin Luther King, Jr.
Holiday

January 22 - 26: National School
Choice Week

January 29: 100th Day of school

We are ready to make 2018 a year filled with success through hard work and dedication by providing scholars with daily opportunities to grow. The hard work is the responsibility of us all – teachers, scholars, 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. Scholars arriving after 7:45 a.m. are considered tardy. Scholars 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 12th from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to retrieve your child's report card for the second nine

weeks. Scholars 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 9th at the Elite Campus (9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.)

100th day of school: The 100th day is Monday, January 29, 2018 and this year we will **Say It With a Shirt**. Decorate and wear a t-shirt with 100 of something on it, like buttons, fuzzy balls, or things that represents your interest.

Assessment Dates:

April 10 – Grade 4 Writing; Grade 5 Mathematics

April 11 – Grade 5 Reading

April 24 - 26 – IOWA PK -2nd

May 14 – Grades 3-4 Mathematics

May 15 – Grades 3-4 Reading

May 16 – Grade 5 Science

May 21 - 22 – IOWA 3rd – 5th

Holiday: There is no school on Monday, January 15, 2018 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.

Read to Succeed: Read to Succeed is an exciting program that encourages scholars in grades K through 5 to read for fun. Scholars who complete six hours of recreational reading earn a free ticket to Six Flags! Scholars will receive a reading log to submit to their homeroom teacher.

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.