



Howard Burnham Elementary

April Newsletter

April 2024

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

We all had a wonderful break and now it is time to focus on learning. After this week, there are only 39 days remaining with teachers and students focused on achieving all their learning goals.

It is during this last grading period that students show the greatest growth. This year, they had a lot of ground to make up, but happily, many have done so and more. This is due to devoted parents and teachers. Everyone played a part in delivering instruction and contributed to student success.

For students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades the STAAR test is quickly approaching. The data from the test will be used to assist with targeted instruction for the upcoming school year. When teachers know what a student doesn't know, they can design lessons to target needs. This is very exciting news as we know there are learning gaps which can be addressed with data. The benefits of knowing what your student needs to learn is critical to success.

Martha Franco

Principal

It may seem like there is never enough time to get everything done.

Consider using the rhythm of your daily life to shape the values in your home – take advantage of the time you already have:

Morning Time: Be a coach. Help them find purpose by starting the day with encouraging words.

Drive Time: Be a friend. Talk about life during informal conversations as you travel.

Mealtime: Be a teacher. Have conversation while you eat together.

Bedtime: Be a counselor. Strengthen your relationship at the end of every day with heartfelt conversations about feelings.

So, don't miss it. Use the time you have (without technology or distractions) to deepen relationships and encourage values in your home.

Important Dates in April

April 2nd - Picture day-Sunday's best

April 4th - STAARy night

April 12th - End of 5th 6 weeks/Early dismissal

April 22nd – Earth Day

April 24th – Administrative Professionals' Day

April 26th – Report cards issued/Earth Day

April 27th – Saturday school

STAAR Testing

STAAR testing for grades 3rd, 4th and 5th on April 16, 17, 18, 23, 25, 30 and May 1. Please don't schedule any appointments on those dates.

