

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

April 2026



April is Autism Awareness Month

What is autism? Someone who has conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech, and nonverbal communication. He/she can be very intelligent but can struggle with social interaction and communication. Here are some useful techniques: use direct and polite statements; to get someone's attention, make sure you are talking to him/her before touching the person, so you don't startle them; or ask clarifying questions. Famous people who have autism: Charles Darwin, Wolfgang Mozart, & Albert Einstein.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

We recognize the importance of families and communities working together to strengthen families to prevent child abuse and neglect. There will be guidance lessons this month about how your child can keep himself/herself safe and asking help from a trusted adult. For the older grades, we will be learning about the importance setting boundaries and getting help from a trusted adult. In the beginning-of-the-year paperwork, you had indicated online if you had given consent or denial to these particular lessons, I will send out more information next week to confirm your choice.

Welcoming Dulles Elementary!

We are excited to welcome the students and families of Dulles Elementary to our campus community for the upcoming school year 2026-2027! We look forward to supporting each student during this transition and creating a warm, safe, and positive environment where everyone feels valued and connected. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with families and work together to make this a successful and meaningful experience for all. Stay tuned for a school-wide event that will include current Highland students and new ones! 😊

Continued summer learning and enrichment

See pages 2 & 3 for summer camps for students, including a tutoring list of some Highlands teachers. It's always great to reinforce skills learned or get a headstart for next school year!

School events

"Student of the Month" and spirit stick winners on **page 4**
Junior Achievement Day in March on **page 5**
5th grade NEHS projects on **page 6**

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Highlands ES Counseling website:

<https://www.fortbendisd.com/Domain/8212>

Friday, April 3rd

No School - HOLIDAY

Monday, April 6th

Last NEHS meeting of the year at 7:30am
in the library

Thursday, April 9th

National Elementary Honor Society
notification sent out to 4th graders

Friday, April 10th

"Student of the Month" breakfast in the
library

Tuesday, April 7th

Reading STAAR

Tuesday, April 14th

Science STAAR for 5th grade

Tuesday, April 21st

Math STAAR

**No visitors during STAAR testing days,
including lunch time.**

Friday, April 24th

NEHS Service Hours are due for 5th graders

Thursday, April 30th

Pre-K - 2nd Field Day

Friday, May 1st

3rd - 5th grade Field Day

Thinking about sending your student(s) to summer camp? Here are some great local day camps!



This catalog is full of fun Day Camps in Sienna for students of all ages!

<https://www.flipsnack.com/8BA779F6AED/summer-guide-26>



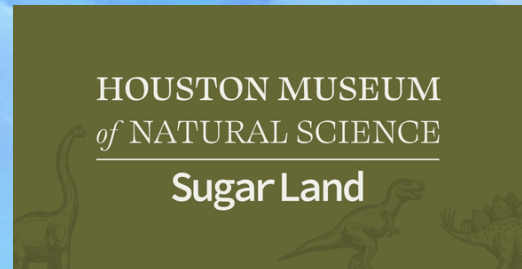
Space Center Houston offers a STEM day camp for students ages -11. They offer multi-day and single-day options.

<https://spacecenter.org/education-programs/explorer-camps/>



This website offers a list of day camps in Sugarland!

<https://www.sugarlandtx.gov/2264/Youth-Camps>



Houston Museum of Natural Science Sugarland offers many different summer experiences for students 6-12.

https://sugarland.hmns.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2025/11/2026_Summer@HMNS_Catalog_Spread.pdf



The Houston Arboretum and Nature Center offers day camps for students ages 4-12.

<https://houstarboretum.org/programs-trips/childrens-programs/camps/summer/>



Cordova Art School

<https://cordovanartschool.com/location/sugar-land/>



**Museum of Fine Arts Houston
Glassell Junior School**

Half-day art classes for ages 3-14

<https://glassell.mfah.org/public/category/programArea.do?method=load&selectedProgramAreaId=1025487>

Highlands Elementary 2025-2026 Private Tutoring List

* Here is a list of certified teachers that tutor students after school and/or weekends. For specific pricing, please contact the teacher.

PLEASE NOTE: For private paid tutoring, your child's homeroom teacher(s) cannot be his/her tutor, and it cannot take place at our school.

Tutor name (last, first)	Grade Levels & Subject Areas for tutoring	Contact information
Buell, Sandy	K – 5 th grade; Reading & Math	Saywowsandy@yahoo.com Phone: 832-264-9939
Burke, Annette	K – 7 th grade; all subjects	Annette.Burke@fortbendisd.gov Phone: 281-634-7158
Culbert, Karen	K – 4 th ; all subjects	Karen.Culbert19@gmail.com Phone: 281-507-4806
Elkins, Becky	PreK – 2 nd ; all subjects	teachlady@gmail.com phone: 281-450-3125
Elemuwa, Angela	3 rd – 12 th grade; Math	Angela.Elemuwa@fortbendisd.gov Phone:281-617-6063
Franco, Tori	K – 5 th ; all subjects	Victoria.Franco@fortbendisd.gov Phone: 832-757-8647
Kuzdzal, Ivy	PreK – 2 nd ; all subjects	isadol@hotmail.com Phone: 281-989-5153
Rader, Fran	K – 5 th grade; math only	Frannyrader@gmail.com Phone: 281-851-5569
Reynolds, Brittany	3 rd -5 th grade; Reading & Math	Brittany.Reynolds@fortbendisd.gov Phone: 281-749-1715
Yackus, Debbie	K – 6 th grade; Reading & Math	Deborah.Yackus@fortbendisd.gov Phone: 281-634-4436

If you have any questions about this tutoring list, please contact Mrs. Hsu at 281-634-4164 or Angela.Hsu@fortbendisd.gov

Student of the Month & SPIRIT STICK WINNERS

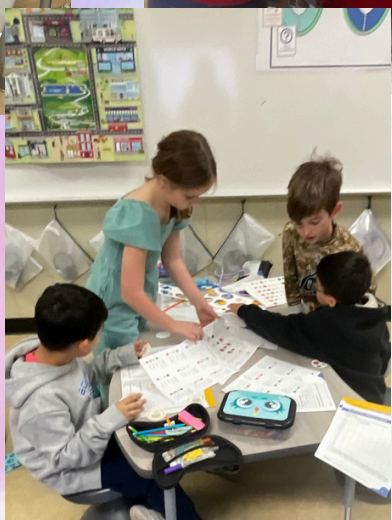
February's Breakfast Celebration



"Student of the Month" and spirit stick winners

March - Leadership			
Esther G.	Lathan C.	Abby G.	Luis R.
Kaylee P.	Mikayla A.	Cortney B.	Jade F.
Kinsley M.	Graysen Z.	McKenzie	Ainsley A.
Shepherd S.	Gallant T.	Bhavi	Teddy T.
Cameron O.	Jacob S.	Gabriel	Alexa S.
Thishanthan L.	Paulette P.	Arjun J.	Oliver N.
Waleed M.	Adit A.	Tegan K.	Carter D.
Isabella R.	Tewodra	Heidi O.	Yahyia Ali
Reyna D.	Charlotte	Jennifer L.	Carissa C.
Joanna B.	Titan B.	Olivia F.	Leonardo S.
Miles S.	Jojo O.	Noah L.	Christopher L.
Samuel E.	Jack B.	Olivia S.	Wali R.
Hailey H.	Aiden X.	Celeste N.	Aiden F.
Theodore T.			

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT DAY WITH DULLES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



NEHS TACKLING THEIR GARDENING SERVICE PROJECT & STAAR PEP RALLY WITH DULLES HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS, DOLLS (DANCE DRILL TEAM), AND DRUMLINE

[Click here to view the STAAR pep rally video of our Rock STAARs performance](#)

