

# The Pony Express

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Principal's Purposeful Points

January Issue

Hello Mustang Parents,

Happy New Year! We are officially half way through the school year. I am reminded of this quote as we began 2017, "The key to success is to start before you're ready". I believe that being in an uncomfortable situation forces you to make the needed adjustments to feel a bit more comfortable. While making those needed adjustments, we find ourselves achieving success through the process of starting. The teachers and staff at DSIS are always finding ways to help students reach their highest potentials through just starting. This speaks to how each of your students have been able to attain success even when they felt like or it looked like they weren't ready.

As your student's leader, I want to say thank you for sending us your best!

Mrs. Haygood,  
Interim Principal



## Reminders

### Upcoming Events & Reminders

- 1/2 **Student Holiday/Teacher Work Day**
- 1/3 School Resumes
- 1/6 **8:00am** Principal 2 Parent Chat  
3rd pymt due-6th Grade NASA
- 1/10 PTA Board Meeting @6pm
- 1/12 STEM 5th Grade Parent Meeting  
@6:30pm DSIS Library
- 1/16 **No School** MLK Holiday
- 1/17 -1/24 CBA Testing
- 1/24 Whiz Quiz @ DSIS 5pm  
School Board Recognition by MISD
- 1/25 STEM 5th Grade Meeting during PE
- 1/31 Whiz Quiz @ Mary Lillard 5pm

### Event Flyers & Forms

- ⇒ **Attendance Rates** for December 5th =98% & 6th =97%
- ⇒ **5th Grade STEM Flyer**  
(see email attachment)
- ⇒ School Board Appreciation Month  
(see email attachment)
- ⇒ Parent Letter SRC Campus Report Card  
(see email attachment)

### Our Mission:

To inspire and educate students to be productive citizens.

### Our Vision:

A destination school committed to excellence.

### Our Motto:

Leading The Charge!

### Our Guiding Values

- Students First
- Continuous Improvement
- Integrity
- Communication
- Positive Relations
- Resiliency