

Hearst Elementary School

Student Council at Hearst begins with nominations. The nominated students make posters, introduce themselves on the school intercom and then visit all the classes from pre-K through second grade. Student Council is made up of two students from third and fourth grade with four officers nominated from fifth grade.

All the candidates are responsible for talking to the students from third grade through fifth grade on their own. Student Council members really like how every student at Hearst gets to vote in Student Council elections from Pre-K through fifth grade. The ballots have names and pictures to support the younger students with voting.

Hearst Student Council meets on a monthly basis. We promote Spirit Week and get to vote on what each day is going to be for the event. Student Council also supports other worthy causes like Friendship Place (to end homelessness) and Pennies for Patients (supporting leukemia research). We hold an annual bake sale to raise money, which we use toward a fun event at Starnival, our annual end-of-the-year party. Last year Student Council sponsored a moon bounce and the year before that it supported a photo booth.

Student Council members hope every elementary school holds elections and gives their students an opportunity to vote. The experience of voting and being on Student Council is the best practice for being involved in the community around us and doing our best to make the world a better place.

— *Hearst Student Council*