

# Hancock Elementary School

“Rooted in Community, Reaching for the Stars”

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we have just completed six weeks of school. Our first few weeks were spent establishing school routines and assessing students' skills in math, reading, writing, and social emotional skills. We then worked together to create instructional groupings that enable teachers to provide **targeted instruction**, which enables students to grow and learn academically, socially and emotionally. This quarter we are fortunate to have Darlene Tarr, a district reading instructor, to assist with students' literacy skills. In classrooms, Darlene has assisted students in negotiating Core 5, an online literacy practice program. Darlene also works with students in small groups to building foundation reading skills such as letter names and sound as well as phonics skills that support reading fluency.



We had a wonderful **trip to the Capitol Theater** on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Our trip provided many learning opportunities. It enabled students to practice how to be good audience members. Additionally, teachers used the experience to build students' literacy skills. Following the performance, children discussed how the book (which many had heard prior to the show) and the performance were similar and different.



Cool, breezy weather prevailed in the **HES gardens** on Wednesday, October 11. The theme was “the ways in which plants change as the season changes.” One of the many ways plants change is to bear seeds. First graders explored the garden to find a wide variety of seeds which they collected on seed bracelets made of packing tape.

Thank you to all who have offered food contributions or time for our **Harvest Feast on October 27<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30 PM. Please invite friends, neighbors, and relatives to this special event. Also, remind them to bring a bowl, spoon, and cloth napkin.

**PTO** will meet the **third Thursday** of each month. Our next meeting is **October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**. The group will firm up planning for the Harvest Feast. Please let me know by Monday afternoon if you will need childcare.

I have been working to maintain the events portion of the [HES website](#). The specials schedule is also posted for the year. Please be sure check it out.

Special this week will be **Health**.

Have a wonderful weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mrs. Janice".