



Counselor's Corner



February



Important Dates

Monday, February 2nd

- NEHS meeting at 7:30am in the library
- “No Place for Hate” club meeting after school until 4:30pm

Thursday, February 5th
100th Day of School!

Friday, February 6th
“Student of the Month” breakfast celebration
Invites were sent out separately

Thursday, February 12th
Valentine's Parties & early release for students at 12:10pm

- GT Academy Expo of Excellence Information Night (for 5th graders) 6:30-8:00 pm

<https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/112005>

Friday, February 13th
Staff development – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

- Last day for 6th grade course selection input in Skyward – all our 5th graders are done 😊

Monday, February 16th
Holiday – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 17th
Lunar New Year! – Year of the Horse
(Guidance lessons from Mrs. Hsu about this holiday)
See page 2 for local FREE events in Sugar Land & Houston.

Wednesday, February 18th
Ash Wednesday & start of Ramadan

Thursday, February 19th
2nd grade Musical Performance and Curriculum Night from 5:30 – 7:00PM

Friday, February 27th
StuCo & NEHS “Color Run” fundraiser (in-school)
PreK through 2nd from 1:45 – 2:15pm
3rd through 5th grade from 2:30 – 3:00pm

Career Day 2026

A HUGE heartfelt THANK YOU to all our Career Day speakers that presented to our PreK – 5th grade. We appreciate the time you took to prepare and come inspire our students. We had a wide variety of professions, which is wonderful to give students opportunities to preview future paths. See pictures on pages 4 & 5.

- Sarah Blasdell and Richard Wommack for PreK
- Jordan Boykin, Brooke Lubojasky, and Judge Toni Wallace for Kindergarten
- Daniel Chang, Richelle Cheong, Hilda Moreno, Thomas Schuenemann for 1st grade
- Rajiv Agrawal, Amairiany Amador, Hope Amador, Elizabeth Ayoola, April Bohannan, Carl Clark, Lauren Gutierrez, Sinem Guven, Dr. Santosh Dixit, Dr. Payal Patel, Xiaouu Ma, Judge Tyra McCollum, Pam Moreno, Meghaan Nguyen, Sahar Robertson, Kevin Smith, Austin Spina, & Christy Trojanowski for 2nd – 5th grade rotations

Feb. 2nd – 6th is National School Counselor Week

I am honored to serve as your counselor and enjoy seeing the successes of our Highlands students! Through guidance lessons, individual counseling, and support groups, I can connect with students and teach them about character traits and coping strategies to manage stress & overwhelming feelings. Thank you for trusting me with your children and showing me appreciation and love at Highlands!

Black History Month

In honor of Black History Month, our campus will be decorating the main hallway with student work recognizing influential figures in Black history. In addition, the “No Place for Hate” club will be creating posters dedicated to many important Black leaders and trailblazers. See more information and pictures on page 3.

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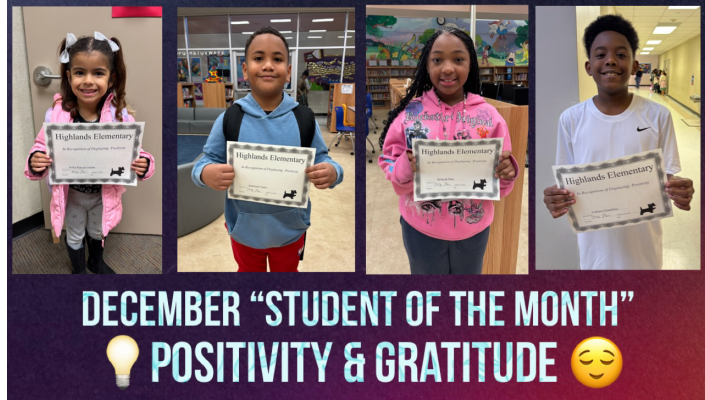
Highlands ES Counseling website:

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

Spirit Sticks and “Student of the Month”

Congratulations to all our students who showed **Perseverance** by working hard and with determination even when things get hard. Students below either received the “Way to Go!” spirit stick and/or the “Student of the Month” title. The picture is from December’s “Student of the Month” breakfast celebration.

January - Perseverance					
Hadi A.	Avishai G.	Mariyam A.	Nathan	Ryan J.	Ivanna A.
Wyatt P.	Aylen T.	Salwa B.	Gabriel	Levi S.	Madeline M.
Jesus B.	Nestor R.	Kylynn,	Arthur C.	Nyla J.	Lyla S.
Jade R.	Henry T.	Miles N.	Reyna	Gabriel E.	Emmitt S.
Silas L.	Jordan P.	Emily T.	Adelyn	Anabella L.	Luca W.
Yahyo T.	Mason R.	Ainsley A.	Mila K.	Olivia G.	Layken T.
Skylar D.	Luis R.	Lathan	Kylie R.	Carson C.	Liam H.
Zayd R.	Ivan L.	Eason C	Aydin T.	Adaline C.	Knox S.
Winter H.	Giula V.	Noah	Adil Z.	Kai B.	Skylar H.
Titan B.	Annabella P.	Arham K.	Jace S.	Mahremay A.	Alema S.
Jack B.	Gabriella B.	Wali R.	Kareem Y.	Madelynn S.	Yasmina T.
Lannah F.	Barrett M.	Hailey H.	Alp K.	Aydin T.	



Year of the Horse – Lunar New Year 2026 Houston Celebrations



General website for Houston celebrations for Lunar New Year:

<https://asianchamber-hou.org/lunarnewyears/>

Saturday, Feb 14th – Sunday, Feb. 15th: Houston Children’s Museum

<https://www.cmhouston.org/events/lunar-new-year>

Saturday, Feb. 14th: Texas Asia Society

<https://asiasociety.org/texas/events/lunar-new-year-2026-celebrating-year-horse>

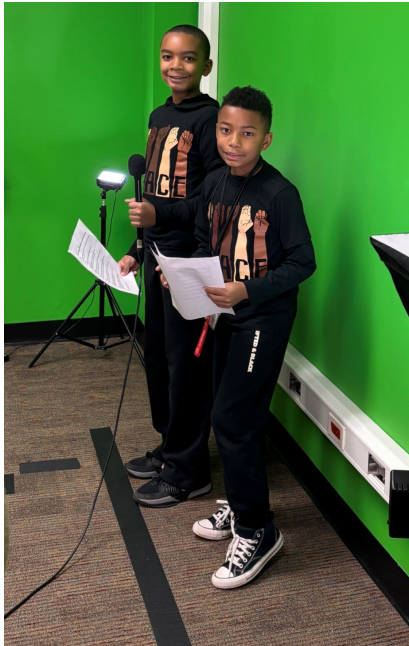
Black History Month

KJ and Kairo Williams kicked off this celebratory month on our morning announcements. Mrs. Williams decorated our walls with beautiful and informative posters with significant black men & women in our history.

As a campus community, we also want to take intentional time to honor Fort Bend ISD schools that are named after impactful African American figures who have shaped our district, county, state, and nation:

- **Thurgood Marshall High School** – Named after Thurgood Marshall, the first African American Supreme Court Justice.
- **Billy Baines Middle School** – Named after Billy Baines, the first African American principal appointed in Fort Bend ISD.
- **Arizona Fleming Elementary School** – Honors Arizona Fleming, an African American woman who courageously fought for voting rights in Fort Bend County.
- **Barbara Jordan Elementary School** – Named after Barbara Jordan, the first African American woman elected to the Texas Senate.
- **Burton Elementary School** – Dedicated to the first African American sheriff in Fort Bend County.

Through these activities, we aim to celebrate history, inspire our students, and recognize the lasting contributions of African American leaders within our own community and beyond.



Career Day 2026

Wow! Look at all the speakers we had! Here are just some pictures, but you can view more at this link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1OdDRRIxub-xtq7sTlwZOQqhmUVbKIONd?usp=sharing>

Mechanical Engineer at SLB	Labor & Delivery Nurse	Orthotist at National Scoliosis Center in Houston	Government Executive // Political & Environmental Communications - worked at White House during Obama Admin
Industrial Engineer at Microsoft Building Data Centers	Judge at County Court 2	Dermatologist and Skin Cancer Surgery	Health, Safety, & Environmental specialist at Plains All American. Emergency Response Plans for our U.S. assets
Violinist/Violin teacher	Judge at County Court 4	Architect at House & Robertson Architects	Oil and gas - manager; Principal Consultant of Pipeline Integrity (robotics & tech)
Operations at Starbucks	Emergency Room nurse	CPA & CFO for Houston Fencing Company	Project Management - land rights for large electric power lines
Data Scientist & Analyst software Consultant	2nd year law student at South Texas	Service Fulfillment Operations Developer for IKEA	Emergency Room doctor Memorial Hermann Hospital in Cypress
Navy // Refinery plant engineer & Construction	Pastry Chef	Licensed Professional Counselor - Associate at Riaz Counseling	Lead producer and podcast co-host at NerdWallet; Lifestyle writer at Essence Magazine
Spanish interpreter for Texas Children's Hospital	Architect at Inventure		Child Life Specialist at Memorial Hermann Hospital



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