

The LightHouse

Houston Lower Elementary School

PBIS MODEL SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2011

Message from the Principal



We are officially in school and off to a great start. September will be a busy month for students and parents at HLES. First, we have our second annual Parent's Night on Thurs., Sept. 8, at 6 p.m. This night is set aside to inform parents about PBIS and how it works in our school. Parents will also visit their child's classroom, where they will learn more about the math and language arts programs. There will be plenty of time to ask questions and get important answers. Our first parent night was a great success, and we expect this year's to be as well. Progress reports will also go out on Sept. 8. Our first PTO meeting will be Sept. 15, at 6 p.m., in the HLES cafeteria. Please join us and take part in making HLES a great place to learn. Finally, Sept. 12, will be the kick-off of the second annual PBIS Read-a-Thon. Last year we raised more than \$4,000 to help with the cost of funding our school's behavior program. This year we hope to raise as much if not more. As an incentive, if \$3000 is raised, I will spend a whole day dressed as a lobster at school! So happy reading and bring in the dimes and dollars.

Emily Speck,
Principal

Counselor's Corner

Two major programs I provide start this month: Treasure Island Theatre and individual/small group counseling. Treasure Island Theatre takes place during morning meeting. Students will learn about the ABCs of integrity as we dig in the treasure chest each week to reveal a new integrity "treasure." The treasures are actually words that define integrity, such as attitude, behavior, cooperation, and so forth. Once the treasure has been discussed, students will watch their peers perform skits that reinforce the do's and don'ts of these traits.

I will also begin small group and individual counseling this month. Some reasons to refer your child to counseling are for help with anger management, grief/loss, self-esteem, and social skills.

Grandparent's Day is Sept. 11. Many of our grandparents play a huge role in the academic and social well-being of our students. Thank you for all you do! We appreciate you!

Crystel Ellison,
Counselor

Activities & Events

Parent Night

Thursday, Sept. 8, 2011
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Progress Reports

Thursday, Sept. 8, 2011

Read-a-Thon

Sept. 12 - Oct. 3

PTO Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011

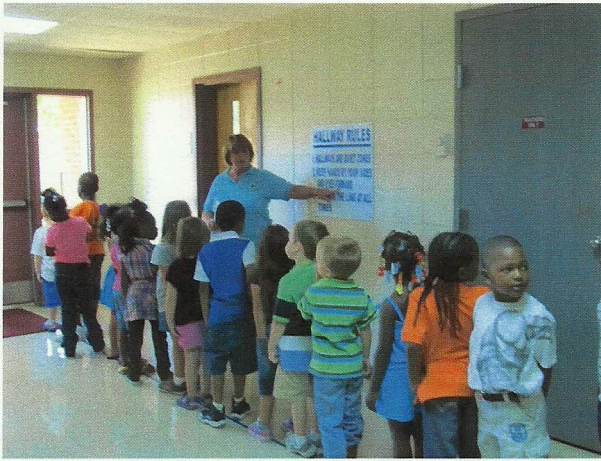
Fun Fridays

Sept. 2 - Paint beach bags
Sept. 9 - Labor Day Holiday/
4 day week no Fun Friday
Sept. 16 - Drop the Fish
Sept. 23 - Hula hoop Contest
Sept. 30 - Pirate for a day

Classroom Guidance

Sept. 7-9: K5
"Be Good to Your Body"
Sept. 14-16: 1st Grade
"My Special Feelings"
Sept. 22-23: 2nd Grade
"Stop & Think"

Staff teach students school rules



Part of being a PBIS school means that we have a set of unified rules for the school. In the picture to the left, kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Kim Marshall, goes over hallway rules. In the next picture, second grade teacher, Mrs. Patricia Collins, teaches students in her homeroom, as well as Mrs. Skelton's homeroom, the rules for special classes. Our rules remained the same from last year, but we devote the first week of school to making sure students, new and returning, understand how to follow them.



Sail with Us

Your child will continue to review the definitions of our three expectations by learning some specific behaviors.

READY

1. Make every effort to be as organized as possible.
2. When in line, walk single file, two to three feet behind the person in front of you with your arms at your sides.
Face forward at all times and remain quiet.

RESPONSIBLE

3. Complete homework without moaning and complaining. Homework reinforces concepts taught in class. It is your responsibility to make sure you have your homework when you leave school and to ask for help if you don't understand.

RESPECTFUL

4. Always say thank you when you are given something.
5. When we ride a bus, always sit facing forward. We will keep objects and body parts inside the bus and remain in our seats. When we exit the bus, always thank the driver and tell them to have a good day.