



# West University Elementary School

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## The Pony Express



### Principal's Place

Welcome to the 2014-2015 School Year! We're looking forward to another exemplary year at West U Elementary! Today's Monday Folder contains an enormous amount of information in what we call our "1st Day Packet". Even though it may seem a little overwhelming, please take the time to read everything carefully. Please pay particular attention to the General Parent Information, Dress Code, Traffic and Parking Plan, and other important documents contained within the packet. This packet can be found on our web page in one PDF file.

If you can't find the answer to a question, please ask. A large school such as ours can be a bit intimidating for parents new to our school particularly if you came from a small private school. It's OK to ask questions. We promise we don't bite!

Also included in today's Monday Folder are two color sheets. One sheet is the Texas Education Agency 2014 Accountability Summary for West U. As you can see, our school achieved the highest level of distinctions and achievement for an elementary school. The second sheet is a pie chart indicating where our 2013-2014 5<sup>th</sup> Graders are attending middle school.

At the time of this writing, our enrollment stands at 1,265 with the vast majority of our children living within our school zone. That's the good news; that our community chooses our wonderful West U Elementary. We are humbled by their and your trust and will work diligently to maintain the high performance everyone has come to expect from West U.

This Friday is College Colors Day. You can read more about it later on in today's *Pony Express* or go to <http://www.collegecolorsday.com> to read about this nationwide program to encourage children to attend colleges and universities.

That's it for now! I'm sure 2014-2015 will be another great year.

Have a fabulous week and year! Onward!

John T. Threet  
Principal

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#### Mark Your Calendars:

- College Colors Day  
Friday, August 29
- Labor Day Holiday  
Monday, Sept. 1  
No School
- Early Dismissal Day  
Friday, September 26  
*School dismisses at 12:15 p.m.*



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## PTO Corner

Welcome back! I hope you had a restful summer.

Please consider joining the PTO and attending meetings. More information can be found on the PTO website ([westupto.org](http://westupto.org)). We are always looking for volunteers, new and experienced, and we truly appreciate the time, energy and resources you give our school.

Thank you to our hospitality committee for a wonderful back to school coffee this morning. It is always nice to touch base with friends and have the opportunity to meet new people.

Please feel free to contact me with questions.

Elizabeth Karkowsky, PTO President 2014-2015



**1<sup>st</sup> PTO Meeting and New Family Coffee Multi-Purpose Room Tuesday, September 9 8:00 a.m.**

## College Colors Day



College Colors Day is an annual celebration dedicated to promoting the traditions and spirit that make the college experience great by encouraging people across America to wear apparel of their favorite college or university throughout the day.

Additionally, College Colors Day, which coincides with "back to school" and the kick-off of intercollegiate athletics, strives to advocate higher education through increased public awareness, and celebrates the achievements of colleges and universities, acknowledging their fundamental importance.



Mark your calendars for our annual Open House. We will follow this schedule:

**Thursday, September 11**

<b>Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades</b>	<b>5:00-6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Building clear-out for upper grades</b>	<b>6:30-7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Grades</b>	<b>7:00-8:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Ancillary Teachers (Cafeteria)</b>	<b>5:45-6:30 p.m. 7:00-7:45 p.m.</b>
<b>See you there!</b>	

## iKids U



iKids U offers many flexible after-school arrangements onsite at WUES, including Stay & Play, Enrichment Classes, and One on One Services! Registrations may be turned into iKids or the WUES front office. Please contact iKids at 713-665-5200 or [info@ikidsinc.com](mailto:info@ikidsinc.com) with any questions.



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