

Twister Times

2022 – 2023 School Year – Mid-April 2023



Important Message

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Dear HBT Twisters,

The school year is flying by! We are already half way through April and only have a month and a half left of school. This newsletter is packed with tons of important information from Book Fair, to Summer Camps, to Registration for next year, all the way to 5th grade send off, Fastbridge testing, and even a school wide STEM day. Please make sure to read it in it's entirety so you and your family don't miss any of the fun we have planned for the rest of the school year!

Aside from that, HBT continues to track our attendance rate daily and work towards a goal. Unfortunately, we did not meet our goal right before spring break so we reset the tracking thermometer in the hallway and started again! Since spring break we have hit our goal every day except for the one day after spring break. The students are working towards a surprise at our end of year assembly if they meet their quarter 4 goal.

Why are we tracking attendance you might ask? According to attendanceworks.org, "If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers...a California study found that children who were chronically absent in Kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade." Scroll to the last page of the newsletter for an image of how daily attendance has impacted students reading by 3rd grade.

Help us meet our goal for 4th quarter by sending your child to school and saving family vacations or other travels for after May 30th.

Thanks for your continued partnership,

Mrs. Kim Lewis

STOP BY HBT ON THURSDAY AT 5:45PM FOR A PARENT ADVISORY MEETING WHERE WE DISCUSS OUR SCHOOL GOALS IN GREATER DEPTH.

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Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	NOTES	TIME
April 19 th	3 rd Grade Field Trip to Discovery Center		During School Hours
April 20 th	1 st Grade Field Trip to Hemmen's Culture Center		During School Hours
April 20 th	Parent Advisory @ HBT in the Library		4:45 PM
April 20 th	Last PTO Meeting for the School Year		6:30 PM
April 21 st	Movie Night @ Marcus Theatre		
April 25 th	PTO's Ice Cream Social & BOGO Bookfair		5:00 – 7:00
April 26 th	Preschool & STAR students Field Trip to Hickory Knolls Discovery Center		During School Hours
April 27 th	2 nd Grade Field Trip to Brookfield Zoo		During School hours
April 28 th	No School for Preschool Students		
April 28 th	Early Release for students K-5		12:15 dismissal
May 1 st	Principal's Day		
May 8 th – 12 th	Teacher Appreciation Week		
May 8 th	5 th Grade Visit to PKMS		During School Hours
May 9 th	4 th Grade Field Trip to Naper Settlement		During School Hours
May 10 th	School Nurse's Day		
May 26 th	Twister Day		During School Hours
May 29 th	Memorial Day	No School	
May 30 th	Last Day of School for ALL students in Preschool through 5 th Grade ~ End of the Year Assembly & 5 th Grade Clap Out	Full Day of School	Regular Hours and Dismissal
May 31 st	Summer Break begins		
June 14 th	Ride-A-Bus Event for incoming Kindergarten students @ Prairie View Grade School		TBD



Digital Links:

- [Lunch Menu](#)
- [Digital Bulletin Board](#)
- [Student/Parent Handbook](#)
- [Parent Square](#)
- [District Calendar](#)



School Hours:

Early Childhood (3's)

- 8:30 am – 11:00 am

Early Childhood (4's)

- 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Kindergarten – 5th Grade:

- 9:15 am – 3:40 pm

PTO Information:

Dawn Conklin, President

Lisa Almgren, Secretary

Daren DeCore, Treasurer

[PTO Facebook Page](#)



HOWARD B. THOMAS
GRADE SCHOOL



[Click here for the April Curriculum Corner](#)

HBT's Scholastic BOGO Book Fair

Parent/Guardian Volunteers needed - sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0949A4AC2CABFD0-hbtspring>

Visit our online fair to shop or set up your child's eWallet:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/howardbthomasgradeschool>



End of the Year Fun!

One of the fun things we do at the end of the year is our ABC Countdown! We start with A on Monday, April 24th, and end with Z on our last day Tuesday, May 30th as we Zip UP and Zoom Out! Below is a link to the calendar.

[IT'S AN ABC COUNTDOWN!](#)

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C Wednesday, April 26 C DAY Class T-Shirts & Crazy Socks Day	D Thursday, April 27 D DAY Diversity Day (wear something that represents YOU)	E Friday, April 28 E DAY Excellent Artist Day	F Monday, May 1 F DAY Favorite Color Day (wear your favorite color)	G Tuesday, May 2 G DAY Get Your Body Moving Day	H Wednesday, May 3 H DAY Hair Day
I Thursday, May 4 I DAY I Spy Day	J Friday, May 5 J DAY Jeans & Jammies Day (choose one)	K Monday, May 8 K DAY Kick Back With a Buddy (bring your favorite stuffy)	L Tuesday, May 9 L DAY Letter Day (write a letter to next year's students)	M Wednesday, May 10 M DAY Move and Groove Day (music in the classroom)	N Thursday, May 11 N DAY Neon Day (wear something bright!)
O Friday, May 12 O DAY Outdoor Snack Day (eat snack outside)	P Monday, May 15 P DAY Popsicle Day	Q Tuesday, May 16 Q DAY Quiet Readers at Work (bring your favorite book)	R Wednesday, May 17 R DAY Rainbow Day (dress like the rainbow)	S Thursday, May 18 S DAY Sunglasses Day	T Friday, May 19 T DAY Twister Day (wear Twister gear)
U Monday, May 22 U DAY USA Day (wear red, white, & blue)	V Tuesday, May 23 V DAY Victory Day (Favorite sports gear)	W Wednesday, May 24 W DAY Wild Things (dress animal themed)	X Thursday, May 25 X DAY Xchange Autographs (yearbook)	Y Friday, May 26 Y DAY Yahoo It's Field Day!	Z Tuesday, May 30 Z DAY Zip Up and Zoom Out!

5th Grade Sendoff committee needs your help!

The 5th grade sendoff committee is looking for a **volunteer** who can put together a **picture video** containing then and now pictures of each 5th grader when they were in kindergarten and one current day picture. Please contact Gina Crawmer at 847-212-1558 by April 21st if you are interested in volunteering for this job. More information to come on when and how to send in pictures of your 5th grader.

End of the Year Assessments/Surveys

FASTBRIDGE: Students in K - 5 are gearing up for the Spring administration of Fastbridge, which is our universal screener to monitor how our students have grown in reading and math throughout the year. It is one piece of data we use to determine how we can best support our students' academic growth.

SACHEL PULSE: The students in 3 - 5 will also complete the Satchel Pulse Social/Emotional Learning survey. We utilize this information to monitor the social/emotional learning of all of students in the areas of self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making. Students will take this survey during their Health class.

Twister Reward for April



Ms. Rourke & the SEL (social-emotional learning) committee need our HBT families' help to celebrate our TWISTERS this month with a STEM Day.

Students can begin to gather from home and then later bring in supplies to school for creating and building the strongest and sturdiest contraption for our first annual Egg-Drop Challenge at HBT!!

During the challenge Ms. Rourke will drop the padded and protected eggs from a high point to see which class's egg wins! Each class will get 30-35 minutes for their four groups to construct this protective egg capsule during one school day before April 28th.

Students can begin to bring in smaller-sized cardboard boxes, tissue boxes, toilet paper/paper towel rolls, popsicle sticks, rubber bands, string, feathers, straws, tissue paper, scraps of fabric, bubble wrap, etc., in hopes of creating an excellent winning landing device for their class's egg!

We hope the students get super excited about this FUN challenge of building together & striving to become the winner of the EGG-DROP Challenge!

Thank you,
Ms. Rourke & the HBT SEL Committee



Thank you, Girl Scout Troop 715, for the delicious cookies!



[CENTRAL ROCKETS – SUMMER CAMPS - REGISTRATION LINK](https://ccusd301-ar.rschooltoday.com/)

The website is: <https://ccusd301-ar.rschooltoday.com/>

Did you know that Central offers an abundance of camps over the summer? Use the link above to learn more about the Central High School Summer Camps.

Quicklinks

- CHS Website
- CMS Website
- PKMS Website
- IHSA

Calendar

April 2023

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Welcome to Central Community Unit School District 301 Athletic Registration

Click any icon below to begin registration for any of our Camps, Athletics, or Activities

- Central HS Summer Camps
- Central HS Athletic & Activity Registration
- Central MS Athletic Registration
- Prairie Knolls MS Athletic Registration

PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION FOR ATHLETES

CAMP PARTICIPANTS DO NOT NEED PHYSICALS!

All Students who want to participate in sports must register online for Athletics and have current physical examination within the last 12 months on file in the Athletic Office **BEFORE participating in sports**. Physicals are valid for 12 months from the date of the last exam. Please contact the Athletic Office for any questions.

IHSA Physical Form Download Click [HERE](#)

Students must have all of the above 5 pages of IHSA physical forms completed and uploaded (not brought in or emailed to the athletic office) in order to participate.

No other forms will be accepted!

Early Childhood Blended Program

2023-2024 School Year

New Students



Locations at Prairie View Grade School, Country Trails Elementary School And Howard B. Thomas Grade School (Lily Lake children attend HBT)

Program Fees

- Annual tuition fee of \$2,000 per student, which will be spread out over 8 monthly payments of \$250
- Down payment of \$250 (first monthly payment and non-refundable) due at time of online registration.
- Annual registration fee of \$60

Registration Information

- You may request a spot in our program beginning **Friday March 3, 2023** at 8:00 AM.
- The registration links will be posted on our Early Childhood Website at <https://central301.net/early-childhood/>. Complete the link for your child's school.
- Your child's school is based on the attendance boundaries. Use the district map at <https://central301.net/district-map/> to identify your child's school.

Program Information

- Classes are held 5 days per week, Monday through Friday.
- Students that are 4 years old on or before September 1, 2023 will be in the afternoon session.
- The morning session is for 3-year-olds and runs 8:30-11:00.
- The afternoon session is for 4-year-olds and runs 12:30-3:00.
- Students must be toilet trained by the start of school and wear underwear in order to participate in the program.
- Families will need to provide transportation as bus transportation is not available.

Registration is now open for the 23 – 24 school year!

All current students must re-register and if you have an incoming Kindergartener or know a family in your neighborhood that has an incoming Kindergartener, they must also register.

Without proper registration information it is difficult for us to properly staff our building for next year.

CURRENT STUDENTS:

Log into your Skyward Parent Portal to complete the process. If you have any questions, please call the office at 847 – 464 – 6008 and someone will help you.

FUTURE KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS:

If your child will be 5 or older by Sept 1, 2023, they qualify for Kindergarten. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the New Student registration process.

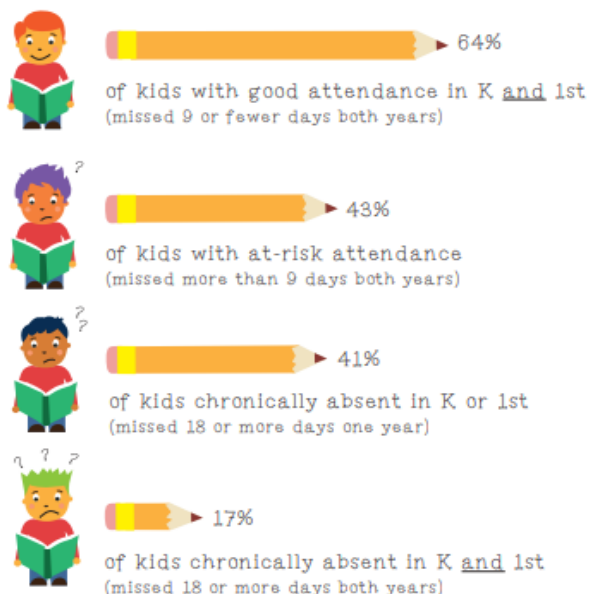
Don't Delay, Register Today!

Why It Matters

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Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?



2023 Central Rockets YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

DATES: June 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th

TIME: 10:30am - 12:00pm

WHO: Grades K-8

COST: \$100



Youth football skills camp and fundamentals of football. All athletes will receive direct football instruction from current Rocket players and coaches!



Register Here: <https://ccusd301-ar.schooltoday.com/>
Any questions contact Brian Iossi, HFC
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