



West University Elementary School

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The Pony Express



Principal's Place

Welcome back from what I hope was a restful Spring Break. We are entering our busiest time of the year in the last nine weeks as we race toward the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

One of our network servers crashed the week prior to spring break. As a result, we are experiencing some email problems. If you email a teacher and don't get a reply within a day or so, it could be that the teacher never received it or that the teacher's reply was lost in cyber space. In situations like this, we will go "old school" and use the telephone. Please call the school office and leave a message for the person you were trying to contact.

Our school is scheduled for a major upgrade on all of our network servers, cabling, and wireless hubs sometime within the next few months. In the meantime, HISD Technology is working on a temporary fix for our server. Please be patient with us.

Next week we begin our state STAAR testing in 4th and 5th grades. Here's the schedule for all of the STAAR testing in March and April:

- March 30 – Grade 4, Writing (Day 1)
- March 31 – Grade 4, Writing (Day 2)
Grade 5 Reading
- April 20 – Grade 5 Math
- April 21 – Grades 3 & 4 Math
- April 22 – Grades 3 & 4 Reading
Grade 5 Science

Have a dazzling week!

John T. Threet, Principal

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Mark Your Calendars:

- Art Night (K-2nd)
Thursday, March 26
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Cafeteria/MPR
- PTO Meeting
Tuesday, April 14
8:00 a.m.
MPR
- Science/Math Night
Tuesday, April 14
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Cafeteria/MPR
- Vanguard Applications
Due for current
1st-4th graders
Friday, April 17
- Spring Holiday
Friday, April 3
School is closed
- WUES Invitational
Track Meet
Friday, April 24,
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Butler Stadium
- Iowa Testing
1st-5th Grade Students
May 4 - 8

PTO President's Notes

I hope everyone had a great and enjoyable spring break.

Art Night is this Thursday, March 26 from 5:30-7:30 in the MPR/Cafeteria. Kids will experience a Houston Symphony instrument, petting zoo, a dance performance, a photo booth, pottery, art projects and much more. THANK YOU: Heather Curran, Nancy Attra and their committee for organizing this fabulous enrichment night with an emphasis on performing and fine arts.



It's budget request time and we would like to hear from you. If you see an improvement to the school or a needed purchase, please submit a budget request by April 13.

Magnetized to WUES,

Elizabeth Karkowsky, WUES PTO President

Birthday Book Club

חמט תדלוה סורי , Happy Birthday, Maligayang Bati! The following students are celebrating their birthdays this week by donating a book to our school library:



Krish Roy	March 16th	Kate Kleesel	March 26th
Dhara Agrawal	March 23rd	Austin Sim	March 26th
Emily Pesikoff	March 23rd	Lela Izaddoost	March 27th
Annabella Nguyen	March 23rd	Anthony Zhang	March 28th
Mateo Hernandez-Ortiz	March 24th	Ruhi Patolia	March 28th
Mimi Wright	March 24th	Aiden Marteeny	March 29th
Raven Shamoo	March 25th	Jackie Neumann	March 29th
Juliet Egan	March 25th	Jack Robbins	March 29th
Sofia O'Malley	March 25th	Olivia Trask	March 29th
Lillian Jones	March 26th		

Thank you very much for supporting West U Elementary Library!

If you would like to order a Birthday Book Club membership for your child, log on to www.westupto.org and sign up online or, download a form and leave it with a check in the PTO blue box located at the front office. Please, note that all orders are due NO LATER THAN Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. to be included in the following week's Pony Express. If you any questions, please contact Tracy Benner (tracymbenner@yahoo.com) or Guadalupe Harper (guadacarlesso@hotmail.com).

K – 2nd Graders: Get Magnetized to Creativity!

Art Night is this Thursday, March 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m., in the MPR/Cafeteria (Please use the Goode Street entrance)

Through this fun event, our kids will experience crafts as well as performing arts. Siblings welcome! *Featuring: iKids, Joy Kids Studio, Snap Photo Booth, Main Street Theater, Kay Nguyen Pottery, Mrs. Loxterkamp (mother of our Kindergarten teacher Whitney Loxterkamp), and West U parents!*

You will also enjoy:

- Performances by Pin Oak Dance Troupe and Houston Symphony!
- Fun free raffle with great prizes!
- Chick-Fil-A, pizza and Bernie's Burgers for sale!
- Class with the most participation wins a donut party!



For more information or to volunteer (and get to bring your kids with you), please contact our co-chairs: Heather Curran Kelly (heather.curran@hines.com) or Nancy Attra (nsattra@gmail.com).



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