

Huppertz Elementary

Week of March 20, 2023

## *Community Newsletter*

Welcome Back, Cougar Nation!

I hope you had a **wonderful Spring Break** and are ready to **send your Cougars back to school on TUESDAY, March 21st**. We are now counting the days left of school & every child needs to be on time, daily. **Every minute of every school day is vital for your child to build upon the knowledge they already have and to learn the required standards needed to successfully complete their grade level.** **Here is our timeline:** 11 weeks left of school, 20 school days until 3-5 Reading STAAR, 25 school days until the 5th grade Science STAAR, and 29 school days until the 3-5 Math STAAR. *Keep in mind that STAAR testing is now done over a time frame therefore if a scholar is absent they still have to take the STAAR when they return to school.* Circle observables for PK begin April 17th and Circle testing is from May 1-19th. End of Year MAP testing K-5 is scheduled to begin May 15th. **Home visits for scholars who are absent and/or tardy often will be conducted in compliance with Texas compulsory attendance laws.** Please communicate with the main office if your child is absent and remember to send a Dr or hand written note within 48 hours of your child returning to school. Communication is key to paving a positive path for your child's success. We are here to help.

**Safety is always our top priority and it takes ALL of us working in unison. Please do not let yourself into the building when you see an employee enter or exit the building.** **I witnessed this on Friday on our cameras before we left for Spring Break; this parent then held the door open for another adult to also enter Huppertz.** **AS ADULTS, PAUSE TO THINK ABOUT YOUR ACTIONS.** *Being part of the solution to keeping everyone safe means you ring the doorbell, wait for someone to answer, then state your name and why you are on campus.* Even if an adult holds the door open for you and you have not spoken to someone on the doorbell camera, do not enter the building. You are

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encouraged to report unsafe behaviors such as these to me via my email [lriosgarcia@saisd.net](mailto:lriosgarcia@saisd.net) & I will promptly investigate and take appropriate action. **PLEASE help keep our Cougars safe.**

If you are in need of any type of assistance, please communicate with Ms. De Leon [PCORTEZ2@saisd.net](mailto:PCORTEZ2@saisd.net) or if you need resources for your children or family, our school counselor Ms. Luna can be reached at [PLUNA@saisd.net](mailto:PLUNA@saisd.net) Our main office number is 210-438-6580 and hours are 7:30-3:30pm. Together, anything is possible!

Sincerely,

Ms. Linda Rios-Garcia,  
Head of School/Principal

**Important Dates:** 3/20 Student Holiday & Staff PD 3/21 Students return, Math week activities 3/23 2nd grade Field Trip Morgan's Wonderland & AVID site team meeting 3:45 pm 3/24 5th grade to Jefferson HS 3/27 BIKE RODEO 3/28 Rey Feo Visit 8:15 am, CLT(CAC) Meeting 4pm 3/29 ESF visit 3/31 Spring Pics 4/7 NO SCHOOL 4/18 STAAR Reading Test 3rd 4th & 5th grade 4/25 STAAR Science 5th Grade 5/2 STAAR Math 3rd 4th & 5th grade

## RECYCLING PRIZE UPDATE

UPDATE: I applied for our campus to receive a grant for a garden, rain collection tanks, gardening tools, a storage shed, and training for a teacher to lead our campus in gardening techniques. We will know if we were selected for this grant by April 1st. Fingers crossed!

-L. Rios





## TCIS Fun Fact: Safety Matters

- During our Spring lockdown drill, our PK classrooms did not hear the announcement as they were outside on the playground.
- Ms. Rios immediately began communicating with SAISD via emails and an in person conference within 24 hours about the need for exterior PA speakers.
- During our most recent lockdown emergency, a staff member was traveling with a student between buildings and did not hear the announcement.
- Ms. Rios once again continued communicating with SAISD about the need for PA speakers. **TCIS intervened and immediately provided the monetary donation needed to cover the cost of purchasing the exterior PA speakers.**

*Words alone cannot express the gratitude to TCIS for placing safety first and assisting in the process to have these necessary exterior PA speakers purchased.*

THANK YOU! ❤️

## Recognitions



2<sup>nd</sup> grade scholars  
made ecosystems!

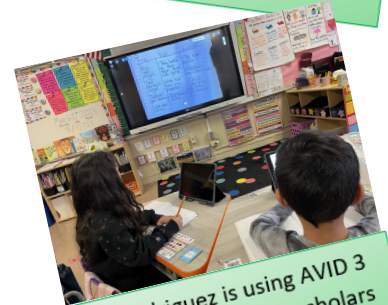


Thank you Mrs. Quijano and  
1st grade for making learning  
about life cycles fun!



Thank you Mrs. Deleon and  
Starbucks for treating our  
parents and staff members!

Congratulations to Ms.  
Courchesne for being our  
Teacher of the Year!!!



Ms. Rodriguez is using AVID 3  
column notes to help scholars  
organize their investigations!