

WEST BRIAR MIDDLE SCHOOL

GRIZZLY TIMES



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Week 4 Updates:

Open House, Extracurricular Activities, and Progress Reports

Dear West Briar Families and Staff,

As we begin Week 4, I want to share some exciting updates and reminders.

Open House

We are eagerly preparing for our upcoming Open House on September 11, 2024 from 5:30pm – 7:00pm! This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to meet teachers, learn more about the curriculum, and see how our students are thriving. Please mark your calendars and [click here](#) for more details. We look forward to welcoming you and showcasing all the hard work happening in our classrooms.

Extracurricular Activities

Our extracurricular activities are in full swing! From sports teams to clubs and special interest groups, there's something for every student to get involved in. Participation in these activities not only enhances students' skills but also builds a strong sense of community and school spirit. Encourage your child to explore and join a group that interests them.

Progress Reports

Progress report grades will be posted by Thursday, September 5. Please take the time to review your child's progress, and don't hesitate to reach out to their teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

Important Reminders

- Attendance: Consistent attendance is key to academic success. Please ensure your child is present and punctual every day.
- Safety: Safety remains our top priority. Please remind your children about following school rules and procedures to keep everyone safe.
- Communication: If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or the front office. We are here to support you.
- 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.
- In addition, please mark your calendars for our next General PTO Session on September 25 at 6:00 PM in the WBMS Library. We welcome your questions and input—feel free to submit them using the QR code on the [flyer](#).
- Lastly, a reminder that there will be no school for students on September 3 due to a Staff Professional Development Day. We look forward to welcoming our students back on September 4.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we are building a strong foundation for a successful school year.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead!

~Principal Blanchard

Progress Report Grades

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

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SIGN UP FOR PTO



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Weekly Instructional Focus Area

T-Tess 1.1: Standards and Alignment

- All goals align to state content standards.
- All objectives align to lesson's goal.
- All activities, materials, and assessments are relevant and provide appropriate time for lesson and lesson closure.

T-Tess 1.2: Data and Assessment

- Uses formal and informal assessments to monitor the progress of all students.
- Provides consistent feedback to all students.
- Analyzes student data and uses the results to reflect on teaching and learning.

T-Tess 1.3: Knowledge of Students

- All lessons connect to students' prior knowledge and experiences.
- Adjusts the lesson to address strengths and learning gaps of all students.



Strategy to Implement

Begin with end in mind

Begin With the End is a strategy in which the teacher identifies standards for a unit, breaks them down into smaller objectives, develops an assessment plan, and then creates lessons with aligned activities.

It generates higher quality lessons because teachers are focused on the intended outcome throughout the planning process.

With so much content to cover in a single class or subject area, it is easy to unintentionally craft lessons that are not in line with the ultimate goal.

By working backwards, or beginning with the end, teachers can plan each step (the unit goals, the assessments, the lessons, and the activities) so they stay focused on the finish line.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 4 - 6, 2024

- Dance Company Rehearsal

September 6, 2024

- School store (11:30am - 1:00pm) - purchase your uniforms during lunch
- **4:00pm 6th Grade Ice Breaker**
 - **We invite all 6th grade teachers and students to come mingle...FREE!!!**

September 9, 2024

- Reading Fluency Exam (7th grade only)

SCHOOL PAY

We are excited to announce that West Briar Middle School will soon be transitioning to a cashless system for all campus events and purchases. This means that all transactions, including event tickets, school items, and other payments, will be made using SchoolPay, our secure online payment platform.

To ensure a smooth transition, we kindly ask that you set up your SchoolPay account as soon as possible. This will allow you to easily manage and make payments for all school-related activities without the need for cash.

To get started, visit: www.schoolpay.com

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to our front office.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to streamline our processes and enhance convenience for everyone.

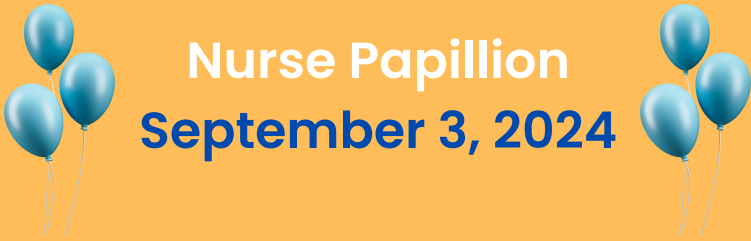
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Staff Birthday Corner



Nurse Papillion
September 3, 2024

Ms. Shaw
September 6, 2024



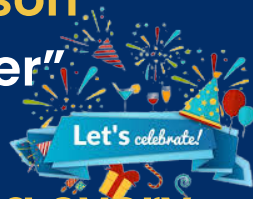
SCHOOL WEBSITE
www.houstonisd.org/westbriar

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

INSTAGRAM
[@westbriarms](https://www.instagram.com/westbriarms)

Staff Celebration Corner

Keisha Thompson
"Dance Teacher"



**Thanks for engaging every
student, every day!**

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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Happy Birthday

Student Name	Birthday	GRADE
Cerna, Jefferson	09-02	7
Jara, Michael Angelo	09-02	8
Zarwee, T Sedya Vonleh	09-02	7
Alomia Riascos, Joseling Dayana	09-03	8
Fulton, Ramani Star	09-04	6
Molinet Diaz, Jocelin	09-04	8
Nwobodo, Nneoma Esther	09-04	8
Golson, Jasiah Nycel	09-06	7
Sharma, Vrinda	09-06	7
Edwards, Cassie Ryan	09-07	7
Revunova, Sofiia	09-07	8

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