Hallsville Happenings

November, 2016

Greetings Hallsville Families!

We have successfully completed two months of school! Our beginning-of-the-year testing was completed several weeks ago, our conferences have been held, and we are really settling in and participating in many meaning learning opportunities. Here are some updates for this month:

- All of the research over fifty years shows that children who attend school everyday and are on time perform better. This is a "free gift" that you can give to your children.
- Please let Mrs. Brennan know of any changes in your phone numbers or emails so we can reach you in case of an emergency. Thank you!
- Our Girls' and Boys' basketball teams have begun their practice sessions. Coaches will communicate directly with parents about practice times, and soon, about the game schedules. Also, schedules will show on Hallsville's web calendar @ http://hallsville.mansd.org. Come to a game to cheer on the Hawks!
- We will be collecting food through November 17th to support the First United Methodist Church as they prepare Thanksgiving baskets for some families in need. Items needed: canned veggies; cranberry sauce; stuffing; gravy, brownie mix and juice. Thank you for your current and past generosity in support of this neighborhood initiative.
- Safety reminders: Please practice safe driving habits while dropping off and picking up; also, this past week we found two lighters left behind after adults were in the building. Please, please do not bring them into the building. The safety of our children is of utmost importance!

- The School Store is open every Friday from 8:30-8:45 in Mrs. Arlen's class. Smencil sales will take place on Monday mornings in each classroom.
- Our lost-and-found area is overflowing again. Please help by checking in with your child about missing items.
- R-E-A-D-O! Ask your child about this read-at-home contest. It is well underway. If you have questions about this, please contact your child's teacher. Reading is the foundation for EVERYTHING!
- The Leader in Me process: All students have learned about the 7 Habits of Happy Kids. Going forward, we will explore one habit a month on a deeper level, including how to integrate the habits into our lives at school and home. Within the month, additional information will be sent for parents so you will know what your child means when they say, "I am sharpening the saw."
- Tuesday, November 8th: No school; Election Day
- Friday, November 11th: No school: Veterans' Day
- Wednesday, November 23 - Sunday, November 27: Thanksgiving break. Enjoy your days with family and friends!
- Thursday, December 1st: 2nd annual City Year Literacy Night--watch for information on this fabulously-fun night!
- Watch for information on a district-wide holiday toy collection for Manchester's children.

- PTG
    - A big thank you to Johanna Elias as she and her family move away from Manchester. Johanna has given so much time and effort to our Hallsville PTG and will be missed!
    - Silvergraphics order forms will come home soon. <u>If your child did not do artwork in school, they can complete artwork at home and send it in with an order form.</u> All students will get order forms. If you have any questions after you get the forms, please call the office.
    - Hold the date: Hallsville's Holiday Fair: Saturday, December 10th.

Thank you and have a terrific month!