



September Newsletter

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Important Details:



September 13:
Spirit Night at MOD Pizza
(Portofino Shopping Center)



September 20:
Parent Information Night
5:00 - 7:00 PM



September 20:
Individual Picture Day



September 27:
Watch D.O.G.S. Kick Off
5:30 PM

A Note From Your Principal

Happy September Houser Hawks! Our hallways are now filled with your beautiful, smiling children and we couldn't be happier to get to work with them everyday. The month of September brings some important parent events and we don't want you to miss out. Parent Information Night on September 20 allows our teachers to let you know more details of what is happening in the classroom every day. Our PTO is hosting their first meeting on September 14. Check out our amazing volunteer program designed specifically for dads and male father figures (WatchDOGS) on September 27.

We also want you to connect with your child's teacher and learn more about what the goals are for your child this year. Please make plans to set a teacher conference before the month is over.

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September:

Throughout the year, different organizations come to Houser Elementary wanting to assist our students and families with school supplies, clothing, and other various needs. The Family Educational Rights and privacy Act, a federal law that make student educational records confidential, prohibits us from releasing student information to these agencies without your permission. To help us work with these groups in the most efficient way possible, we ask if you are interested in such assistance, you complete an online electronic form. The form will only be in electronic format, and all information will be sent directly to Mrs. Turrubiarres.

These assistance programs vary from year to year. Giving us permission to release your information does not automatically mean you will receive assistance. It does let us know that you would welcome such assistance and would be willing to have your information released to these organizations. In turn, these groups agree to use your information only for the purpose of their assistance program(s). It is also required that your consent for release of information be updated annually. If you have a question, feel free to contact your child's counselor.

To complete the form, please go to the link listed below and fill in the electronic form. The form may be opened from any electronic device, including a smart phone.

Link to 2018 - 2019 Houser Elementary Assistance Form: tinyurl.com/hy2hj7c

Assistant Principals'

Corner

New School Hours are 8:00-3:10

The tardy bell now rings at 8:00. Doors open at 7:35. If you would like your child to eat breakfast at school, please ensure he or she arrives at school with plenty of time to eat breakfast.

Attendance

Thank you for making every day count by having your child at school by 8:00. Teachers provide morning activities, homework help, or tutorials starting at 7:35.

CHAMPS

Our staff has been busy reinforcing respectful and responsible behavior by teaching students CHAMPS expectations. Champs is a acronym for Conversation, Help, Activity, Movement, Participation, and Success. Here are the CHAMPS expectations for the hallway.

Your Assistant Principals,
Kelly Garvin and Robby Cantu

Hallway

C	Conversation: Level 0	
H	Help: Raise your hand.	
A	Activity: walk in line	
M	Movement: walk on one light one dark	
P	Participation: Hawk hold	
S	Success!	

Houser Elementary: Keeping It Positive!

Clinic News

There are occasionally times when our little Hawks have accidents. The clinic has very little storage for extra clothing. Please provide your **PreK, KG and even First grade** student with an extra set of clothing in their backpack or we may need to contact you to bring them to the school. If your child has come home with clothing provided by the clinic please wash and return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

Remember to update the clinic throughout the school year with health information for your child.

All medications whether prescription or over the counter **must be brought to the clinic by a parent/guardian**. A signed permission slip must be on file before it can be given to your child per district policy.



SPECIALS



P.E.

Welcome back to school! Time to get moving and continue our healthy living habits!

Please make sure to have students wear **tennis shoes** on PE days. We will be working on teamwork through cooperative skills and games.

ART

- 4th grade : Western Portrait
- 3rd grade : Western Cacti Pots
- 2nd grade : Bootastic
- 1st grade: Rodeo Bull
- Kinder : Crayon Cactus

LIBRARY



Are you on Instagram?!

Follow **@houserlibrary** to get great book suggestions, see what's happening all around Houser, and enjoy pictures of YOUR child. Only Houser parents and teachers can follow this page! Enjoy!

PRE-K

Pre-K is off to a great start! We have learned about many important people and behaviors that make our school a wonderful place to learn. September will continue to be a month of adjusting to school and learning new skills. Pre-K students become excited about writing their names. Please remember, it is important to have the first letter capital followed by lower case letters. In Language Arts, we will be focusing on sentence segmenting and story retelling. We will be reading many exciting books and learning many fun songs. In math, we will be naming common 2-D shapes and creating shapes. In Social Studies and Science our focus will be voting, flags and pledges, characteristics of common objects and life cycles. Finally, we would like to say thank you to all our parents for a super beginning to our school year!

KINDERGARTEN

We are SUPER excited for a brand new year. As we begin, please remember how important a good nights sleep is, as well as a healthy breakfast in the morning. We want your eager learners to succeed in everything they do. You will be amazed how quickly your little ones will turn into mathematicians, scientist, and readers. We will accomplish so much in such a little time. Be sure to stay in contact with your child's teacher via e-mail or special app they use. It is a good idea to keep an extra set of clothes in their backpacks for those just-in-case moments. Remember to label all lunch boxes, backpacks, and jackets. Stay tuned for more information regarding Parent Info Night, you don't want to miss it! We are looking forward to a great year!



1st Grade

First Grade FOCUS for September

Reading – Building Good Reading Habits

Word Work – Short Vowel Sounds in CVC words

Writing – Personal Narratives-Small Moments

Math – Adding and Subtracting within 5

Science – The Study of Matter

Social Studies – Citizenship – pledges, symbols, and mottos

*Parent Information Meeting -
September 20th
Plan ahead so that you are
able to attend this very
important meeting. We look
for to seeing you!*

2nd Grade

Second grade has been working hard learning classroom expectations and building our classroom communities. As we launch Reader's Workshop, we are learning how to become independent readers and building our stamina. Students are already showing great leadership qualities as they learn to work as a team and working on their Growth Mindset. Math counts when it comes to 2nd grade! We have been working on data, graphing and our number sense. On top of that we are having fun learning all about Guided Math and centers expectations while we play/work on fun math games. Science is rocking and rolling along as we explore all about how to be a safe scientist and all the cool science tools we will use in 2nd grade. Finally we are learning the importance of being a good citizen while we learn, compare and embrace school rules, home rules and community rules. As you can see there are a "Minion" things we are working on in 2nd grade.



3rd Grade

Welcome back! We look forward to another year of collaboration with you to achieve our students' success. It is our main goal to instill good citizenship values and critical thinking skills in our students that will allow them to be productive citizens and independent learners. During the first weeks of school, we will be working on establishing behavior expectations and procedures while implementing engaging lessons that demand high levels of thinking in a positive, safe environment. Please talk to your children about the benefits and importance of following school rules, appropriate behaviors, and work habits. Also, support us by checking homework and making your children share what they read and learn. [Our conference time is from 9:09 to 10:06 in case you have any concerns.](#) We are ready for new challenges and thankful for the opportunity to be a positive influence in the lives of our students.

4th Grade

We are so excited about 4th Grade this year and are off to a great start! In Reading, we are discovering what good, independent readers do. We are learning the procedures and routines for Writer's Workshop. As writers, we will write about important personal experiences. Math is tackling place value to the billions and decimals to the hundredths and addition and subtraction. Science is all about the properties of matter and mixtures and solution. Students are learning about the branches of government, symbols of freedom, and the regions of Texas in Social Studies. We know this is going to be an amazing year!

Houser Elementary PTO Membership Form

We invite you to join and support the Houser Elementary PTO. The price to join is only \$5 per family, per year. Your \$5 allows this organization to plan events for your children and their teachers to enhance learning. In addition funds will be used to show student and teacher appreciation for their hard work.

Your membership is not a commitment to volunteer, but by volunteering you can make a difference. Research shows children of parents that are involved get better grades and have fewer discipline problems at school.

The PTO meets once a month. We invite you to come share your thoughts and ideas on how to best support our school.

Please complete this membership form as a new member; or if you have been blessed financially, please consider making a donation to sponsor another Houser family.

- _____ I would like to become a PTO member
- _____ I would like to sponsor a family for PTO membership
- _____ Please add my name to Houser PTO volunteer email list for PTO sponsored events.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Student name: _____ Grade: _____

** \$5.00 per family, checks made payable to Houser PTO

PTO USE ONLY Check# _____ Cash _____