
MARCH 2026 EDITION

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Building Champions by ensuring ALL students reach high levels of learning academically, behaviorally, and socially.



THE PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

As we move into the final stretch of the school year, our campus community reflects on the preparation, practice, and perseverance that have brought us to this pivotal moment. Much like a race, some of our events have already begun, others have concluded with celebrations of success, and all have contributed to the momentum we now carry forward.

Our 3rd through 5th grade students have been intentional in preparing for the challenges ahead. Teachers and students alike have demonstrated a strong commitment to growth and achievement. In particular, students in Ms. O'Conner's math classes have gone above and beyond, dedicating additional time after school to strengthen their understanding and readiness. Similarly, our Reading Specialist, Mrs. Heinemeier has led innovative work with staff by hosting targeted mini-sessions focused on maximizing the use of iReady data. Her approach has empowered teachers to more effectively identify student needs based on middle-of-year data and to design purposeful intervention groups that ensure every student receives the support they need.

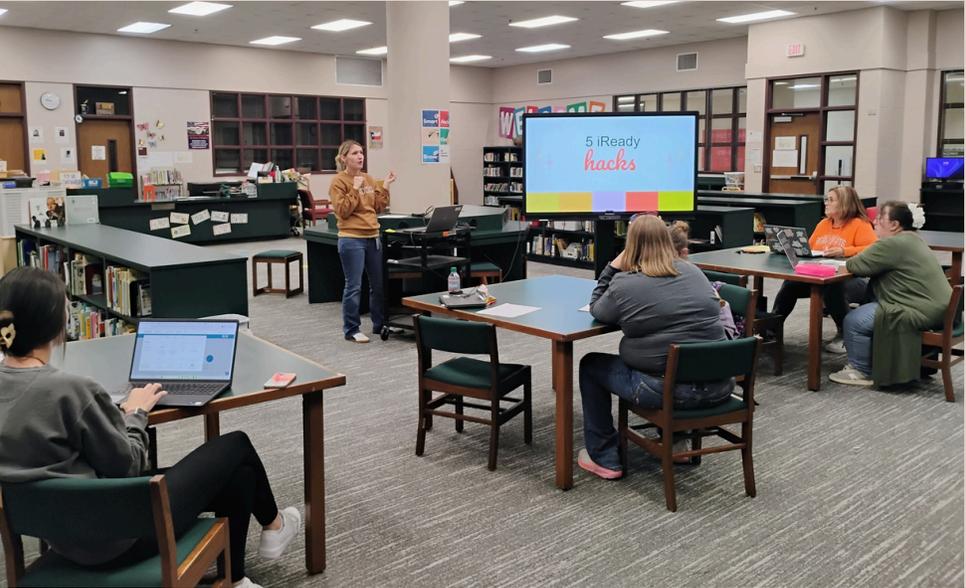
Practice has been a key component of our success. Prior to Spring Break, we completed all benchmark testing and immediately began analyzing the data to inform our final instructional moves. Teachers have been diligently refining their plans, making strategic adjustments, and focusing on the specific skills students need most as we approach the state assessment window. This level of intentionality ensures that our students are confident and prepared when it is time to perform.

In addition, our Emergent Bilingual students began TELPAS testing in mid-February and are now nearing completion. We are eager to see the growth they have achieved and look forward to celebrating an increase in student reclassifications. Our STAAR Alt 2 testing window also opened upon our return from Spring Break, and those assessments are currently underway.

Beyond the classroom, we have had meaningful opportunities to celebrate both students and staff. Our district proudly hosted the Special Olympics prior to Spring Break, where we were able to honor the determination and accomplishments of all participants from opening ceremonies to medal presentations. Additionally, our campus was recognized as a Branching Minds 2025–2026 MTSS Momentum School for Excellence in PBIS and MTSS. This recognition reflects the collective efforts of our entire staff—including teachers, instructional aides, custodians, and cafeteria team members. We were honored to share our journey at the Region VI Branching Minds District Collaboration, becoming the first campus invited to highlight our work.

We have put in the hard work, monitored our progress, and built a strong foundation for success. Now, it is time to finish strong. None of this would be possible without the continued support of the Huntsville ISD School Board. Together, we are truly Building Champions.

Keep Stinging 'Em, Hornets!



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These early wins are the foundation of lasting change. Momentum Schools show what it looks like when action meets intention that doesn't wait for perfect conditions!
We congratulate you on all your continued success!

