



Hidalgo Elementary Campus Advisory Committee

Hidalgo Elementary School

November 16, 2009

C.A.C. Meeting Lead by Principal Raquel Reyes

Campus Improvement Plan

The meeting was begun by the principal stating that the Campus Improvement Plan was presented to the Board of Trustee and was approved accordingly. The CIP will be amended to tie budget allocation to CIP's goals and objectives. The CIP can be viewed on DMAC. Copies will be made for everyone. It is important that everyone gets to know the CIP objectives.

Textbooks

Mrs. Amy Macias spoke to the Campus Advisory Committee about textbooks. She said that the state of Texas is going to give replacement textbooks for old and torn books with no cost to the school. Teachers must call Mrs. Zepeda and give her the number of worn out books and they must fill out a form. The book number must be recorded on the form.

Principal Reyes stated that Mr. Rosales came to see our development of College Awareness Program. He will come on No-

vember 17th to take pictures of college awareness work.

Tutoring

Teachers must pick up students from classroom to take them for tutoring. Teachers are asked to call parents if there will be no tutoring. If the teacher will be out that day, it is requested that they leave a note to the substitute that the children will be going to tutoring, identify students who will be staying and who their tutor will be. If the parents don't have telephone let the office know so that communication with the parents can be undertaken by the office.

White Elephant to Replace Secret Elf

To encourage participation in Christmas exchange, the white elephant game will replace the Secret Elf. A \$15 gift will be purchased by each participant and the game will be played during Christmas luncheon. Principal Reyes will host it.

21st Century

According to Mrs. Cepeda, Hi-

dalgo ISD has received the 21st Century grant valued at \$616,000 for the first year. The grant will increase the following years to four years total. Next year the total award will be \$1,600,000 to be shared with Monte Alto ISD. We will need to cut 21st Century grant's budget by 50% during it's first year of implementation since it will initiate on February 2010.

- Thanksgiving dinner will be held on November 24th at the library.
- Christmas luncheon will consist of a "Taquisa" on Friday, December 18th. Grade levels will provide dessert.
- Attendance is to be recorded on students' permanent records during last week of December
- Mr. Blaha went to Austin to get guidelines on UIL. If approached by newsmedia refer them to Superintendent's office.
- Techonology Stimulus Fund received is for \$150,000.

Writing Samples

Everyone should turn in the writing samples assigned for the 1st and 2nd six weeks. If you have them please turn them into the office. Students from 1st through 5th will hand in a written composition in the language of the child. The composition is written in their notebook spirals.

Christmas Program

Teachers will entertain students for the Christmas Program. Adults who want to participate should sign up with Mrs. De Rueda indicating which song will be performed. The staff will sing an original song written by Mr. Barrera. The program will be held on Wednesday, December 16th. Classroom parties may be held on Thursday, December 17, early release day.

Benchmarks

- Dec. 1 1st-5th Rdg #2
- Dec. 8 1st-5th Math #2
K Math BM #1
- Dec. 10 K-5th Science BM

Science Fair

- Jan 20 pK-2nd
- Jan 21 3rd-5th
- Jan 29 District Science Fair
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Festival of Lights Nov. 30th

We need volunteers to sign up to sell and serve food for the Winter Texans who will then go on a trolley ride afterwards. We will be there for about 3 hours to set up, serve, and pick up. Volunteers are also needed for "La Posada" to sell flautas and cotton candy. It will fun! Thank you to all prior volunteers, we hope to see you again and welcome new volunteers again. Please sign up with Mrs. De Rueda to set up a working schedule.

College Awareness at Hidalgo Elementary

All grade levels have adopted a university of their choice to research. Presentations of universities will be given at preset times. The second grade has a Powerpoint presentation for Notre Dame University. Students will wear university shirts for the presentation. They are learning the Fighting Irish fight song. Meticulous preparation is

underway to provide students with the knowledge and feel of life at the university. 5th grade will research Stanford University and 4th grade will investigate The University of Michigan Wolverines. 3rd will do University of Texas-Austin, 2nd grade will look into Notre Dame, 1st grade will delve into UTPA, Kinder will work on Texas A&M, PK4 will

do South Texas College-McAllen, and Pk3 will research The Ohio State University.

Star Chart

Star Chart has been completed by V. Anzaldua, P. Anzaldua, M. Bocanegra, B. Davila, E. Castorena, L. De La Garza, Mita and MI Galindo, M. Pietrzak,, M. Wisdom, Larraga and E. Lopez.