

STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

We Celebrate...Our Health Techs!

We celebrate Medical Assistants in the month of October! Our Health Techs help over 12,000 students by administering medication and performing first aid. They also play a crucial role in maintaining health records of all students by auditing immunization and EED state record forms. Health Techs perform a variety of duties to support students and staff. We appreciate our Health Techs and look forward to celebrating them on Wednesday, October 19th!



Stay Connected, Keep Learning!

ATTENDANCE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN 2022
A project led by Attendance Works

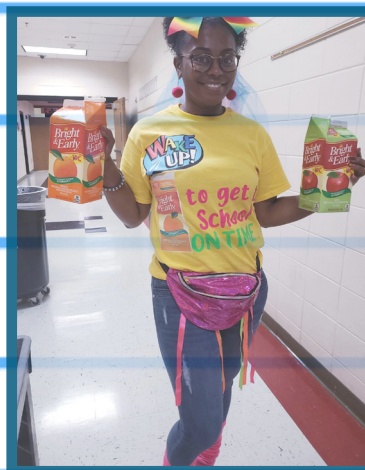
10th Year Anniversary!



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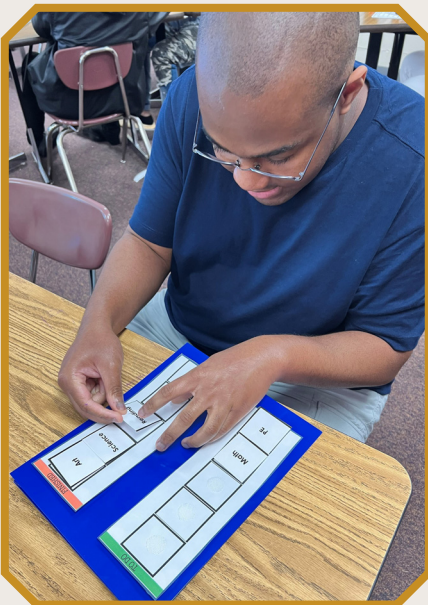
September is National School Attendance Awareness Month. The campaign for 2022 is Stay Connected, Keep Learning! This is a state and national initiative aimed at promoting better policies and practices around school attendance. Prior to the pandemic, more than 8 million students nationwide were missing a significant number of school days, putting them at risk academically. Current trends indicate chronic absenteeism has more than doubled pre-pandemic rates. Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 10 percent or greater of the total number of days enrolled during the school year, including both excused and unexcused absences, out-of-school suspensions, and in-school suspensions that last more than half of the school day. Chronic absences can translate into learning difficulties that impact students throughout their academic career.

The Houston County School District emphasizes the importance of regular school attendance as essential to gaining a quality education. Many students and families face challenges that may require a higher level of support. The Student Services Department works in conjunction with the school staff and administrators to identify students and families who may be experiencing barriers to regular school attendance. They also support schools with attendance awareness campaigns and recognition for students with improved attendance. Working together, we will continue to remove barriers to student achievement and growth!



Vertical Teaming

The alternative curriculum teachers met on September 13th, for the first Vertical Team meeting of the school year. The meeting was led by Melanie Duncan, the district's Alternative Access Support Teacher. Teachers collaborated to discuss instructional resources and participated in a *make-n-take* session. They created individual schedules, first/then boards, and token boards to use in their classrooms. Pictured below is Houston County High School student, Brandeis Taylor, utilizing his visual schedule in the classroom. This Vertical Team will meet monthly over the next five months at the Perry Annex.



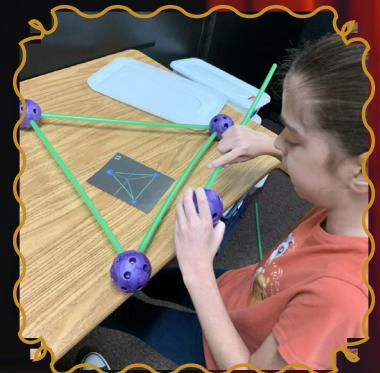
Special Olympics

Houston County Special Olympics would like to thank Dr. Helen-Louise Moore and members of her staff at Pediatric Associates for offering free physicals to all Special Olympics athletes on September 16th. Students from the Transition Academy sanitized, organized and served food during this event while 170 athletes received physicals. The OT/PT department recorded height and weight for each participant, and school nurses assisted with vital signs. Nursing Pathway students from the Career Academy received valuable real world experience, enabling them to earn volunteer hours. Our athletes would not have been able to participate without the support of our Transportation Department. This is the eighth year that Dr. Moore has volunteered to provide physicals for Special Olympics athletes!



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

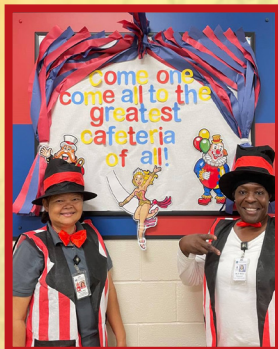
Our teacher spotlight this month goes to Mindy Brett at Hilltop Elementary. Ms. Brett has taught for 4 years in an adaptive curriculum classroom at HTES. Her experience as an educator spans over 14 years. She was recently recognized as a 2022 CEC mini-grant winner. Winning this grant provided funding to purchase STEM kits ranging in complexity for her students. The STEM kits are utilized across 6 stations per day. Students who previously struggled to attend are now able to visually follow pictorial instructions and build corresponding structures independently. Ms. Brett is passionate about implementing new strategies to assist each child reach their full potential. Thank you, Mindy Brett, for being a dedicated teacher who expects excellence for all students in her classroom!



SCHOOL NUTRITION

To some, Fall signals the season for pumpkin spice and sweaters, but for School Nutrition it means our Fair promotion is coming! We LOVE that our hometown plays host to the Georgia National Fair. In an effort to get our community excited for this annual event, we plan to razzle and dazzle our students with fair décor, fun, and games during the week of October 3-6! For the menu this year, we will be bringing back some of the favorites such as Walking Tacos, Fried Chicken Drumsticks, and Giant Cinnamon Rolls while adding new enticing flavors like the Jalapeno Popper Burger, Pizza Burger, and Frito Pie! We cannot wait for Fair Week! Follow along on our Facebook page to catch the excitement!

If you are not located at a school and want to join the fun, contact Meredith Potter and she will ensure that you get to participate in this festive event!



Every year many children are infected by the influenza virus causing possible serious illness. The flu is highly contagious and can spread to multiple family members resulting in missed school and work days. Vaccinations are the best protection against this potentially serious virus. The Houston County Health Department has again partnered with Houston County School District to provide a school based flu vaccination program at no cost to families. Over 3000 students participated last year and received flu vaccinations at school. School and district staff also received the flu vaccine, in addition to other recommended vaccinations through this program. Everyone is encouraged to get vaccinated by their own healthcare professional or come to one of the HCSD flu clinics.



Flu Vaccine Schedule 2022-2023

Health Related Services



Elementary Schools	Date	Time
David Perdue Primary	Oct. 24	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
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C.B. Watson Primary	Oct. 25	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Pearl Stephens Elementary	Oct. 25	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Bonaire Primary	Oct. 27	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Bonaire Elementary	Oct. 27	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Parkwood Elementary	Oct. 28	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Westside Elementary	Oct. 28	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Quail Run Elementary	Oct. 31	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Northside Elementary	Oct. 31	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Hilltop Elementary	Nov. 1	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Russell Elementary	Nov. 1	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Shirley Hills Elementary	Nov. 2	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Miller Elementary	Nov. 2	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Eagle Springs Elementary	Nov. 3	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Centerville Elementary	Nov. 3	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Langston Road Elementary	Nov. 4	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Kings Chapel Elementary	Nov. 4	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Morningside Elementary	Nov. 7	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Tucker Elementary	Nov. 7	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Lake Joy Primary	Nov. 8	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Lake Joy Elementary	Nov. 8	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Matt Arthur Elementary	Nov. 9	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Lindsey Student Support Center	Nov. 9	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Middle Schools	Date	Time
Perry Middle	Oct. 17	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Mossy Creek Middle	Oct. 17	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Thomson Middle	Oct. 18	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Northside Middle	Oct. 18	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Feagin Mill Middle	Oct. 19	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Warner Robins Middle	Oct. 19	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
HC Career Academy	Oct. 21	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
HC WIN Academy/ Transition Academy	Oct. 21	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Bonaire Middle	Oct. 26	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Huntington Middle	Oct. 26	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

High Schools	Date	Time
Perry High	Nov. 9	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Veterans High	Nov. 10	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Northside High	Nov. 10	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Houston County High	Nov. 14	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Warner Robins High	Nov. 14	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Department	Date	Time
Transportation Department (Conference Room)	Oct. 20	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Central Office Staff (Board Room)	Oct. 20	1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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