

Hassler Herald



January 2016

Happy New Year!

Entering a new year is always a good time to set some resolutions, and Hassler is no different. Our goal this school year has been increased communication between the home and the school. We plan to continue that goal as we move into 2016. We want to make sure you are aware of all of our methods of communication.

- **Weekly folders**— sent home on the second school day of each week
- **Hassler Herald**— this newsletter is published by the school monthly
- **Hassler website**— a good place to get general information about our school, also access teacher websites, hassler.kleinisd.net
- **Twitter**—(NEW!) celebrations of learning, follow us @HasslerKISD
- **Parent Link**— used to send messages and reminders from the school directly to your email, if you are not receiving them, check in at the office to make sure we have the correct email on file for you
- **Hassler PTO website**— lots of general information as well as PTO specific information, hasslerpto.org
- **Hassler PTO Facebook**— join the closed group called “Hassler (News, Updates & Reminders)”

Music Notes

The Hassler Music Department has a few exciting things coming up in the next month!

Hassler would love to welcome our newest music teacher, Mrs. Laney Bush! She comes to us from Arlington ISD with 3 years teaching experience. She has a choral background and loves teaching music! She will be a wonderful addition to our music department, and we are SO thrilled to have her here!!

January 14th -- We will once again have our Day of Drumming instructor, David Cox. He always brings an African drum-a Djembe- for each child to play. The students get to experience playing these wonderful instruments as well as learn some geographical and cultural information about Africa! All grade levels will enjoy 45 fun filled minutes with these drums!

Chimes, Choir, and Percussion Ensembles – we will resume rehearsals in late January. Mrs. Bush will be taking over the Choir, and Mrs. Wallace will continue with Chimes and Percussion ensembles. Letters/emails will be coming home about the specific day rehearsals will begin. We look forward to working on our Spring concert which will be May 5th!!

Target Time

You may have heard your children talking about Target Time. This is a time built into our daily schedule for differentiated learning. Of course, differentiation happens every single day in every single classroom by our fabulous teachers, but Target Time allows us to expand that group to include an entire grade level. Teachers collaboratively and strategically group students with similar academic needs, allowing us to provide interventions, skill practice, and enrichment that is truly targeted to our students. If you have any questions about this, please talk with your child's teacher.



Box Tops for Education

Save those Box Tops! Your child can turn them in to his/her teacher. What a great way to raise money for our school!

Did you know that starting in Kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school?



- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

What you can do:

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

Remember, always send a note to school when your child returns, within 5 days of the absence.



Save the Dates

February 8-12 Paint the Community with Peace Week

(more details to come soon, but here are the dress up themes for the week!)

- Mon– tie-dye or peace signs
- Tues– 50’s attire
- Wed– mismatched clothes
- Thurs– Hawaiian/tropical clothes
- Fri– pink, red, white, or hearts

February 9– Progress Reports go home

February 12– Valentine’s Day Parties

(details to come soon!)

February 15– President’s Day Holiday

February 25– Open House, 6:00-7:30

February 26– Hassler Hoedown Day

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Staff Development Day for teachers	5 Welcome Back!	6	7	8 Report Cards go home	9
10	11	12	13 Follow Your Dreams with Good Character! (wear pajamas- school-appropriate please!)	14 Day of Drumming in the music classrooms	15	16
17	18 School Holiday for MLK Day	19 5th Grade Parent Meeting at Doerre from 5:00-7:00	20	21 5th Grade Orientation at Doerre Intermediate	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	February 1	2	3	4	5	6