

Pulaski Heights Elementary

Thursday Express

April 1, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Next week, April 7th-9th, students in first and second grades will take the ITBS Assessment. It is critical that students get a good night's rest, a healthy breakfast and arrive at school on time. Please do not schedule dental or other appointments during this time. Your full cooperation is appreciated.

Congratulations to Thomas Hout in Ms. Turner's class, he won 3rd Place in the State Geography Bee last week. The first and second place winners are middle school students. We are so proud of Thomas.

Jog-A-Thon: The PHE Jog-A-Thon, which raises money needed to fund our school's incredible garden program, is set for **Friday, April 17** (Rain Date: April 24). Mark your calendars! Information packets, including required permission forms, have been sent home with your student TODAY. Please read this information thoroughly so that, together, we can make this our most successful jog-a-thon yet and watch our garden grow!

PHE Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A: Next **Tuesday, April 7**, is **PHE Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A** at Markham & University from 5 to 8 p.m. This is a super easy way to help raise money for PHE PTA-supported programs like art and Spanish. All you have to do is eat at the Chick-fil-A located at 6201 W. Markham (across the street from Park Plaza Mall) on the evening of our event. When you place your order, simply hand the cashier your PHE Spirit Night slip (PDF attached), and Chick-fil-A will donate a portion of what you spend on dinner to our school. It's that easy. Hard copies of the Spirit Night slip will be sent home on Monday, but we've attached a PDF of the slips with this e-blast for those of you who might want to print it out and invite your friends and family ahead of time.

Friday, April 3rd is Custodian Appreciation Day. Please remind your child to say "Thank You" to our custodial staff.

Last chance to order yearbooks!! Don't miss out! There will not be another chance to order a yearbook for this year. Don't let your child miss out on the memories from PHE 2014-15!!! So many fun times...Red Ribbon Week, Halloween Carnival, garden time, field trips, classroom pics, playground pics, club and group photos!! Don't wait...send in your check to the office by THIS Friday 4/3 or order online by Sunday 4/5. Online info is ybpay.lifetouch.com code:11518515. If you need a paper form- extras are in the office.

PARENTS' CORNER: Attendance is still important at year's end. You know that being in school is important. But this would be such a great time to take a family trip. And, after all, your child is only in first grade. Surely a few days' absence won't matter, will it? It will. In fact, research shows that young children don't have to miss much school before their learning suffers. In the early grades, kids are mastering reading and basic math skills. And research has shown that these are the skills most affected when children miss school. Being in school consistently is the only way children can develop a strong foundation on which to build the rest of their learning.

Please see below our end of the year events.

The End of Year Events

- Book Character Day-May 7 @ 7:50
- 3rd-5th Spring Concert-May 12 @6:00
- 1st-2nd Grade EOY Awards-May 26 @8:00
- 3rd-4th Grade EOY Awards-May 27@8:00
- 5th Grade Annual Picnic-May 27
- 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony-May 28 @ 12:30
- Kindergarten Awards Ceremony-May 29 @8:00.
- Field Day-June 4
- Staff vs Students Basketball Game –June 5
- Last day of school June 15th.

Respectfully,

Lillie Carter, Principal