

Cougar Chronicle

"Committed to Excellence in Education"

Scholar Check Out Policy: Anyone checking out a scholar must bring a government issued ID and be listed on the scholar's emergency contact card. Scholars will not be checked out after 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 2:00 p.m. on Friday.

Dates to Remember:

October 6: Spinal Screening (5th grade only)

October 13: End of 1st nine weeks

October 20: Open House

October 27: Fall festival at 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. We warmly invite all parents and scholars to attend.

A celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month: From September 15 through October 15, we are recognizing the contributions, culture, and heritage of Hispanic Americans.

Open House: We are excited to invite you to our first Open House on Friday, October 20th from 2:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to retrieve your child's report card for the first nine weeks. This is a great opportunity to speak with teachers about your child's progress, needs, and abilities. 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 Counseling Department would like to invite our new HGA Parents to our Padres Comprometidos group which is designed for new parents to begin the parent engagement process. There will be a wealth of

information so your presence is requested on this Wednesday, October 4th at 9:00 a.m. You may contact Ms. Martinez at 713-469-1942 for any questions.

Red Ribbon Week (Your Future Is Key, So Stay Drug Free 2017):

Monday, Oct. 23: United we stand against drugs! Wear patriotic gear (red, white, and blue).

Tuesday, Oct. 24: Be all you can be! Wear camouflage clothing.

Wednesday, Oct. 25: Don't get tied down by drugs! Wear tye die clothing.

Thursday, Oct. 26: Give drugs the boot! Wear your favorite boots.

Friday, Oct. 27: Team up against drugs! Wear your favorite jersey

Monday, Oct. 30: The drug free force is with me! Wear any type of Star Wars gear.

Tuesday, Oct. 31: Say boo to drugs! Wear your Halloween costumes (appropriate costumes and no masks).

District Fundraiser: Our fundraiser is underway and each scholar has received 10 raffle tickets to sell. All proceeds go directly to support HGA scholarships, band, athletics, field trip transportation, and many other clubs. The raffle will be held here at the Elite building on December 16th. The grand prize is a new Nissan Maxima, second prize is a \$1,000 Southwest Airlines gift card, third prize is a 55 – inch television, and the fourth prize is a \$500 Walmart gift card.

Involvement in School: Remember, research shows parental involvement has the biggest effect on a child's school success. Children look to their parents as behavioral models, especially when it comes to learning. If parents do not seem to value learning, children pick up on that, and it affects the way they approach school. Academically accomplished children are those eager to learn and that may stem from seeing a parent display a natural curiosity and passion for learning.

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