



## West University Elementary School

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# The Pony Express



### Principal's Place

We had a huge turnout for the West U Halloween Dash 5K Run and Fun-Run this past Saturday. Thanks to all of the local businesses who helped sponsor this event and to all of our school and community members who participated. There were numerous volunteers who worked to make the event a success. Special thanks go out to WUES parent Michelle Marvin for all of her work to organize this event. Well done!

This Saturday, October 18 from 10:00-2:30 p.m. is our annual school Boo-Bash Carnival. The weather forecast calls for good weather and we're anticipating another great Carnival! See you there!

It doesn't seem like it today but we do have some cooler weather heading our way. As we move into the fall we will have some chilly days. Please check the weather forecast to make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Unless it is raining or bitter cold we will have recess and outdoor P.E.

Have a memorable week!

John T. Threet, Principal

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### PTO Corner: PTO President's Notes

Hello Magnetizing WUES Supporters,

What a great time we had at the Fun Run on Saturday! Thanks to those who came out and supported the school. We have our Boo Bash Carnival this Saturday. Come enjoy a beautiful fall day!



We have our 2nd PTO meeting tomorrow (Oct. 14th) at 7:00pm in the MPR. We have scheduled a night meeting to accommodate many of you who can't attend morning meetings or those that have varying schedules. I hope to see many of you there. Do you want to learn how WUES is keeping our children safe at school? Mr. Threet will present a brief overview of WUES's Safety and Emergency Plan. Also, the PTO will present some information on how PTO dollars are spent and your donations at work.

THANK YOU: Guadalupe Harper and Tracy Benner for their successful work chairing the Birthday Book Club which supports our fabulous library.

Enjoy the cooler weather! Please contact me for issues, questions, comments, etc.

All the best,

Elizabeth Karkowsky, WUES PTO President 2014-2015

### October Happenings

#### Mark Your Calendars:

- PTO Meeting  
Tuesday, October 15  
7:00 p.m.
- Boo-Bash Carnival & Bazaar  
Saturday, October 18  
10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Early Dismissal Day  
Friday, October 31  
12:15 p.m.



## PTO Corner (cont.)

### LAST CALL for Sociables!

It's not too late. Get some friends together and submit your sociable form by [Monday, October 13.](#)

Sociable sales will open at the Auction [on November 8th](#) this year. If you plan to host or are just thinking about it, we'd love for you to sign up via this link: <https://cwsclients.wufoo.com/forms/sociable-control-sheet-20142015/>

**PARTY, PARTY, PARTY.....LET'S RAISE SOME MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!!!**

Thank you for your generous support!

Judy Cheng and Linette Courtney

## Boo Bash Carnival & Bazaar

The Boo Bash is almost here!  
Don't forget to check out our annual Bazaar...  
October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
2014 Boo Bash Bazaar Vendors



Emerson Sloan	Fancy Girl Bowtique
Lariats by Lily	The Exercise Coach
Led by the Light	Massage Heights
Harlan & Co.	Unique Krafts
Jpeace Designs	M&A Stones
Tupperware by Liz Peña	The Girls Shoot Photography & Styling
Houston Pediatric Dental Specialists	Stella & Dot
Tilde and Copper Chefs	Major Gray's Coffee
Cultured Stems	Designs by Rachell
Savvy and Grace	Fancy Girl Bowtique

## Don't Forget the Carnival Fun and Games!



We have some great booths for the kids again this year. Don't miss the Dunking Booth where the kids try to dunk some of our teachers. There's games and fun for all ages. We are looking forward to a wonderful day for our Boo Bash Carnival. It will be a spooky good time!

## PTO Corner (cont.)

### Box-Tops For Education

The HOLIDAYS are rapidly approaching and that usually means lots of cooking and lots of shopping, so be sure to collect your box tops! To celebrate the season, we are having our annual **HOLIDAY BOX TOPS CONTEST** to see which classes collect the most box tops by JANUARY 23, 2015. This year, the winning class from each grade will win a special reward! So, **please trim down** your box tops, **place them into ziploc bags**, and turn them in to the front office. Make sure your teacher's name is on your ziplocs/envelopes so that we can give your class credit! BoxTops4Education certificates can be found on many name-brand products, such as Ziploc, Hefty, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Old El Paso, General Mills, Progresso, Land O Lakes, Nature Valley, Welch's, Yoplait, Huggies, Kleenex, Avery office products, and so many more! Keep an eye out for the BoxTops4Education logo with the yellow pencil on it.

We are also collecting Labels for Education to benefit the VFA National Home for Children which supports orphaned children of military families ([www.vfanationalhome.org](http://www.vfanationalhome.org)). These labels can be found on Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm, Tyson's, Glad plastic products, Dannon yogurt, several magazines including People, and a lot more! Keep an eye out for the Labels for Education logo with a red apple on it. Each class will receive credit for these labels, but we will be donating the money to the VFA National Home for Children.

We wish you all happy holidays and hope to see lots of BOX TOPS!

Thanks so much for contributing to our kids at WUES!

Karen Coveler



### Birthday Book Club

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

Kailee Chan	October 13th	Jack Bray	October 17th
Dalia Khera	October 13th	Libby Smith	October 17th
Davis Towns	October 14th	Anne Haddon Nottingham	October 18th
Skylar Gross	October 16th	Harrison Tramonte	October 19th
Kevin Boyle, Jr.	October 16th		

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](http://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](mailto:tracymbenner@yahoo.com)) or Guadalupe Harper ([guadacarllesso@hotmail.com](mailto:guadacarllesso@hotmail.com)).



## Citizens of the Month

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Assistant Principal

Each month teachers can nominate students to be a citizen of the month. Teachers choose students based on their behavior. We try to focus on a different character trait each month. The character trait for September was self-esteem. Self-esteem refers to the way students think about themselves. High self-esteem usually correlates with high academic success. This month the following students were nominated by their teachers.



### Will Jones, Mrs. Leven's 4th Grade Class

Mrs. Leven said, "I would like to nominate Will Jones for student of the month. Will takes an interest in students that are new to our school by taking it upon himself to help them find their way. New students always feel more comfortable when Will is walking alongside them and looking out for them."

Will's favorite book is Pickle by Kim Baker. His favorite subject is math. When he grows up he wants to be a baseball player. What he loves about West U is, "All the teachers." Will said his hero is, "My mom because she helps me with a lot of things."

Next week we will feature more of our Citizens of the Month.

Michael Connolly, School Counselor

## Recycled Art Competition & Girl Scout Fun Patch

Come along and enjoy the fun at the Bellaire & West U Recycles Fest on **Saturday, November 1st, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm** at Loftin Park, 7008 South Rice, Bellaire. Enter an art work you have created from recycled material in the Recycled Art Competition, earn a Girl Scout Fun Patch. The Recycles Fest will feature local green businesses and organizations to help increase your environmental awareness. There will be kids activities, food trucks, speakers and prizes. You can also bring along unwanted items from around your home to donate and recycle. For more information and Art Competition entry forms, go to <http://www.westutx.gov/index.aspx?page=342> or contact Edwina Forster at [e.forster@gmail.com](mailto:e.forster@gmail.com)

## Pershing First Look



Save the date! 4th and 5th grade students and parents are invited to Pershing Middle School "First Look" Open House. It will take place on Tuesday, October 28, from 6-8 PM at Pershing, 3838 Blue Bonnet Blvd.

The event includes a tour, meeting the principal, talking with teachers and current Pershing parents and students. There will be time for questions and answers. Contact Kristen Leach ([kristenleach3@gmail.com](mailto:kristenleach3@gmail.com)) with questions.



Volunteers in  
Public Schools

Volunteers should contact our VIPs coordinator Tracey Wyatt to find out the status of their background check. For more information, please go to our school website at: <http://www.houstonisd.org/westuniversityes>. Click on the General Parent Info to access a PDF copy of the information sent home in the first day packet.



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