Falcon Focus

Dates to Remember

February
- 5 – Friendship party
- 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
- 8-12 – Career Week
- 9 – Mock STAAR – 4th Grade Writing
- 15-19 – Spring Break – No School
- 22 – Elementary holiday/Staff workday
- 26 – Report Cards visible in HAC

Student/Teacher Holiday
No School
February 8 – February 12

Elementary Holiday/Staff Workday
Monday, February 15
No School for students

To view the Counselor’s Quarterly Newsletter visit:
https://live.myvrspot.com/project?v=fMDBkODMyODJjZDg0NDJjMDcxN2Y1MWNjYmUwZDM2OWY

Humble ISD Website: www.humbleisd.net
Oak Forest Elementary Website: www.humbleisd.net/ofe
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!

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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.

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.

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.
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 dismissal. 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.

If you need to pick up your child early from school, please do so before 3:00. After the time stated, the students begin moving around to their various dismissal locations and it is very difficult to locate a child. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 Schedules

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OFE Growers, Nature Club and Gardening News  

We grow critters, plants and minds!

Last week, we started the lesson on soils and also started planting white potatoes in the Orchard. This week we will finish the lesson on soils and also complete the planting of white potatoes, this time in the Annex. The timing of planting these crops is critical especially if we plan to have potatoes before your school year ends. It is also important for next year’s classes as right after the harvest of the white potatoes we will want to plant sweet potatoes. As you may remember this is the pay it forward part of our efforts because it will take all summer long for the sweet potatoes to be ready for harvesting ……. for next year’s 5th graders. This is a busy time for we gardeners as we need to be harvesting vegetables like lettuce, kale, collards, carrots, sugar snap peas, broccoli, cabbage, turnips, and cauliflower and at the same time preparing for and planting the onions, potatoes, and pruning fruit trees before the sap begins to flow. Right now a special push has been ongoing to prune the lemons, oranges, figs, kumquats, and grapes! Do you think this might be why it is said that a farmer’s work is never done! And it’s easy to get behind. I think you can see that it’s serious work as not getting the pruning done means possibly a poorer crop or stressed trees and not planting at the right time could possibly mean a smaller crop as well. But that said the garden is a great place to be isn’t it. The bees are beginning to come around as more plants flower. The plants are a vibrant green and if you take a moment you can often smell the different types of vegetables growing in the garden. I bet you already have noticed how different the broccoli beds smell from the herb beds. I mention that comparison because the next time you are in the garden take a moment to use your sense of smell (if you haven’t already).

This week we purchased our arbor day tree, Quercus canbyi. It is now in the orchard resting peacefully as we begin to prepare it’s new home. It’s the eighteenth tree that Oak Forest’s 5th graders have donated a tree to the school and this will be the first year that the seniors can come back and see what they put in the time capsule when they were 5th graders. See if you can tell where we will be planting this beautiful tree next time you are outside!

We are looking forward to another great week of gardening and fun being outside enjoying nature and gardening together. Stay safe and see you Thursday.