

Cougar Chronicle

"Committed to Excellence in Education"

Welcome to 2019!

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

Dates to Remember:

January 18: 100th Day of school

January 21: Martin Luther King, Jr.
Holiday

January 21 - 25: National School
Choice Week

We are ready to make 2019 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 affects 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.

100th day of school: The 100th day is Friday, January 18, 2019 and this year we will **Say it with a shirt and cap**. Create and wear a t-shirt, cap, and any type of clothing with 100 of something on it,

like buttons, fuzzy balls, or things that represent your interest.

Assessment Dates:

April 9 – STAAR Grade 4 Writing; STAAR Grade 5 Mathematics

April 10 – STAAR Grade 5 Reading

May 7 - 9 – IOWA PK -2nd

May 13 – STAAR Grades 3-4 Mathematics

May 14 – STAAR Grades 3-4 Reading

May 15 – STAAR Grade 5 Science

May 20 & 21 – IOWA 3rd – 5th

Holiday: There is no school on Monday, January 21, 2019 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: (January 21 – 25, 2019) 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 thirty hours of recreational reading earn a free ticket to Six Flags! Scholars will receive a reading log to submit to their homeroom teacher.

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