

# January

#### Dear Homestead Hills Families

February is a month that reminds us of the power of community—whether through acts of kindness, collaboration, or simply showing up for one another. At Homestead Hills, we are grateful for the strong partnership between our students, families, and staff. Together, we create an environment where every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.

One of the most important factors in student success is regular school attendance. Each day at school provides valuable learning experiences that can't be fully replaced by make-up work. When students are present, they engage in hands-on activities, collaborate with peers, and receive direct instruction that builds their knowledge and confidence. Of course, we understand that illnesses and emergencies happen, but whenever possible, we encourage families to prioritize attendance. Even missing just two days per month can add up to significant lost learning time over the course of the year. If your family is facing challenges related to attendance, please reach out—we are here to help.

In addition to strong attendance, student success depends on the collective efforts of our entire school community. We all play a role in helping our students reach their full potential.

Thank you for all that you do to support your child and our school. Your partnership makes all the difference. Let's continue working together to make the remainder of this school year meaningful and successful for every student.

Steve Graetz, Principal Homestead Hills Elementary



# **FEBRUARY**

2/12 Spring Count Day

2/14 Early Dismissal Day @ 11:50

2/17 NO SCHOOL

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

3/6 Spring FUN DAY pictures, form to follow!

3/14 Rescheduled Boys Night

3/21 Early Dismissal Day @ 11:50

3/22-3/31 Spring Break

Teachers will keep vou informed of classroom dates and activities.



Please let the office OR your child's teacher know if any of these items below belong to your student.





### TREAT CART ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to rising costs, the treats will now be \$1 each. Students may purchase 2 items each full Friday of the school year. For a pre pay option, please see below.

Each card is \$8. Please send payment in an envelope with your student's name and the classroom. PTO will issue a card to your student to use for the treat cart!



# FROM YOUR PTO...

Hello Husky Families!

The introduction of the Snack Cart Cards has been a huge success! We hope that that option becoming available has helped our parents and kids alike. If you'd like to purchase a snack card please put money in an envelope with your child's name and "Snack Cart Card" on it and have your child bring it to their teacher. Cards are \$8.00 each and can be purchased in multiples.

The Christmas Shoppe was great time! Thank you to all the volunteers that made it possible. The smiles and pride on the kiddos' faces really brings that holiday spirit to life.

The Penny War was so exciting this year even with the snow days. Thank you to all that participated. Congrats to Mr. Ross' Class on winning and getting to make their "Homestead Hills G.R.I.T." Ice cream at Hilltop! Everyone's donations help to pay for all our events and our school's field trips. Together we raised around \$4,000!

Our first ever Family Movie Night at the Garden Theater was last week and we will definitely be doing that again soon. Congrats to Ava for winning our movie raffle and thank you to Pattie and her family and to Rains' Grains and Sweets and Crystal City Confectionery for providing an adorable and delicious Trolls themed bake sale.

Boys Night Out has been rescheduled for Friday, 2/28/25! Look out for flyers for that shortly. Tickets will be \$15 which covers snacks, as well as a gift bag including darts, goggles, and an ammo apron.

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