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The Pony Express



Principal's Place

Today is Texas Independence Day. One day before, on March 1, 1836, The Convention of 1836 convened at Washington-On-The Brazos. Due to the urgency of the matter, with the Alamo under siege, a committee of five of the fifty-nine delegates met and drafted *The Unanimous Declaration of Independence*. The final document was approved and signed the next day on March 2. You can read the text of the Texas Declaration of Independence at: <http://lsjunction.com/docs/tdoi.htm>

Have a liberating week!

John T. Threet, Principal

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PTO President's Notes



What great rodeo attire and spirit we had last Friday. I'm proud to be a Houstonian and a Texan as our city kicks off and hosts the largest rodeo in the world.

I hope to see everyone at our PTO meeting on Tuesday, March 10 at 8:00 a.m. in the MPR.

I would like to recognize and thank our PTO room parent organization for their coordination, effective communication and dedication this year. As you are probably aware, these volunteers are busy and committed the entire school year supporting our classrooms and class/grade level events and programs.

Thank you: VP of Room Reps Michele Carlin and our Grade Level Reps: Karen Yeager, Jennifer Vallone, Jamie Broach, Dee Dee Gilder, Janet Neumann and Laura Torgerson.

I would also like to thank all our fabulous room parents: Aaryn Silva, Allison Cozart, Allyson Kopel, Ame Wolf, Ami Bradley, Amy Behan, Amy Sahely, Ana Scafidi, Annie Ginzler, Becky Tackett, Bella Maioriello, Beth Lane, Betsy Hirshfeld, Blair Manley, BriAnne Dillard, Candice Hicks, Cara Michael, Charity Poage, Christine Izzo, Cindy Burnett, Courtney Adams, Courtney Archer, Courtney Tsao, Courtney Voelte, Cristina Hernandez, Debbie Crow, Elizabeth Mooney, Gail Jackson, Heather Baird, Heather Kubiak, Heidi Wilkinson, Holly Jordan, Isabel Garcia, Jamie Broach, Jana Fleming, JC Al-Uqdah, Jennifer Blum, Jennifer Brenckmann, Jennifer Dellinger, Jennifer Grewal, Julie Jenkins, Kara Berry, Kara Schaefer, Kellie Cutsinger, Kelly Butler, Kourtney Coffman, Kristen Flores, Kristen Leach, Kristine Martinez, Laran Harris, Linette Courtney, Lisa Hardee, Lisa Sharp, Lori Naughton, Lori Yi, Mandy Robbins, Marie-Chantal Labrie, Melinda Mogus, Melinda Dawes, Melisa Richardson, Michael Dinius, Nancy Attra, Nancy Barnett, Olivia Benitez, Pallavi Dinesh, Pam Packer, Patty Kallmeyer, Rahlilo Shatto, Samantha Welsh, Sara Edgecomb, Sarah McKenney, Sheila Neylon, Stacey Grecian, Stephanie Kuzinski, Susan Swiger, Suzanne Rose, Suzanne Song, Tara Burt, Zephania Reed.

Elizabeth Karkowsky, WUES PTO President



Mark Your Calendars:

- PTO Meeting
Tuesday, March 10
8:00 a.m., MPR
- Early Dismissal Day
Friday, March 13
12:15 p.m.
- Spring Break
Monday-Friday
March 16-20
School is closed



Signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence

PTO Corner

Birthday Book Club

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



Alexander Hoang	March 2nd	Calista McIntosh	March 5th
Chaahat Batra	March 3rd	Evelyn Trudel	March 6th
Nalini Raghavan	March 4th	Harris Cozart	March 7th
Isabella Sim	March 5th	Xander Oldham	March 7th
Olivia Sim	March 5th	Madison Schultz	March 8th
Sophia Claret Giron	March 5 th		

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).

Thanks to our Corporate Sponsor: Cleburne Cafeteria®

Thank you, Cleburne Cafeteria, for your support of our PTO this school year!

Today, Cleburne Cafeteria® is run much the way it was when it started in 1941, with a focus on our favorite things: family, a comfortable environment and simple, homemade food. Our daily trips to the farmers market guarantee the freshest fruits and vegetables and our on-premise bakery insures the finest pies, cakes and cobblers.



With everything from sports to piano lessons vying for your family's schedule, let us take care of the one thing that can bring you together: a meal. Some things never change. Thank goodness for Cleburne Cafeteria. Visit <http://cleburnecafeteria.com> for more info or stop by for supper!

West U Chess Team Brings Home the Trophies!

The West U. Chess team played at the TCA Region 5 - St. Peter the Apostle tournament on the 21st February and came back victorious! Congrats to our team Arjun Maitra, Brandon Lin-Shaw, Oliver Karam, Rishabh Sharma, Sergio Karam, Taro Omari and Yana Sharma.

In the Elementary A Division, West U secured 2nd place. Yana Sharma tied for 3rd place. In the Elementary B Division, West U secured 1st place. Arjun Maitra, and Taro Omari tied for 1st place, and Sergio Karam secured 10th place.

Thank you to our coach Matthew Trujillo for all his hard work. Well done!

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Marathon Kids Update



How are the Mileage & Fuel Logs coming along? So far Joseph Capelli, Rex Petrulis & Maria Cheng have run their marathons & returned their Logs to me. Your runners have until the March 31st deadline to complete & turn in the Logs. I have already ordered the Marathon Kids finisher shirts that will arrive here at school in May.

The Finisher Medal Celebration date has been changed. It's is now set for **Saturday, April 18th**. Time & location remains the same: 10:00 a.m. at UH Tellez Track Stadium. This is where your runners run approximately one lap around the track & receive their finisher medal. Questions? Contact Ms. Duvo, Physical Education or www.marathonkids.org.

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Pershing Middle School Informational Coffee

Please join current Pershing Middle School parents and Pershing Middle School Principal, Kim Heckman, at an informational coffee.

When: This Friday, March 6 at 8:15 AM

Where: The home of Anne Kayl, 4909 Palmetto Street, Bellaire

Why: Find out why Pershing may be the best choice for your child.

Please contact [Kristen Leach](mailto:kristenleach3@gmail.com) at kristenleach3@gmail.com with questions. *Go, Pandas!*



iKids U After-School, 2015-2016 Registration



Registration is now open for School Year 2015 - 2016! Priority registration is going on now. Open registration for new incoming WUES students will begin March 30. Registrations may be turned into iKids or the WUES front office. iKids U offers a variety of after-school opportunities onsite at WUES, including Stay & Play, Enrichment, and One on One services. Please contact iKids at 713-665-5200 or info@ikidsinc.com for any questions.



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