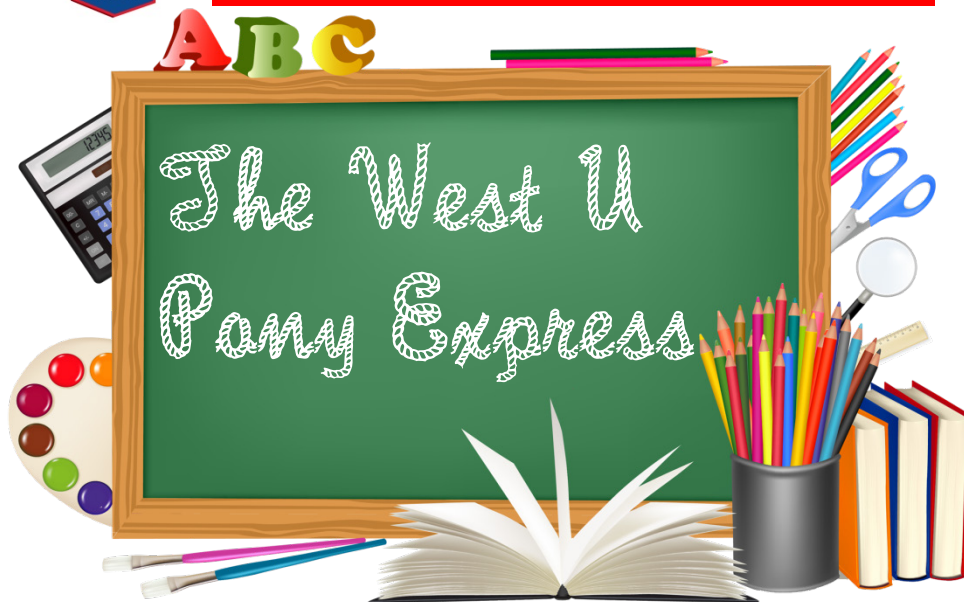




# West University Elementary School



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## Principal's Place

Did you, your parents, grandparents, or neighbors attend West U Elementary School or Pershing Junior High School (when it was housed on our campus)? We are collecting stories from people who went to school here. As you may know, West U Elementary opened in 1925 with just six rooms (100-103 and 201-202, a small upstairs auditorium (now rooms 901 and 904), and two offices. This is the front part of our building closest to the corner of University and Edloe. Either Mr. Connelly's office or the faculty lounge across the hall was the original principal's office.

In 1927, John J. Pershing Junior High School opened with eight classrooms plus a kindergarten room that had its own entrance, and office space. The original Pershing is now our office complex, rooms 110-113 and 210-213, and what is now our Clinic (this was originally a classroom). Pershing moved to its current location in 1948.

We want to know more about our history and ask you to help spread the word. Here is the link to the form created for people to submit their

WUES fact or story.  
<https://cwsclients.wufoo.com/forms/submit-90th-anniversary-story-or-fact/>

If you wish to stay informed about our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and planned events, you can register at:  
[http://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001Z7hIRkw1NZfBWtXM4WXRHwmUMGoiJEZQ\\_LrHfvhch\\_c\\_R1U6rV8LBklIXCk8ajFTLu2aoGKiUjw%3D](http://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001Z7hIRkw1NZfBWtXM4WXRHwmUMGoiJEZQ_LrHfvhch_c_R1U6rV8LBklIXCk8ajFTLu2aoGKiUjw%3D)

Have a grand week!

John T. Threet, Principal

## PTO Meeting & Featured Guest Speaker for Parents on October 13

Please join us for this year's first PTO General Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 8:00 – 9:15 a.m. in the MPR. Following PTO business, we are delighted to have Aimee Alley Taylor, CHC, CPT, founder of Greenpeas &

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## Mark Your Calendars:

- PTO General Meeting  
Tuesday, October 13,  
9:00 a.m., MPR
- West U Halloween Dash & Kids Fun Run  
Saturday, October 17,  
8:00 a.m.
- Boo Bash Carnival & Bazaar  
Saturday, October 24
- Popsicles on the Playground & Front Playground Dedication  
Friday, October 30, 12:30 p.m.



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Blueberries-Whole Life Wellness, share great information to help us support our children:

### **What's Lurking in the Electric Blue Lollipop? The Dangers of Artificial Ingredients to our Kids' Brains**

Have you noticed how our food looks like it is in Technicolor these days? Do you know what chemicals are added to food to make it that color?



Come learn about scary synthetic chemicals added to our food, and how much damage they do to our precious little people. It is a frightening world for families today – learn how to feed your family without being overloaded with these toxic chemicals.

### **West U Halloween Dash & Kids Fun Run**



5K & Kids Fun Run  
Saturday, October 17, 2015

Registrations are rolling in for the West U Halloween Dash and Kids Fun Run (Presented by Bellaire Family Orthodontics). We now have over 400 runners already registered and

our goal is 1,000 runners in the two events. Please register today and come join us. The Dash is a certified 5K course and is chip timed. The Kids Fun Run is a 1 mile walk/run and is not timed. Strollers are permitted in the fun run, but not the 5K. Race date is Saturday, October 17 at 8am.

This event is open to non-WUES families, so invite your friends and neighbors. All proceeds benefit the WUES PTO.

To register go to <http://westupto.org/fundraising/fun-run/>.

### **Deadline for Sociables is Getting Close!**

Don't let your child's grade or class be left out of a fun opportunity. Register your grade sociables today! Don't miss a chance for a mom, dad or parents night out! Register your sociables today and support our wonderful

school! <https://cwsclients.wufoo.com/forms/sociable-control-sheet-20152016/>

Questions? Contact Helen Wright or Kristen Leach

### **Shopping Soiree Sociable for Auction Attire!**

Join us to shop unique and fabulous vintage attire for the upcoming auction event! We have a private shopping event at Cheeky Vintage - Houston's best vintage store. They will have racks of 20's clothing and accessories so your auction attire will be as fabulous as the evening promises to be. All guests will receive 15% off their purchases. Valet parking, bubbles, and light bites provided, plus personal attention from Cheeky's sales associates who are experts in vintage attire.



Only 60 spots available at a cost of \$30. Please make your checks payable to West U PTO and drop them in the Sociables mailbox to sign up for this fun shopping event. Availability will be on a first come/first serve basis.

When: Thursday October 15 6:00-8:00 pm

Where: Cheeky Vintage 2134 Richmond Avenue

Cost: \$30/shopper - only 60 spots available

How: Leave check payable to West U PTO in the Sociables box - first come/first serve basis

Hosted by: Tara Deneke and Valerie Dittner of Cheeky Vintage.

Questions: Contact Tara Deneke at [tara\\_deneke@yahoo.com](mailto:tara_deneke@yahoo.com)

### **Happy Birthday, 生日快乐,**

### **Feliz Cumpleaños, С Днем Рождения!**

The following students are celebrating their birthdays this week by donating a book to our school library:

Bryan Lee	September 16th
Hala Abdel- Aquil	September 24th
Clara Rowsey	October 1st
Felipe Ardenghi	October 3rd
Jack Butler	October 3rd
Ella Rose	October 3rd
Guy Shafran	October 4th
Kyle Cunius	October 5th
Gabriel Sahely	October 5th
Bentley Sloan	October 5th

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Hunter DeFrehn	October 7th
Mia Hirshfeld	October 7th
Alfonso Lopez de la Osa	October 7th
Tait Love	October 8th
Zane Asadi	October 10th
Teddy Deutser	October 10th
Addison Dunlap	October 10th
Ezra Frazier	October 11th
Zach Kopel	October 11th

Please, note that due to the great response to the Birthday Book Club this year, we will go back to honoring birthdays on a weekly basis instead of on a monthly basis.

Also remember:

- If you would like to order a Birthday Book Club membership for your child, all orders are due NO LATER THAN Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. to be included in the following week's Pony Express.
- Please submit your Birthday Book Club forms as soon as possible, to make sure we include your child in the Pony Express during their birthday month.
- Order forms can be found online [www.westupto.org](http://www.westupto.org), or in the blue PTO box at the front office.

Happy Birthday and thank you for supporting the West U Elementary library!

Any question? Please contact Tracy Benner ([tracymbenner@yahoo.com](mailto:tracymbenner@yahoo.com)) or Guadalupe Harper ([guadacarllesso@hotmail.com](mailto:guadacarllesso@hotmail.com)).

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## 2015 Field Day Schedule

Mark your calendars for our annual Field Days on Monday and Tuesday, November 23-24:



November 23, Monday

Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: 8:15am – 10:30am\*\*\*

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades: 11:45am – 2:00pm\*\*\*

Field Day Schedule continued

November 24, Tuesday

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades: 8:15am – 10:30am\*\*\*

\*\*\* Approximate finish times.

As a reminder, you must be VIPS approved to mingle among the classes. Those parents and adult visitors who are not VIPS approved may sit on the bleachers. If your child's grandparents, aunts, uncles, adult siblings, or close family friends wish to attend Field Day, they should go online to get VIPS approval. Visit our webpage [www.westuelementary.org](http://www.westuelementary.org) and click on the VIPS button on the left hand side of the page. This link will take you to HISD's main VIPS page. You will find instructions there on how to sign up online.

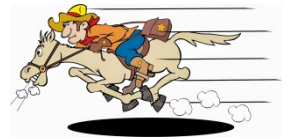
**REMEMBER: you must bring your photo ID to our school office to complete the process. The background check process can take 2-3 weeks to complete. Don't hesitate! Sign up NOW!**

## Whoa Nelly! Pony Express Via Email!

Parents can sign up to receive the Pony Express via email! The email

version is an abbreviated text version with limited graphics. You can still go to our website to view or download a PDF of the printed copy. If you wish to receive the email version, please visit our school website to sign up at :

<http://www.houstonisd.org/cms/module/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=471>



## Pershing's First Look - Oct. 27th

Pershing is opening its doors to zoned students for **FIRST LOOK**. Please save the date, **Tuesday, October 27th at 6:00**, and come see the amazing things that are happening at Pershing.



The principal, counselors, teachers and current parents will be on hand to provide information and answer questions regarding the 6th grade curriculum, electives, the fine arts department, athletics, and much more. Tours of the campus will also be given. For more information, please click on the flyer. We hope to see you there!

## Calling All 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys to BSA Troop 266

Would you like to go camping, learn new things, serve the community, earn Merit Badges, and make new friends? Then Boy Scouts of America Troop 266 may be just for you! Chartered in 1943 to West University United Methodist Church, Troop 266 maintains a reputation as one of the highest quality troops in the Sam Houston Area Council. Our family-friendly program is open to all boys who are completing the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 11-years-old, OR those who have completed their Arrow of Light–Crossing Over ceremony.



Troop 266 provides lots of scout-led, fun and educational programming, including backpacking, hiking, fishing, shooting, sailing, kayaking, canoeing, horseback riding, outdoor cooking, and lots of other outdoor activities, along with community service and building camaraderie, friendships, citizenship and independence. If you are interested in joining, or just learning more about Troop 266, please come visit the Troop, join our October 9-11 campout and/or attend our Oct 20 (7-8pm) Open House.

The Open House will combine the Webelos Readyman/First Responder badge with a parent meeting to introduce the Troop and answer questions. Troop 266 meets weekly on Tuesday evenings at West University United Methodist Church's High Court from 7:30-8:30pm, unless otherwise stated.

Check out our website at [www.troop266.com](http://www.troop266.com) for detailed information about Troop 266 and upcoming activities OR contact Matt Ryan, Assistant Scoutmaster, at [ryanmatt1@gmail.com](mailto:ryanmatt1@gmail.com).

## It's Fire Prevention Week in West U

Every year during Fire Prevention Week (FPW), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) sounds the alarm about keeping our homes and our kids safe from fire. FPW 2015 — October 4–10 — teaches kids the importance of having working smoke alarms in the bedroom. Location matters when it comes to your smoke alarm. Did you know that roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep? That's the message behind this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Hear the Beep Where You

Sleep. This week the West University Place Fire Department will present its annual Fire Prevention Week program to our students. Remember to ask your child about this program and what they learned about being safe around the house with fire.

For more information, please visit the National Fire Protection Association: [http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information?order\\_src=C248](http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information?order_src=C248)



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