



## April

### Upcoming Events

- April 6th - Wendy's Night  
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- April 7th - Wear your STEM shirt
- April 7th - Early Release at 1:20 p.m.
- April 7th - YMCA Here For Lunch Recess
- April 10th - 3rd Grade Farm 2 U Field Trip
- April 12th - YMCA Here To Visit 3rd & 4th Grade
- April 13th - PTA Family Carnival Night
- April 14th - No School
- April 17th - No School
- April 18th - April Birthday Lunch
- April 19th - 2nd Grade Swim Lessons at YMCA
- April 20th - 6th Grade Art Reception at 6:00 p.m.
- April 21st - Early Release at 1:20 p.m.
- April 21st - Wear your STEM shirt
- April 25th - YMCA Visits 1st Grade
- April 27th - Gambino's Night for PTA
- April 28th - Jean Day

## Principal's News

With the school year on the down slide, I would like to remind all students of the importance on staying focused and being here on time. This time of year seems to get a little crazy so with the help of the parents I know that we can end the year on a positive note, with great behavior and respectful students that I know we have here at Hutchinson STEM Magnet School.

### Cookout

We will be having our annual cookout on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. We need to have all reservation for this sent back to the school by Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Late reservations will not be accepted. The cost for this meal will be \$3.50. Keep in mind when filling out reservation please do not include your student.

### Wendys Night

This is a reminder that our final Wendys Night for this school year will be held on April 6th. Thank you for all your support in our fundraiser's here at Hutchinson STEM Magnet.

### Jean Day

As a reminder, jeans may be worn only on Jeans Day. The next Jean day is April 28th. Allen school t-shirts may be worn on each Friday. However, uniform pants must be worn.

### Charging of meals

This is to inform all parents that during the last 6 weeks of the school your child will not be allowed to charge any meals. As of April 18<sup>th</sup> you will need to make sure they are positive on their account or they will need to bring a sack lunch from home.

## Counselor's Corner

Sarah Rodriguez

Teaching Children to  
Solve Their Own Problems

As parents and educators, how do we help empower children to become healthy problem solvers?

First, it's important for children to understand the difference between "big problems", that require help from an adult and "small problems", that they can work through on their own. "Big problems" are problems such as someone getting hurt, a stranger on the playground, or when a student could be in danger. A "small problem" is when there is a minor conflict between students, such as a disagreement. It's important for students to also learn the difference between telling and tattling. When students "tattle", they are trying to get another student in trouble. They are going to an adult when they have a "small problem" and could have solved this on their own. When they "tell", they are trying to keep another student safe, and getting help for a "big problem".

It's beneficial as parents and educators that we empower students to become problem solvers, so as they grow, they don't always need to rely on an adult to solve the problem for them. Students can learn that when they are dealing with a "small problem", they should try at least two healthy choices before they seek help from an adult. When students have these tools and are able to resolve "small problems", teachers have more classroom time to focus on academics, because less time is spent on solving "small problems" between students.

Children can choose two of the following healthy choices to help them work through "small problems" that arise.

- \*Apologize when you make a mistake
- \*Walk away
- \*Ignore the bad behavior
- \*Ask them to stop
- \*Make a deal with another student
- \*Wait and cool off if you get angry
- \*Go to another game
- \*Talk it out with the other student
- \*Share and take turns

If children have tried using at least two healthy choices to solve the "small" problem and the behavior continues, they can ask for help from an adult. For example, if a student is being teased on the playground they could choose to walk away from that student and to ask the student to stop. If the teasing continues, the student should then seek help from an adult since he/she has tried to solve it first on his or her own. Children benefit greatly by being able to problem solve on their own, it gives them the confidence and makes them feel they have control over their situation, which results in healthy problem solvers and happier children.



Healthy Choices



April 4<sup>th</sup> = Uniform Shop open 5:15-5:45pm. Stock up on gently used uniform pieces for only \$1. The Uniform Shop is located in the basement (through the gym). Please remember, the Uniform Shop is run by donations and we cannot guarantee that all sizes of clothing will be available.



April 7<sup>th</sup> = Uniform Shop open from 7:40-8:00am



April 13<sup>th</sup> = Join us for our School Carnival from 6:00-8:00pm. We will have a cake walk, sand art, face painting, games, raffle and prizes just to name a few. You won't want to miss this AWESOME night! This is a free event for all the HSMS @ Allen families as a "thank you" from the PTA.

April 28<sup>th</sup> = Uniform Shop will be open from 7:40-8:00am



# COOKOUT

WHEN: Friday, May 5, 2017

WHERE: HMS@Allen

WHO: Guests

PRICE: \$3.50 PER PERSON

Reservations MUST be made BEFORE Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, as food needs to be ordered!!!

Sorry, NO LATE RESERVATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED!!!

Lunch Times:

Kdg.	10:45 a.m.
Gr. 1	11:00 a.m.
Gr. 2	11:15 a.m.
Gr. 4	11:30 a.m.
Gr. 6	11:40 a.m.
Arndt-Farley	11:50 a.m.
Gr. 3	12:00 p.m.
Gr. 5	12:05 p.m.

Please return this reservation (money included), by Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please send your Cookout money separate from your students lunch money.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Number of guests

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Student(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher(s)

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

RESERVATIONS AND MONEY MUST BE TURNED INTO OFFICE BY April 20, 2017!!!

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## SHORT NOTES

### Keep up attendance



Good attendance matters all year. Show your youngster that going to school every day is job number one. If you plan to visit relatives or take a vacation this summer, check the school calendar to make sure your trip won't overlap with the end of this school year or the beginning of the next one.

### Siblings as roommates

Have more than one child? Consider letting them share a room—even if they don't need to. Sharing space can help siblings bond and teach them about cooperation and respect. Plus, youngsters may be comforted and find it easier to fall asleep with someone else in the room.

### Build observation skills

Boost your child's powers of observation during your next walk. Together, gaze at a scene (say, a playground) closely for 1 minute to observe as many details as possible. Then, turn around and take turns asking each other specific questions, like "How many swings are there?" or "What color is the slide?"

### Worth quoting

"It does not matter how slowly you go so long as you do not stop." *Confucius*

## JUST FOR FUN

**Q:** What do clouds wear in their hair?

**A:** Rainbows.



## Bring learning home

Help your child feel proud of the skills she's learning by giving her opportunities to use them outside of school. You'll boost her confidence—and she'll see that reading, math, and science are useful in everyday life. Pose questions like these for her to answer.

### How can we organize our cabinets?

Your youngster may enjoy giving your kitchen cabinets a makeover. Suggest that she draw a "blueprint" for organizing dishes, pots and pans, canned goods, and other items. Review it together, and try some of her ideas—perhaps arranging spices in alphabetical order or stacking plates by size.

### What will we do this weekend?

Let your child plan a fun outing for your family. She could start by checking the weather forecast. Then, encourage her to read newspaper listings and community websites to find activities, such as an arts and crafts fair, a free concert, or a minor-league baseball game. She'll need



to read for details like times, locations, and prices before she presents her idea.

### Where should we keep the bread?

Ask your youngster to conduct a science experiment to discover how to keep your bread fresh and mold-free the longest. She could use what she's learning in science class to set identical slices of wrapped bread on the counter, in the pantry, and in the refrigerator. What does she find? She'll be excited when you use her results to decide where to store bread. ♥

## Develop good money sense

Now is the time to help your youngster manage money wisely—before he gets his first job or has bills to pay. Try these kid-friendly ideas:

- Have regular conversations about money. You might say, "Chicken is on sale this week—we'll save money if we buy extra to freeze," or "I want new curtains, but our car will need tires soon, and I need to save for them."
- Suggest that your child give a stuffed animal a pretend allowance and write a budget for how to manage it. Explain that it should include savings and put *needs* before *wants* (so his stuffed monkey might buy bananas to eat or a tree to live in before purchasing one more ball to play with). *Tip:* If possible, give your youngster a small weekly allowance to work on real-life budgeting. ♥



# Practicing patience

In today's world, youngsters often have instant access to information, songs, and movies. As a result, they might not learn patience. Encourage your child to get better at waiting patiently with these tips.

**Set an example.** Let your youngster see you waiting calmly during challenging situations. In a traffic jam, you could say, "It looks like we'll be sitting here for a while. Would you read your story to me?"

**Discover strategies.** What does "wait a minute" or "wait 5 minutes" look like? Look at your watch, and have each



faster? Your child will learn that staying occupied will help him be patient. ♥

family member raise his hand when he thinks 1 minute has gone by. They should raise their hands again when they think it's been 5 minutes. Repeat the activity, but this time, ask each person to do something he enjoys like reading or drawing. Does the time seem to go

## PARENT TO PARENT

### Write a winning argument

My daughter Lucy has been asking for a cat for months. So when she told me that she was learning to write "arguments" in school, I asked her to write me a letter arguing why we should get a cat.

A few days later, Lucy handed me her letter. She had stated her claim — "Having a pet helps kids become responsible." She even gathered evidence. She talked to three friends and wrote about how they care for their animals.



Finally, she considered my side, saying she knew I was worried I'd end up doing all the work. So she proposed a rule: She would have to feed the cat and scoop out its litter box before going out to play.

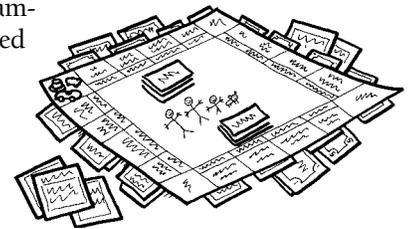
Lucy's letter worked, and we're going to the animal shelter this weekend to adopt her cat. Now she sees that writing a good argument can pay off! ♥

## ACTIVITY CORNER

### Make a personalized game

What's more fun than family game night? Playing a game your child designed herself! Consider these suggestions.

**1. Family-opoly.** Have your youngster create a personalized Monopoly game. She might name properties after people, places, or things that are important to your family (say, her grandparents' native country or her brother's college mascot). After she makes the board and property cards, use Monopoly money and game pieces to play her version.



**2. Trivia, Family Edition.** Encourage family members to write questions about your family on index cards, with the answers on the backs. *Examples:* "What breakfast dish is Dad famous for?" or "How did we celebrate Mom's 40th birthday?" Stack the cards with the answers facing down. Your child draws one and reads the question aloud. The first person to answer correctly keeps the card and asks the next question. When all cards have been used, the player with the most wins. ♥

## Q & A Believe it—or not?

**Q:** My child believes everything in TV commercials. How can I help him understand what's accurate and what's exaggerated?

**A:** Try this eye-opening activity. Let your son take photos around your home. Half should make your house look good, and the other half not so good. For example, he could snap a shot of a freshly vacuumed room with the bed made and one of an overflowing trash can and a dirty wall.



Now, look through the pictures. Have him imagine he is "selling" your house by showing only the flattering pictures. Is he giving the full story?

Explain that this is how commercials work, too—advertisers want to show their products in the best light. Together, watch commercials, and talk about the "other" side that you're not seeing.

You could also read product reviews to get a more complete picture. Your son will learn to think critically about information he sees and hears. ♥

### OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>3</b> Entrée Choice: • Breakfast Burrito • Cocoa Puffs Choice of Sides: • Fresh Orange Wedges • 100% Fruit Juice	<b>4</b> Entrée Choice: • Mini Cinnis • Golden Grahams Choice of Sides: • Tropical Fruit • 100% Fruit Juice	<b>5</b> Entrée Choice: • French Toast Sticks served with Syrup • Chocolate Mini Wheats Choice of Sides: • Fresh Banana • 100% Fruit Juice	<b>6</b> Entrée Choice: • Biscuit & Gravy • Lucky Charms Choice of Sides: • Chilled Mandarin Oranges • 100% Fruit Juice	<b>7</b> Entrée Choice: • Blueberry Muffin and Go-gurt Yogurt • Honey Nut Cherrios Choice of Sides: • Fresh Apple Half • 100% Fruit Juice
<b>10</b> Entrée Choice: • Breakfast Pizza • Cocoa Puffs Choice of Sides: • Chilled Pineapple • 100% Fruit Juice	<b>11</b> Entrée Choice: • Mini Chocolate Donuts • Golden Grahams Choice of Sides: • Mixed Fruit • 100% Fruit Juice	<b>12</b> Entrée Choice: • Pancakes served with Syrup • Chocolate Mini Wheats Choice of Sides: • Chilled Peaches • 100% Fruit Juice	<b>13</b> Entrée Choice: • Sausage on a Stick • Lucky Charms Choice of Sides: • Chilled Pears • 100% Fruit Juice	<b>14</b> No School
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<b>24</b> Entrée Choice: • Bacon Scramble Breakfast Pizza • Cocoa Puffs Choice of Sides: • Chilled Pineapple • 100% Fruit Juice	<b>25</b> Entrée Choice: • Mini Pwd Sugar Donuts • Golden Grahams Choice of Sides: • Mixed Fruit • 100% Fruit Juice	<b>26</b> Entrée Choice: • Pancakes served with Syrup • Chocolate Mini Wheats Choice of Sides: • Chilled Peaches • 100% Fruit Juice	<b>27</b> Entrée Choice: • Sausage on a Stick • Lucky Charms Choice of Sides: • Chilled Pears • 100% Fruit Juice	<b>28</b> Entrée Choice: • Chocolate Chocolate Chip Muffin and Go-gurt Yogurt • Honey Nut Cherrios Choice of Sides: • Chilled Applesauce • 100% Fruit Juice

Milk Available Daily: Available Everyday, 1% Lowfat Milk, Chocolate Skim Milk, Served on Fridays, Strawberry Skim Milk

Assorted Juice- Nutrition Information: Apple Juice, Grape Juice, Orange Juice

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<b>3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mini Maple Pancakes</li> </ul> <b>Choice of Sides:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hash Browns</li> <li>Tropical Fruit</li> <li>Juice</li> <li>Trix Yogurt Cup</li> </ul>	<b>4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Popcorn Chicken served with BBQ Sauce</li> </ul> <b>Choice of Sides:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loaded Mashed Potatoes</li> <li>Seasoned Broccoli</li> <li>Fresh Apple Half</li> <li>Hot Roll served with Margarine</li> </ul>	<b>5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taco Burger served with Lettuce Tomato Salsa Cheese</li> </ul> <b>Choice of Sides:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fresh Kiwi</li> <li>Seasoned Corn</li> <li>Refried Beans</li> </ul>	<b>6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pulled BBQ Chicken Sandwich served with BBQ Sauce</li> </ul> <b>Choice of Sides:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>French Fries</li> <li>Ketchup</li> <li>Cucumber Slices served with Ranch Dip</li> <li>Chilled Peaches</li> </ul>	<b>7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicken Strips</li> </ul> <b>Choice of Sides:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mashed Potatoes served with Gravy</li> <li>Garden Salad served with Ranch Dressing or Dorothy Lynch Dressing</li> <li>Fresh Orange Wedges</li> <li>Hot Roll served with Margarine</li> </ul>
<b>10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fiestada Pizza served with Salsa</li> </ul> <b>Choice of Sides:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refried Beans</li> <li>Rosy Applesauce</li> <li>Seasoned Corn</li> </ul>	<b>11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hamburger served with Lettuce Tomato Ketchup Mustard Pickles</li> </ul> <b>Choice of Sides:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>French Fries</li> <li>Chilled Pears</li> <li>Baby Carrots</li> </ul>	<b>12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicken &amp; Noodles</li> </ul> <b>Choice of sides:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mashed Potatoes</li> <li>Calif. Mixed Vegetables</li> <li>Chilled Mandarin Oranges</li> <li>Hot Roll served with Margarine</li> </ul>	<b>13</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Papa John's Pepperoni Pizza</li> </ul> <b>Choice of Sides:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Garden Salad served with Ranch Dressing or Dorothy Lynch Dressing</li> <li>Strawberries &amp; Bananas</li> <li>Green Beans</li> </ul>	<b>14</b> No School
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<b>24</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roast Beef</li> </ul> <b>Choice of Sides:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mashed Potatoes served with Gravy</li> <li>Garden Salad served with Ranch Dressing or Dorothy Lynch Dressing</li> <li>Blushing Pears</li> <li>Hot Roll served with Margarine</li> </ul>	<b>25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rib Sandwich on Mini Sub Roll served with BBQ Sauce</li> </ul> <b>Choice of Sides:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curly Fries served with Ketchup</li> <li>Baked Beans</li> <li>Chilled Pineapple</li> </ul>	<b>26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breaded Chicken Sandwich served with Tomato Lettuce Mayo</li> </ul> <b>Choice of Sides:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seasoned Wedges</li> <li>Grapes</li> <li>Fresh Broccoli</li> </ul>	<b>27</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheese Pizza</li> </ul> <b>Choice of Sides:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Garden Salad choice of Ranch Dressing or Dorothy Lynch Dressing</li> <li>Fresh Strawberries</li> <li>Green Beans</li> </ul>	<b>28</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chili Cheese Crunch</li> </ul> <b>Choice of Sides:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baby Carrots</li> <li>Celery Sticks</li> <li>Fresh Orange Wedges</li> <li>Cinnamon Roll</li> </ul>

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