

# Counselor's Corner

January



## January's Core Value – Perseverance

This month, we are reflecting on the power of perseverance of having a growth mindset vs. a fixed mindset!

### Spirit Stick and “Student of the Month” Winners

See page 2 for our combined list of students who showed Positivity and Gratitude in December 😊 They either earned a spirit stick and/or the “Student of the Month” title. We’re proud of these students’ consistent positive energy, as we know optimism can bring you lots of successes and joyful moments.

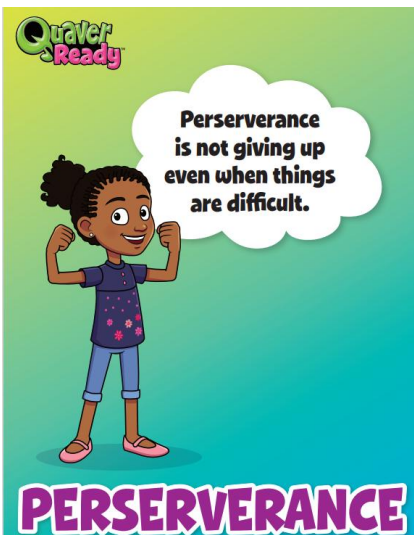
### Highlands Career Day 2026

Our real-life learning day is coming up on Friday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – it’s our Career Day! We have presenters from various areas of expertise come speak to our young Scotties about his/her future. \* All students are welcome to dress up as your future profession!

We’re needing 2 volunteers for PK, 2 volunteers for kindergarten, and at least 12 more volunteers for 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. 1<sup>st</sup> grade presenters are all filled! 😊

Please email or call me if you’re interested in presenting: name, preferred grade levels, career title, and company, etc.

We need people to make it a successful Career Day for our students!



## Important Dates

**Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

NEHS meeting in the library at 7:30am

**Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

5<sup>th</sup> grade student visit to Dulles Middle School – all student permission forms must be turned in to attend

**Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>– Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

5<sup>th</sup> grade course selections are open

**Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

Dulles Middle School – family night for 5<sup>th</sup> graders (see flyer on page 3)

**Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

“Student of the Month” Breakfast celebration at 7:30am – email invitations sent to select families

**Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL

**Monday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>**

“No Place for Hate” meeting after school until 4:30pm

**Friday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>**

Career Day for PK – 5<sup>th</sup>

- 8:45am – 10am for PreK
- 8:45am – 10:30am for Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- 8:45am – 11am for 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade

\* All students are welcome to dress up as your future profession!

**Upcoming: Thursday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>**

GT Academy Expo of Excellence Information Night (for 5<sup>th</sup> graders) 6:30-8:00 pm – see flyer on page 4

## Mrs. Hsu's contact information:

Email: [angela.hsu@fortbendisd.gov](mailto:angela.hsu@fortbendisd.gov)

Phone #: 281-634-4164

Highlands ES Counseling website:

<https://www.fortbendisd.com/Domain/8212>

## **Spirit Sticks and “Student of the Month”**

Congratulations to all our students who showed **Positivity and Gratitude** to everyone around them by emanating optimism and joy through their actions and words. The list combines students who earned a “Optimism” and/or the “Student of the Month” title.

<b>December • Positivity &amp; Gratitude</b>				
Autumn	Maya H.	Val A.	Malak A.	Emily L.
Myrtle A.	Jerry Z.	Eliana G.	Santana G.	Jaxon O.
Clark T.	Titus B.	Kingsley B.	Jennifer L.	Dean H.
William D.	Hassan D.	Ethan Y.	Lincoln W.	Elyse K.
Phillip P.	Theodore T.	Shona I.	Evelyn T.	Jeremiah C.
Antonia L.	John K.	Kahlyl M.	Malachi M.	Luis O.
Francesco S.	Elias S.	Yara E.	Nathan G.	Santiago T.
Leo S.	Lannah F.	Camila S.	Isabella R.	Camille M.
Ezra M.	Elliot	Eliana H.	Sahab E.	Sa'myah P.
Juelz M.	Zoe G.	Levi A.	Ryea S.	Lathan C.
Maaz A.	Sebastian D.	Vincent N.	Valeria M.	Riya D.
Abby G.	Lilia J.	Reyna D.	Raul M.	Ishika S.
Sofia Q.	Doruk K.	Sofia R.	Charlotte P.	

# Dulles Middle Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Night



## Incoming 6th Grade Family Night

We invite all new families to explore our school, meet our dedicated staff, and learn about the incredible opportunities available for your child at Dulles Middle School.



Wednesday  
January 14, 2026

6:00pm–7:00pm

Bring your student and receive answers to your questions from the DMS Staff! We'll meet in the cafeteria. See you soon!

Join us for a night of fun!

Dulles Middle School

500 Dulles Avenue  
Sugar Land, TX 77478





# QUESTIONS

## ABOUT THE GTA?

Contact:

Joseph Bernhart

Academy Coordinator



 [joseph.bernhart@fortbendisd.gov](mailto:joseph.bernhart@fortbendisd.gov)

 (281) 634-6687

## Interested? Wondering?

Call or email and Mr. Bernhart will gladly get back to you to tell you more about this one-of-a-kind middle school academy for GT-identified students.

## Learn More on the GTA Website:

 [www.fortbendisd.com/gtacademy](http://www.fortbendisd.com/gtacademy)

FBISD Gifted & Talented



ACADEMY

Quail Valley Middle School, 3019 FM1092, Missouri City, TX 77459

# THINGS TO KNOW

## IN ORDER TO APPLY TO THE

FBISD Gifted & Talented



ACADEMY

---

### #1 - The student must be in 5th grade.

---

---

### #2 - The student must be GT-identified by FBISD.

---

---

### #3 - The student must apply!

The application window is open from the first day of February to the last day of February.

APPLY AT

[www.academy.fortbendisd.com/](http://www.academy.fortbendisd.com/)

---

## Still Have Questions?

Consult Mr. Joseph Bernhart  
GT Academy Coordinator

 [joseph.bernhart@fortbendisd.gov](mailto:joseph.bernhart@fortbendisd.gov)

 (281) 634-6687