Falcon Focus

Dates to Remember

February
- 8-12 Student/Teacher Break – No School
- 15– Elementary Holiday/Staff Workday – No School
- 18– 5th Grade Tree Planting
- 19– Progress Reports Visible in HAC (3rd-5th grades)

March
- 9– Mock STAAR – 4th Grade Writing
- 10– Spring pictures Individual/Group
- 15-19– Spring Break –No School
- 22– Elementary holiday/Staff workday
- 26– Report Cards visible in HAC

Credit by Exam

Humble ISD provides testing for acceleration through Credit by Exam.

Acceleration applies to the 2021-2022 school year only.

Spring Testing Dates:
March 8-12, 2021  Deadline to register: February 16, 2021

Testing Criteria:
To skip a grade, elementary students must take 4 tests and middle school students must take 8 tests – Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science for the grade they wish to skip. A score of 80% is required on all tests for the student to be eligible to skip the grade. Students are allowed 3 hours for each test.

Registration:
To register, please contact the school counselor, Jenny Ficken, at (281) 641-2807 or e-mail at jennifer.ficken@humbleisd.net.

To view the Counselor’s Quarterly Newsletter visit:
https://live.myvrspot.com/project?v=fMDBkODMyODJjZDg0NDJjMDcxN2Y1MWNYmUwZDM2OWY
Howdy, OFE Family! Our Falcons have been working incredibly hard on their rodeo art and a few friends from each grade have been selected to compete in the Humble Rodeo. Since the gallery cannot be open to the public due to safety precautions this year, we thought you might enjoy visiting an interactive virtual gallery from the comfort of home! There is lot of fun and colorful work to see! Make sure you click on each piece of art to learn a bit more about it!

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vQJ8nlxXG7pHQh4xyISPuFYShhWn1-mul9SPUGbk0FOMRWyKmlXe3WcElQoGZoNrMxf7lxAgffLHiZdE/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=60000
School Hours

Regular Day:
Doors open at 7:30 a.m.
School starts at 7:55 a.m.
Students will be marked tardy at 8:00 a.m.
(Parents accompany students to office for sign in)

Grades K-5th dismissal:
- Walkers/Parent pick-up- 3:00 p.m.
- Car riders—3:05 p.m.
- Bus riders/Daycare—3:10 p.m.

Early Pick up for All students ends at 2:45 p.m.

Early Release Day:
Doors open at 7:30 a.m.
School starts at 7:55 a.m.
Students will be marked tardy at 8:00 a.m.
(Parents accompany students to office for sign in)

K-5th dismissal is at 12:00 p.m. (front entrance)
Early Pick up for All students ends at 11:40 a.m.

Forgotten Items:
Once class has begun and your student has forgotten homework, lunch, lunch money etc., you are able to drop off at front office. The receptionist will notify the teacher to have your student come to pick up when the student is available.

Visitors:
At this time, no visitors will be allowed in the building until further notice. If you need to pick up your student before dismissal, please have you ID/DL with you at the time of pick up.

Cell phone use is prohibited during the school day. All phones must be turned off when a student enters the building and cannot be turned on again until they leave school property.

Need OFE Info?
Please check the OFE website for any and all questions. Lunch times, direct lines for teachers, classroom web pages, email addresses, school calendar, etc.

Birthdays:
Parents may purchase ice cream from school cafeteria or send individually wrapped treats for their student to share with their classmates. No balloons or flowers allowed. Please note that students are not allowed to pass out party invitations at school.

ABSENCES AND TARDIES

Absences
- Choose one of the reporting options listed to the right to report your student absent, if calling the absence line, (281-641-2819), leave the student's first and last name and reason for absence.
- If you chose to send a note following an absence, the note must be signed by the parent that describes the reason for the absence to the attendance/registrar office within 48 hours of their absence. An email to the teacher is also acceptable. You can also email the attendance office Yanelli.Diaz@humbleisd.net
- If a call is not made nor a doctor or parent note is received when your student returns the absence will be marked as unexcused.
- After three unexcused absences the state requires the school district to send a warning letter to the parent/guardian explaining the importance of attendance and the law of student's attendance at school.

Tardies
- Students will be marked tardy at 8:00 am.
- Students arriving at 8:00 must be accompanied by parents to the office for sign in.

REPORT AN ABSENCE

Choose one way to report an absence:
- Online Absence Excuse Form
- Email the Attendance Office
- Send Parent Note with Student
- Call 281-641-2819
- Fax Parent Note 281-641-2817
If you need to change your child’s mode of transportation during the school day, please call or email your child’s teacher directly and leave a message before 2:00 PM (1:30 for Kinder). Messages left after that time may not be received before dismals. Also please DO NOT ask your student to give a verbal message to the teacher. It must be in a written note from a parent or guardian.

Lost and Found
Please have your student look for any lost jackets/sweaters. All of the jackets/sweaters in lost and found will be donated to a local women’s shelter at the end of the semester.

Lunch Menu January/February 2021

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<th>Chicken Nuggets (S)</th>
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<th>Glazed Carrots (G)</th>
<th>Spinach/Pomegranate Salad (G)</th>
<th>Chilled Mixed Fruit (G)</th>
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<td>Grilled Chicken Club Sandwich (Cheese Optional) (G)</td>
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<td>Stuffed broccoli w/ Cheese (G)</td>
<td>Whole Kernel Corn (G)</td>
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<td>Beef Corn Chip Pie (S)</td>
<td>OR New! Chicken Bites Fresh Carrot &amp; Galaxy Sticks (G)</td>
<td>Ranch Beans (G)</td>
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<td>OR Cheese Pizza Maisonable Kit (G)</td>
<td>Lelecu &amp; Tomatoes (G)</td>
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<td>Turkey &amp; Cheese “Mac &amp; Cheese” (Cheese Optional) w/Crackers &amp; Fresh Fruit (G)</td>
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<td>Glazed Carrots (G)</td>
<td>Bread &amp; Cheese (G)</td>
<td>Fresh Fruit (G)</td>
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<td>Grilled Cheese Sandwich (S)</td>
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<td>Green Beans (G)</td>
<td>Whipped Sweet Potatoes (G)</td>
<td>Warm Spiced Apples (G)</td>
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Lunch Schedules

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OFE Growers, Nature Club and Gardening News

We grow critters, plants and minds!

Last Thursday was a misty/rainy day but gardening with the students in both the morning and afternoon was successful as we harvested a great many vegetables, which just love this weather by the way, kumquats and lemons. We also planted the last of the onions and are now getting ready to plant white potatoes, weather permitting. When the ground gets really wet, we sometimes have to hold off planting even though the sun might be shining because working the soil can cause compaction which is just another way of saying the soil is unable to allow air and water to pass through the pores of the soil, effectively starving the roots of water, and air/oxygen. Why am I talking about this? Our next lesson starting this week is on soils and like compost provides nutrients, moisture and oxygen to the roots. As with anything we do, a good foundation is necessary for success and soils provide that foundation for plants by providing necessary elemental ingredients found in rock. As we will learn not all soils are the same, and abuse of the soil can cause a soil to be unsupportive of plant growth by locking up the nutrients a plant needs, holding herbicides which can kill plants. Can you think of other ways that soils can be made unsupportive for good plant growth?

After you have gone over the soils lesson, I would like you to think of a better description for “soil” and “dirt”. Hint, Is soil just different size rock particles? After you have worked in the garden and someone says ‘your clothes are _____ (soiled or covered in dirt)’, is that the same thing really? Words matter and saying what you mean and meaning what you say can be two different things. So let’s see if we can better define ‘soil’ and ‘dirt’.

Last semester, we harvested over 1628 pounds of vegetables and citrus. You can see below the crops that did us proud this year. This doesn’t include summer crop numbers for which okra and the beans were major contributors nor the January numbers where the citrus was the major contributor.

- Sweet Potatoes 742 #
- Okra 116 #
- Citrus (lemons, oranges, kumquats) 400 #
- Eggplant 42 #
- Yard long beans 25 #

You can find more information about harvest and all the other activities by going to our website and pulling up our garden-activity spreadsheet (https://www.ofegrowers.org/garden-activity.html).

This week we will be starting our lesson set on soils. We will also be planting white potatoes. Please go back in your books to page 23 to review about white potatoes especially how to plant them. Planting will be dependent on weather conditions, so stay tuned.