

Cougar Chronicle

“Committed to Excellence in Education”

As we **March** into the last few months of the year, we want to thank HGA parents for getting more involved in their child’s education this year.

Being in school every day means your child won’t miss out on learning. Strive for perfect attendance as we become

Dates to Remember

March 9: End of 3rd nine weeks

March 9: Early dismissal

March 12 - 16: Spring Break

March 23: Open House

March 30: Spring Holiday

April 10: STAAR 4th Writing; 5th Math

April 11: STAAR 5th Reading

closer to testing time. It is never too late to develop great study habits. At the end of the school day, make sure your child understands every assignment that is expected of them.

Set your child up for success by helping to find a distraction-free study area. Also, a routine must be in place like reserving a time each evening to review. Then they must get in the habit of putting homework where it belongs right after it is completed, whether this is in a special folder, desk, or backpack.

Early Dismissal: Students will be released at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 9th.

Spring Forward: Get ready to spring those clocks forward on Sunday, March 11th.

Report Cards: Is your child performing to the best of their ability? Open House is Friday, March 23rd from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to retrieve your child’s report card for the third 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.

Test-Taking Do’s and Dont’s

Do’s:

Make sure your children have eaten well on test days. Studies suggest that good nutrition is related to improved attention and concentration. Help your child by encouraging a good night’s rest before exams. Children who are tired will have difficulty focusing

on their work. Make the morning of test days pleasant. Stress will impair your children’s ability to perform their best. Remind your children to dress comfortably, perhaps in layers, so that they are able to adjust to the temperature in the room. Ensure that your children make it to school on-time so that they do not miss any instructions and are allowed ample time to settle in and relax before the test begins.

Dont’s

Do not be too anxious about your children’s test scores. Although it is important to let them know that the tests should be taken seriously, it is also important not to increase test-taking anxiety. Do not underestimate your influence on your children. Taking an interest in what they are doing at school and helping them prepare for tests will certainly have a positive impact on them.

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.