

# WEST BRIAR MIDDLE SCHOOL GRIZZLY TIMES

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## Week 11: Celebrating Our Growth, Academic Progress, and Character Education

Dear West Briar Families and Staff,

As we enter Week 11, I want to take a moment to celebrate the tremendous growth and academic progress we've made as a campus. Our students continue to demonstrate a commitment to learning and are showing measurable improvements in their academic achievements. I am proud of the dedication shown by our students, teachers, and parents as we work together to achieve our vision of "Growing Every Grizzly Every Day."

This week is extra special, as we are celebrating Homecoming Week! It's a time to come together, build school spirit, and honor our Grizzly pride. Let's show our support for our students and enjoy the exciting activities planned throughout the week. We look forward to seeing everyone in their Homecoming gear and at the events that make this time so memorable.

In addition, it is Character Education Week, where we will focus on the traits that make our school a positive and supportive community. Each day, we will emphasize one of the five pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. These values are fundamental to not only academic success but also the development of well-rounded, compassionate individuals.

I invite our parents to join us in reinforcing these traits at home, and I encourage our teachers to incorporate them into daily lessons and interactions with students. Together, we can continue to foster a culture of excellence and character that will serve our students well beyond their years at West Briar.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for making our campus a place where growth and character thrive. Let's make Homecoming Week and Character Education Week a time to remember!

With Grizzly pride,  
~Principal Blanchard



## Power School Access for Parents

Please make sure you are monitoring your student's grades and attendance in PowerSchool. For assistance with accessing your student's information, please email Lauri Lamar at [llamar@houstonisd.org](mailto:llamar@houstonisd.org)

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## Weekly Instructional Focus Area

### T-Tess 2.3: Communication

- Establishes classroom practices that provide opportunities for **most students to communicate effectively with the teacher and their peers**
- Recognizes student misunderstandings and responds with an array of teaching techniques.
- Provides explanations that are clear and uses verbal and written communication that is clear and correct
- Ask remember, understand and apply level questions that focus on the objective of the lesson and **provoke discussion**
- Use probing questions to clarify and elaborate learning

### T-Tess 2.4: Differentiation

- Adapts lessons to address individual needs of all students.
- Regularly monitors the quality of student participation and performance.
- Provides differentiated instructional methods and content to ensure students have the opportunity to master what is being taught.
- Recognizes when students become confused or disengaged and responds to student learning or social/emotional needs.

## Strategy for the week cont'd

### Think, Ink, Pair, Share

Think – Ink – Pair – Share is a variation of the cooperative learning strategy Think – Pair – Share, and it helps keep students actively engaged through writing. This allows them to confirm their understanding of a concept or process. Students use wait time to think about an idea or question, write down their responses, and then pair with a partner for discussion. Individuals return to what they wrote and modify their first ideas to reflect new thinking. Students can then share their reflections within a small group or with a partner.

#### Think

Think After a lecture or text reading, ask students to take a few moments to think about the information introduced to them.

#### Ink

Students elaborate on the information from your lecture or the text by writing down their ideas or reflections. (Provide **Stem**)

#### Pair

Students discuss their writing in pairs. Based on the conversation with their partner, students return to what they wrote and modify or enhance their writing.

#### Share

Finally, ideas will be shared through a whole class, small group, or partner format, and students will include how their thinking changed after discussing their thoughts.

## Important Links

- [West Briar Handbook](#)
- [HISD Student Handbook](#)
- [School Supply List](#)
- [Bell Schedule](#)
- [Academic Calendar](#)
- [Campus Assessment Calendar](#)
- [Health Inventory Form](#)
- [School Pay](#)





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## HOMECOMING RECAP





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October 21 - 24, 2024

- Girls Basketball - Strength and Conditioning Program 4:00pm

### October 21 - 23, 2024

- Homecoming Ticket Sales during lunch

### October 21, 2024

- 8th grade football vs Lawson - Butler Stadium 6:30pm
- Modern Ensemble Practice 7:00am
- 8th grade choice fair

### October 22, 2024

- Dance Company Rehearsal 7:00am
- Dance Company Rehearsal 4:00pm-7:00pm

### October , 23, 2024

- Christian Club Meeting 7:50am
- Dance Company Rehearsal 7:00am

### October 24, 2024

- Dance Company Rehearsal 7:00am
- Dance Company Rehearsal 4:00pm-7:00pm
- West Briar Volleyball (7th/8th) vs Key @ West Briar 6:00pm/7:00pm

### October 25, 2024

- Dance Company Rehearsal 7:00am
- School Store 11:30am
- Homecoming Dance 6th - 4:00pm-5:30pm/  
7th-8th - 6:30pm - 9:00pm

### October 26, 2024

- Middle School Dance Festival
- Halloween Play 6:00pm

## HAZEL HEALTH

I am excited to inform you that HISD has partnered with Hazel Health to provide additional support for our students' well-being.

With Hazel Health, students can access healthcare when they need it, whether at school or at home, via Telehealth.

The best part? There is no out-of-pocket cost for parents. To enroll your child, simply visit [my.hazel.co/houstonisd](https://my.hazel.co/houstonisd).

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SCHOOL WEBSITE  
[www.houstonisd.org/westbriar](http://www.houstonisd.org/westbriar)

TWITTER  
[@WestBriarMS](https://twitter.com/WestBriarMS)

INSTAGRAM  
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## OCTOBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Unity Day Wear Orange to support Bullying Prevention	17	18 Pink Out Day! Wear Pink to support Breast Cancer Awareness	19
20 Character Counts Week	21 Wear Blue for Trustworthiness	22 Wear Yellow for Respect	23 Wear Green for Responsibility	24 Wear Orange for Fairness	25 Wear Purple for Caring and Citizenship	26
27 Red Ribbon Week	28 Wear Red - Your Future is HOT	29 Bling Day Showcase your Star Power and wear anything that shines or sparkles	30 Paparazzi Day Wear your Shades and casual celebrity style outfit	31 Twin Day Find a friend and dress identically	1 RED CARPET DAY Wear your Sunday Best or Formal Attire	2

### Special Shoutout

Ms. L. Thompson &  
Ms. R. Thompson

Embracing Opportunities to Grow!!

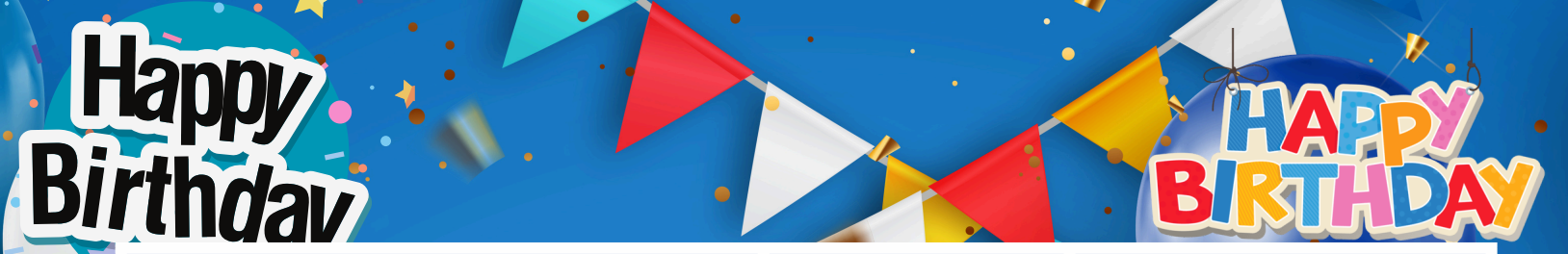


### Happy Birthday

October 24  
Mr. McIntosh







Student Name	Birthday	GRADE
Al Rubaye, Aya Ahmed Imad	10-13	8
Boone, Naeem Qais	10-13	7
Lopez, Mateo David	10-13	8
Edun, Inioluwa Ewajesu	10-14	8
Garcia, Grecia Mabel	10-14	8
Lynch, Julia Marie	10-14	6
McClain, Damoni Lashaun	10-14	6
Rodriguez, Manuela	10-14	8
Trishin, Eric Alexander	10-14	7
Ballado Cadena, Luis	10-15	6
Carrizales, Martin	10-15	8
Leyva Perez, Leider	10-15	6
Maye Carrasco, Jesus Marcelo	10-15	7
Onamade, Oladapo Isaac	10-15	6
Vallecilla Mosquera, Zully Joancy	10-16	8
Fairley, Myla Jaice	10-17	7
Hutchinson, Elliott Lee	10-17	7
Jones, Madyson Lafaye	10-17	6
Tellez, Nathalie Francisca	10-17	7
Parker, Denim Anthony	10-18	6
Alvarez, Naeliyah Sabina	10-19	6