

# Northside Independent School District



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## March Principal's Newsletter

We have many celebrations in March. On March 3rd, the NISD Educator of the Year Celebration will be held. I am so excited to announce our Educator of the Year, Mrs. Carrie Fontenot. She is a Special Education Teacher who works in our ALE unit. She is an incredible educator who works tirelessly to provide high quality instruction for all of her students. More importantly she has a loving heart that shines through everyday.

Our Instructional Assistant of the Year is also an outstanding staff member here at Valley Hi, Mrs. Irma Castaneda. Mrs. C is an intricate part of our ALE team. Her kind and loving spirit

helps to ensure our students have the support that is needed for success not only academically, but most importantly socially and emotionally.

Thank you,  
Andrew Morris



## Encouraging Success

Parents are equally as important as the teachers in building children's academic careers. Support and motivate your child to do his or her best in school with these tips:

- **Make School Important:** Insist on good attendance and don't be tempted to let them stay home when they are well. Help your child arrive at school on time each and every day.
- **Develop A School Checklist:** Help your child by making sure he or she leaves for school and comes home with everything he or she needs. Check backpacks regularly. Kids need your help to get organized and to stay organized.
- **READ, READ, READ:** Read with your child or have them read to you every day. Make it fun by talking to your child about what you have read.
- **Talk for 15 Minutes:** Spend at least 15 minutes every day giving your child your undivided attention. Talk to your child about his or her day, ask about goals, dreams, and favorite things. Children are more successful in school when parents show interest in what happens during the day.



## Good Attendance

We are continuing to encourage students (and staff) to have perfect attendance! Here are our attendance results for February:

CAMPUS AVERAGE: 94.44%, which is just below the district average of 95.02%.

5th grade has the highest average attendance with a 95.29%

The teacher with the highest attendance was:

Mr. Garay and Mrs. Young's 5th grade class

96.97%

By grade level-

PK/ECSE/BMC/ALE - 93.37%

K - 93.00%

1st - 93.99%

2nd - 94.59%

3rd - 95.17%

4th - 95.02%

5th - 95.29%

Our goal is 96% every day.

## Parent Cafecito

Valley Hi Guidance Department presents "Pastries with Parents." Please stop by for some helpful resources and a cup of coffee and a pastry item on Thursday, March 5, 2020 between 7:15-8:00 a.m. in the office foyer.



## PTA News

Our next PTA event will be Thursday, April 23rd. On this day we will be having the classroom Fiesta Parties / Spring Fundraiser Kickoff during school hours.

The PTA nominating committee is currently accepting names of people interested in serving on the PTA board for the 2020-2021 school year. If you would like to serve in one of the positions, please call the school office at 397-0350 and leave your name, number and the position you are interested in.

## Head Start

Head Start is now enrolling 3 year olds for the 2020-2021 school year. Please call Parent Advocate, Aurora Garcia at 210-397-0394 for more information.



Stop by our office to buy Your Six Flags tickets for some fun. One-day admission tickets cost \$41 each (Cash Only).

**Best price in town!**

The money raised benefits our students here at Valley Hi Elementary.