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**Active Folks Have Fewer Colds**

A recent study suggests that staying physically active may reduce the number of colds you get. The study showed that participants who were most active had 25 percent fewer colds than those who were least active. Children and adults are recommended to have 60 minutes a day of moderate to heavy activity. Exercise and your health go hand in hand! Walk more, sneeze less!

**Kindergarten Field Trip**

Kindergarten will be attending the Main Street Theater to see the play *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* on March 4th. The buses will depart at 8:30 a.m. and return to school at 1:00 p.m. after a picnic at Schott’s Park. Permission slips should be returned by Friday, February 18, 2011.

**Morning Car Rider Parents**

Our safety patrol students unload over 300 cars during the morning rush to get to school. In order for the line to move efficiently, here are some reminders to help that morning rush not be so stressful!

1) Please follow the designated Traffic Patterns (See Pg. 4)
2) Please drive up to the first available number so that we can unload as many cars at one time as possible.
3) Do not stop near the flagpole. Cars stopping there do not allow us to assist your child safely into the school, in addition to backing up the whole line of cars behind you.
4) Please have all planners signed, backpacks ready, and notes written prior to stopping in the line.
5) If you must stop for any reason, please pull into a parking space or past the number 1 spot so that we can continue to keep the line moving.
6) If you don’t like waiting in line, the car rider line flows freely prior to 7:55. There is generally no waiting. After that time, we still unload about 100 or more cars which
7) leads to some long waiting times. To ensure that your child makes it to school on time, consider arriving between 7:30-7:55.

Thanks to everyone who assists in making the morning rush run smoothly!

**Friendly Reminder**

No Cell Phone

—It is State Law not to use your cell phone in a School Zone. Please do not use your cell phone especially while you are entering and exiting the school parking lot.
I would like to send out a big THANK YOU to all those who participated in the magazine fundraiser! Your orders are greatly appreciated!

We will be able to continue to provide fun magazines for the students in the library and we are still raising money to paint a mural on the back wall of the library.

Have you checked out TumbleBooks or PebbleGo?

These are great databases that can be accessed from home by going to the Whispering Pines Library website. Each site requires a username and password, which your child should know. Please feel free to e-mail me if you need this information. I would also love to get your feedback so I can determine if we want to renew these for next year. My contact- janet.seff@humble.k12.tx.us or (281)641-2506.

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**Menu**

**Friday, February 11, 2011**

**KINDERGARTEN** 1:00-1:45 pm

**GRADES 1-5** 2:00-2:45 pm

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**Week Of...** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
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2/7/2011 | Chicken Nuggets or Beef or Cheese Burrito | Beef Steak Fingers or Breaded Chicken on Bun | Oven Fried Chicken or Chicken Rings | Pepperoni /Cheese Pizza or Beef Riblet Sandwich | Cheeseburger / Hamburger or Mac & Cheese |
2/14/2011 | Happy Valentine’s Day Heart Shaped Chicken Nuggets or Southwest Cheese Quesadilla | Bean & Cheese Taco Boat or Chicken Rings | STUDENT PLANNED MENU Pizza Cheese Sticks w/ Marinara or Beef Lasagna | Cheeseburger / Hamburger or Fish Nuggets |
2/21/2011 | STUDENT HOLIDAY Chicken Nuggets or Mini Corn Dogs | Beef Steak Fingers or Hot Dog w/chili & Cheese | Corn Chip Pie or Oven Fried Chicken | Cheeseburger / Hamburger or Grilled Cheese Sandwich |
2/28/2011 | Chicken Nuggets or Cheese Enchiladas | | | |

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**Collection Drive Continues Throughout The School Year.**
Humble Independent School District Superintendent Guy Sconzo is hosting open parent/community member meetings about the Legislature and possible impacts on the district’s budget. Meetings are scheduled over the coming weeks at campuses across the school district. The meetings will begin at 7 p.m. and will include time for questions and answers.

“This will be one of the most difficult Legislative sessions in Texas’ history as the state has a $27 billion shortfall,” Sconzo said. “Drastic cuts in state financial support are expected at every level including public education despite a rapidly growing population of school children. I want to invite our parents and community members to attend these meetings to develop an understanding about where we are now and what we have to do.”

- **Wednesday, February 9, 7 p.m.**
  - Riverwood Middle Teaching Theater

- **Thursday, February 10, 7 p.m.**
  - Atascocita High LGI Red House

- **Wednesday, February 16, 7 p.m.**
  - Creekwood Middle Teaching Theater

- **Thursday, February 17, 7 p.m.**
  - Sterling Middle Teaching Theater

- **Tuesday, February 22, 7 p.m.**
  - Woodcreek Middle Teaching Theater

- **Wednesday, February 23, 7 p.m.**
  - Kingwood Middle Teaching Theater

- **Wednesday, March 2, 7 p.m.**
  - Atascocita Middle Teaching Theater

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM**

Please come to an informational meeting for current Kindergarten students regarding the Spanish Immersion Program in Humble ISD. The Spanish Immersion Program (SIP) teaches Spanish through the content area classes beginning in grade 1. The first graders will have 90% of their day in Spanish transitioning to 50% in fifth grade. Entrance criteria apply for this program. Current kindergarten students may register for the program beginning Tuesday, March 1st. The informational meeting will be held Tuesday, March 1st, 6:30 – 7:30 P.M., at Pine Forest Elementary School, 19702 Lake Houston Parkway. Applications for the program will be available at this meeting.

The Spanish Immersion Program begins in the first grade at either Bear Branch Elementary (if students are from schools in the Kingwood attendance area) or Pine Forest Elementary (if students are from schools in the Atascocita, Humble, Fall Creek or Summerwood attendance areas). Applications are due on or before Thursday, March 31, 2011 by 3:30 P.M. and must be turned in to either BBE or PFE, depending upon the area of attendance as described above. Applications will also be available at BBE and PFE after the informational meeting March 1st.

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM**

You are cordially invited to an informational meeting regarding the Dual Language Program in Humble ISD for students that will be eligible for Kindergarten in 2011-12. The Dual Language Program teaches Spanish and English to native and non-native speakers of English in a mixed group setting through literacy in the core content areas. The Dual Language program at Humble Elementary adheres to the 50/50 model which provides 50% of instruction in Spanish and 50% of instruction in English. The goals of the program are to develop students who are bilingual, bicultural and bi-literate. Entrance criteria apply for this enrichment program. The informational meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2011 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Humble Elementary, 20252 Fieldtree Humble, Tx. 77338
**NEWS FROM THE PTA**

Our school has joined the My Coke Rewards for Schools program. That means by drinking the Coca-Cola products your family already enjoys, you can get My Coke Rewards points and donate them to our school.

Your donations will go towards rewards like physical education equipment, art supplies, and educational resources that help our students learn, play and have fun.

It’s easy to donate:
Purchase your favorite Coca-Cola products to get codes (they’re on hundreds of different packages, including DASANI®, Sprite®, Minute Maid®, POWERADE ION4® and more.)

Go to [mycokerewards.com](http://mycokerewards.com) (register if you aren’t a member).

Enter codes to collect points – choose “Donate to Your School” from the six ways to spend points. Or send them to school to be placed in the drop box located at the PTA board or to Mrs. Castle.

Find our school by Zip Code. When our school’s page comes up, click enter the amount of points you’d like to give, then click “Donate.”

This is our goal for this year we have already gotten 578 points donated and we have 22,488 to go!

**WPE TRAFFIC PATTERN**

Our traffic pattern is an important part of our student’s safe and timely arrival and dismissal. Thank you to all of the parents who follow the pattern each day and help keep our students safe. The traffic pattern is the same for all arrival and dismissal times. This includes Kindergarten dismissal.

If you come down Woodland Hills, you need to go past the school and through the four way stop. (Please do not turn right onto Wells Mark. Unfortunately, this will slow down the traffic pattern making the process slower for everyone.) Turn right onto Becket’s Ridge, right onto Crestline right onto Wells Mark, and left into the Parking Lot.

When leaving the parking lot, please turn right onto Wells Mark.

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**NEWS FROM NURSE WILLIAMS**

Students CAN NOT bring medication with a note to school. Medication brought to school by students will be disposed of that day. Only Parents or Guardians can bring medications to the clinic. Parents MUST complete a medication administration form and the med MUST be in its original container (See Pg. 19 on your Parent/Student Handbook 2010-2011).

**CAR RIDER EXIT SCHEDULE**

Please note the change in times for the car rider line exiting our parking lot.

- **RIGHT TURN ONLY**
  - 7:30—8:30 AM
  - 3:00—4:00 PM