Sam Houston Learning Bus. Most everyone knows someone with ADHD. Some have a child who has been diagnosed with ADHD. Some have ADHD themselves or may have a family member or friend who does. It is a topic that comes up a lot in the news. I came across an article this summer with a very enlightening and positive perspective on ADHD. The article is titled Ferrari Engines, Bicycle Brakes and is written by Dr. Edward Hallowell a psychiatrist who has ADHD. I shared the article with the teachers during August Staff Development and I wanted to share it with our parents too. The article can be found at http://www.hallowellnyc.com/add-adhd-evaluation-diagnosis-holistic-treatment/ferrari-engines-bicycle-brakes/?back=javascript:history.back(); Last week a colleague sent me a video of Dr. Hallowell speaking about the article. You can watch the video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i5D56Cg7y4I.

Attendance. School Attendance is highly correlated to student achievement. Students cannot learn if they are not in school. To encourage students to have the best attendance they can we are going to continue the Bee Attendance Awards this year. They are the Bee Attendance Awards because we want the students to “Be at School,” “Be on Time” and “Be Prepared”. The Bee Attendance winners each week will be the classes who have the highest attendance for their grade level and they will get to hang the Bee Piñata outside their classroom for the week. Our school-wide attendance goal each week is to have our all school attendance at 97% or higher. The attendance winners will be announced each week and I will send them to you on Mondays with the FYI.

Chess Club. The 2nd & 3rd grade Chess Club meets this Wednesday from 2:50–4:00 in the cafeteria.

Summer Reading. The field trip to Eureka for students who participated in the Public Library Summer Reading Program is this Friday, Sept. 18th. If your child participated and turned in their certificate they should have brought home a permission slip last week to be signed and returned. If they didn’t bring home a permission slip and you sent up a certificate please call Mrs. Christopher in the school office. If you haven’t sent up the certificate yet please hurry the trip is Friday. I will need chaperones for the Eureka trip. If you child is going and you would like to join us please send me an email, call Mrs. Christopher in the office or write it on the permission slip when you return it.

Hoop Shoot. Our PTA Fundraiser this year is going to be a Hoop Shoot. The Hoop Shoot will be Friday, October 2nd. Details about the fundraiser will come home after the Kick-off Pep Rally on Friday, September 25th. In preparation for the fundraiser we are asking to borrow portable basketball goals and basketballs for October 2nd. Parents can bring the goals up the night before or the morning of the fundraiser. If you have any questions or if you can donate a goal contact the Hoop Shoot Chairperson, Anyah Martinez at anyahmartinez@yahoo.com.

Parent Survey. The survey at the link below was emailed to all Sam Houston families. If you haven't completed it please do so as soon as possible. The survey will help us determine our mode of correspondence with you this school year. Please complete one survey per student. If you have any questions or any problems with the survey please let me know. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1P0oUkXtqGc3IHENOaaFZSkRpM0NaxyG6gws72yOP_zw/viewform?usp=send_form

Volunteer Information. Parents can go to the Denton ISD webpage to complete the required background check if they want to volunteer this year. The application can be found at this link. http://www.dentonisd.org/Page/48779

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