Food Allergies:
UH Charter School has students who would have life threatening allergies to nuts and nut products and oranges and orange products. These allergies are airborne allergies therefore UH Charter School is a nut free/orange free school. We appreciate your support in not sending nut/nut product or oranges/orange products to school.

Parent Advisory Committee:
As I shared at curriculum night we are looking for parents to volunteer to serve on the Parent Advisory Committee for the 2017-2018 school year. Each volunteer must submit a brief profile to be shared with the parents in the class. Please submit your profile to Jessica Aguilar by we have extended the deadline to Friday, October 13. Volunteers are needed for the Trailblazer, Sojourner and Voyager classes.

Child Nutrition Program:
In order to meet the National School Breakfast/Lunch program guidelines students are not to share food with other students or adult. Students who participate in the school breakfast/lunch program are to carry their own breakfast/lunch plate and select their own milk from the serving line. Students must say their first and last name at the checkout table. Students really enjoy the food at school, if your child would like to sign up for school lunch, please ask for details at the front desk.

Cougar Football Family Night Out – Thursday October 19 at 7:00 PM
UH Charter School will host a Family Night at Cougar Football. Tickets are $20.00 each. Let’s show our Cougar Spirit and support UH Football. Please sign up for tickets at the front desk all ticket money must be submitted to Jessica Aguilar by Friday, October 13, 2017 and tickets to the game will be distributed the following Tuesday, October 17th.

Parent Night Out- October 27th 6:00 – 9:00 PM
Fundraiser supporting the 5th grade field trip. Tickets are $20.00 for the first child in a family and $15.00 for each additional child. Tickets may be purchased from 7:30am to 8:15am Monday- Friday starting Monday, October 2nd. Tickets include: Entry and scheduled activities, 1 slice of pizza and a juice or water. Siblings who attend other schools and who are toilet trained can also attend with the purchase of a ticket. Additional tickets will be sold the day of the event for students to purchase snacks. Ticket packs will be $2.50, $5.00 and $10.00.

After School STEM Project:
There have been some recent questions about the after school STEM project. As you may know this is not a club or a program organized by the school, but is a research project where Dr. Jerrod Henderson, an assistant professor in the College of Engineering, is the principal investigator. The research study focuses on the attitudes and interests of underserved minority boys to science, technology, engineering and math activities in grades 4 and 5. Because Dr. Henderson’s project is a research study he is able to conduct this program for the target research population of minority boys. Dr. Henderson and his team are here Tuesday and Thursday after school and on Saturday morning. Since this project focuses on boys, I have been working with Dr. Henderson to see if he could find other researchers who might have research proposals/interest where studies could be done for girls. Although he has not been able to find someone doing research that would meet the need, we are looking at other areas within the university who could work with the UH Charter School on an outreach project in the STEM area open to all students.
As you may know, the UH Charter School cannot sponsor a club or activity that is single gender as it would be of violation of Title IX but we can sponsor STEM activities for interested students. Because Dr. Henderson’s project is part of a larger research study which has been approved by an Institutional Review Board, it is not considered a school sponsored program. Of course UH Charter School will continue to provide STEM opportunities for all of our students through our daily curriculum and have special opportunities, such as the robotics presentation/activities we hosted last week for our 1st and 2nd grade students.

Texas Charter School Conference:
Ms. Monroy and I will be attending the Texas Charter School Conference in Fort Worth October 11-13, 2017. Ms. Aguilar can assist you if you need something from either of us while we are out.

Plan Ahead:
Every Friday is Cougar Red Day –wear your school shirt to show Cougar Pride- Go Coogs!
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month through October 15th!
Oct 10- 13 – Texas Charter School Conference
Oct 16 -19 Science Fair
October 20 – Science Fair Assembly 8:00 AM
October 23 – Family Math Night 5 PM
Oct 26 – 9 week Academic Report
Oct 27 – Title I Parent Meeting 1:30 PM
Oct 27 – Fall Festival
Oct 27 – Parent Night Out

Congratulations to the Houston Astros! Advancing to the American League Championship Series! Go Stros!

The October school calendar is available at http://www.uh.edu/charter-school/parents/calendar/