

# Hassler Herald



October 2015

## Attendance Counts at Hassler!

Attendance matters as early as kindergarten. Studies show children who miss too many days in kindergarten and first grade can struggle academically in later years. Students can suffer academically if they miss 10 percent of school days. This can be just one day every two weeks and can happen before you know it. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

How can you help?

- Plan vacations during non-school days
- Schedule your child's medical and dental appointments at the end of the school day
- Make sure they go to school every day unless they are ill

*\*Remember, we take attendance at 9:45 every day. If your child is present in school at that time, he/she counts as present for the day. Our attendance rates are included as part of our state accountability.*

## Online Accounts

Students have home access to several online resources, including Reflex Math (math facts and fluency), Think Through Math (application of math skills), PebbleGo (non-fiction articles), TumbleBooks (animated, talking books), and StemScopes (science lessons). If you would like information about how to access these online resources, check with your child's teacher.

Families can also utilize Office 365 for access to the Microsoft Office products for home use. For more information, visit <http://www.kleinisd.net/default.aspx?name=it.accounts>.

## Pony Reading

Our students in kindergarten through 2nd grade participate in our Pony Reading program. The program is completely voluntary and will be done at home during the students' free time. Each student is asked to keep track of his or her reading on a monthly reading chart that is sent home in the Tuesday folder at the beginning of that month. Students will be awarded with prizes on a monthly basis celebrating the different levels of their reading accomplishments. The program will run from September through April culminating at the Pony Reading celebration at the end of the year for students who have reached their reading goals.

## Reader's and Writer's Workshop

We are implementing Reader's and Writer's Workshop in our language arts classes this year. Reader's Workshop features a daily mini-lesson for the entire class, and then the students have the opportunity to apply the mini lesson to self-selected literature. We believe that the best way for a child to improve in reading is to read more! The format is similar in Writer's Workshop, starting each class with a mini-lesson to focus on a specific writing skill, and then providing time for students to apply the skill as writers each and every day.

We are moving towards more and more authentic applications of reading and writing skills and away from practicing skills in isolation. This means that you may see less "graded" work in Tuesday folders, because more of the students grades are based on their application of skills during the class time.

## 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!

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## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Dismissal Safety

For our walkers and bike riders, it is important to follow these safety rules:

- Only cross the street with the assistance of the crossing guard.
- For bike riders, walk your bike until you are off the school grounds. There is not enough room on the sidewalks by the school to fit walkers and bike riders safely.
- Remember to walk safely all the way to your house. You should not stop anywhere on the way without your parent's permission. You should not run or horseplay since you are near busy roads.



### Lost and Found

As the weather starts to cool down, students will start to wear sweaters, sweatshirts, and jackets to school. We recommend that parents label the inside of these articles of clothing with the student's name. It is also wise to label the inside of lunch boxes, backpacks, and folders. This way, if something gets misplaced, it is easier for us to find the rightful owner. Lost and Found items are stored on the rack in the cafeteria, so please check there if you are missing anything.

### Upcoming October Events

**Funding Fun at Camp Hassler** will continue through this week. We can't wait to see which grade level will win the Ultimate Adventure Party!

**Parent Conference Day** is October 12. Be sure to schedule a time to meet with your child's teacher.

**Red Ribbon Week** will take place October 26-30. In addition to the themed dress-up days, our students will participate in lessons that will lead to a safe and healthy lifestyle.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Funding Fun at Camp Hassler!	5 Camp Neon Day	6 Camp Inside-Out/ Backwards Day	7 Camp Camo Day	8 Camp Crazy Hat Day	9 Camp Team Spirit Day	10
11	12 Parent Conference Day	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Spirit Event- Pizza Hut (all day)	21	22	23	24
25 Red Ribbon Week	26 "We are RED-dy to Say No to Drugs" (wear red clothing)	27 "Shade Out Drugs" (wear sunglasses)	28 "We are Cape-able of Saying No to Drugs!" (wear a cape, not past knees)	29 "Sock it to Drugs" (wear crazy socks) Wunderlich Farms field trip- 4th grade	30 "We are Tu-Tu Smart to Get Tied Up with Drugs" (wear tu-tus & ties)	31