

WEST BRIAR MIDDLE SCHOOL

GRIZZLY TIMES



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Week 5 Updates:

Celebrating Success and Preparing for Upcoming Events

Dear West Briar Families and Staff,

As we move into Week 5 of the school year, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for your continued support. Our students have been doing an amazing job, and I'm proud of the progress we've made so far.

Highlights of the Week:

- **Student Achievements:** Our students are showing remarkable dedication in the classroom, and their enthusiasm is contagious. I encourage you to ask your child about their latest project or assignment—they have a lot to be proud of!
- **Instructional Excellence:** I've seen some fantastic examples of engaging lessons and creative teaching strategies in your classrooms. Keep up the great work!
- **Team Collaboration:** The collaboration among our teams is commendable. Whether it's sharing resources or supporting one another, your teamwork is making a difference.

Upcoming Events:

- **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.

Important Reminders

- **Attendance:** Consistent attendance is key to academic success. Please ensure your child is present and punctual every day.
- **Dress Code:** We appreciate your support in ensuring that students adhere to the dress code. This helps us maintain a positive and focused learning environment.
- **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.
- **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. To ensure a smooth transition, we kindly ask that you set up your SchoolPay account as soon as possible. To get started, visit: www.schoolpay.com
- 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 want your questions and input—feel free to submit them using the QR code on the [flyer](#).

Thank you for being an integral part of our school community. Together, we're helping every Grizzly grow every day!

~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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 9, 2024

- Progress Report 1 will go home
- Reading Fluency Exam (7th grade only)

September 10 and 12, 2024

- Dance Company Rehearsal

September 11, 2024

• Open House

5:30pm - 7:00pm

September 13, 2024

- School store (11:30am - 1:00pm) - purchase your uniforms during lunch
- **4:00pm 7th Grade Ice Breaker**
 - We invite all 7th grade teachers and students to come mingle...FREE!!!

GENERATIVE AI SOFTWARE USE

8TH GRADERS ONLY

Houston ISD ("HISD") is excited to announce that during the 2024-2025 school year, students (14 years and older) in 8th - 12th grade, will have the opportunity to take part in a collaborative and educational experience using Microsoft CoPilot, an advanced artificial intelligence tool, and other software based on your student's age.

These technologies are designed to encourage students to brainstorm solutions to various problems alongside teachers and faculty, fostering a spirit of innovation and teamwork. In accordance with the Texas Education Code, §32.1021, informed parental consent is required for a student's use of certain software applications.

Parents can access the form in the student portal.

Please find the following paper forms below:

[AI Permission and Consent Form - English](#)

[AI Permission and Consent Form - Spanish](#)

(Students should return completed form to House Secretary)

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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

Assessing Mastery

Assessing student mastery is when the teacher evaluates the learning outcome(s) of the lesson by measuring each student's level of understanding. The teacher may use different assessment tools which can include (but are not limited to) short quizzes, tests, class discussions, hands-on experiments, cooperative learning activities, and/or graphic organizers. With the results, the teacher can identify causes for success or failures; make better decisions about what each student knows and what he/she still needs to learn; and devise appropriate solutions to help them achieve mastery.

- Prior to teaching the lesson, identify the learning targets.
- Determine an outcome students will be expected to meet that will show evidence of having achieved the goal.
- If materials are needed, prepare them beforehand.
- Communicate explicitly how students are going to be evaluated during the lesson. Provide a scoring guide or a **rubric** that reflects how the work will be assessed.
- Explain the steps of the assessment process to students and demonstrate if needed.
- Record assessment data.
- Analyze and interpret the results.
- Use results data to direct future instruction.
- If the student does not demonstrate mastery, use corrective strategies until mastery is achieved.
- Provide student(s) with descriptive and **precise feedback**.

STAY
CONNECTED

SCHOOL WEBSITE
www.houstonisd.org/westbriar

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

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

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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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

“AUGUST”

Lydia Foster, 6th grade



Julia Meiller, 7th grade



Aziza Walizai, 8th grade



Staff Birthday Corner

Ms. Atkinson

September 9, 2024

Ms. Baker

September 11, 2024



Staff of the Month – August

Lauri Lamar, SIR

Bridgette Ryans, Counselor

Thanks for going above and
beyond EVERY DAY for
EVERYONE

A festive birthday banner with a blue background, white and yellow balloons, and colorful triangular flags. The text "Happy Birthday" is written in a large, white, bubbly font with a black outline. To the right, a blue balloon has the words "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" written on it in colorful, blocky letters.

Happy Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Student Name	Birthday	GRADE
Emoh, Chinonso Isaac	09-08	7
Mendez Perez, Joselin Michelle	09-08	8
Alizadehkalkhoran, Aron	09-09	6
Espinoza, Tianna Marie	09-09	8
Hernandez, Kason Anthony	09-09	8
Lindsey, Paris Aryunna	09-09	6
Sanchez, Andrea	09-10	6
Williams, Dasha Latte	09-10	7
Aboagye, Ayah Abena	09-11	6
Huang, Angela Zi-Ling	09-11	8
Sammata, Arjun	09-11	7
Terrazas, Isabella Rose	09-11	8
Atkins, Emma Maris	09-12	6
Bivins, Jonathan Anson	09-12	6
Chavez Romero, Marcela Lucia	09-12	7
Gnau, Annabelle Margaret	09-13	6
Gnau, Everett Vaughn	09-13	6
Bivins, Lilly Kay	09-14	8
Nagel, Oliver William	09-14	8