

WEST BRIAR MIDDLE SCHOOL GRIZZLY TIMES

SIGN UP FOR PTO



27 January, 2025/Vol. 22

Week 22: 🎉 Celebrating MOY Wins & Houston's Rare Snow! ❄️

Dear Grizzly Staff and Parents,

As we step into Week 22, there's so much to celebrate—both in and out of the classroom!

Last week, Houston was treated to a rare and beautiful snowfall! ❄️🧸 This gave our students two unexpected days off to make fun and lasting memories. It's not every day we see snow in our city, and it was such a big deal for all of us! I hope your family enjoyed this special treat.

On top of that, our students have been working hard and recently completed their Middle of Year (MOY) assessments. 🧠💡 Their growth and efforts deserve to be celebrated! Here's how you can join in the excitement:

- 🎉 Celebrate their wins: Ask your student what they're most proud of from their assessments. Whether it's mastering a new skill or showing improvement, every milestone is worth cheering for!
- ✅ Plan their next steps: Chat about their goals moving forward. What's something they want to focus on, and how can we support them together?

Your partnership plays a huge role in helping every Grizzly grow every day! 🧸💪 If you have any questions about your student's progress or need resources, feel free to reach out to their teachers or our campus team.

Dress Code Reminders: Staying Cool and Staying in Uniform 🧥👕

As temperatures rise, here are some important dress code reminders to help us maintain a positive and unified learning environment:

- **Out-of-uniform jackets:** These must be stored in lockers or backpacks during school.
- **Uniform bottoms:** On **Monday**, **Tuesday**, and **Thursday**, students should wear **khaki**, **navy**, or **black uniform bottoms**.
- **Jeans days:** Students may wear jeans on **Wednesdays with a college shirt** and on **Fridays with a spirit shirt**.
- Full uniform expected: As we return to school tomorrow, all students are expected to be in full uniform, including appropriate tops, bottoms, and footwear, as outlined in our campus dress code policy.

Parents, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring your student comes to school dressed appropriately each day. Together, we can maintain a focused and positive learning environment for all!



Thank you for your continued support. Let's keep celebrating and growing together! 🌟

Warm regards,

~ **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

January 27, 2025

- Girls Basketball Practice 4:00pm
- Boys Soccer Tryouts 4:00pm
- English Tutorials 4:15pm - 5:15pm

January 28, 2025

- Girls Basketball Practice 4:00pm
- Social Studies Tutorials 4:15pm - 5:15pm
- Q & A with Principal Blanchard 6:00pm

January 29, 2025

- Christian Club Meeting 7:50am
- Girls Basketball Practice 4:00pm
- Math Tutorials 4:15pm - 5:15pm

January 30, 2025

- Russo's Pizza Spirit Night 4:00pm
- Science Tutorials 4:15pm - 5:15pm
- Girls Basketball vs Lawson (6pm/7pm) - Away
- Boys Basketball vs Lawson (6pm/7pm) - Home

January 31, 2025

- School Store 11:30am
- Girls Basketball Practice 4:00pm

February 3-7, 2025

- Counselor Appreciation Week!!!



WHO DO I CONTACT? 🌱

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

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Upcoming School Choice Fair

Parents and families are invited to attend Saturday School Choice fairs to learn more about HISD schools and programs available across the district. Families will have an opportunity to apply at the fair with guidance from the School Choice Team.

All School Choice Fairs are face to face from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Dates and locations are below:

• Feb. 8, 2025: Lamar High School
3325 Westheimer Rd. Houston, TX 77077

We hope to see you there!
HISD School Choice Team!

FREE!

Community Choice Grant

FREE!

\$1000 to Power a Project at West Briar Middle School!

The Houston ISD Foundation is excited to launch a new community-powered initiative! We believe that families play a vital role in shaping the future of their children's education, and now you have a chance to make a direct impact.

This grant can be utilized for anything the school chooses to prioritize, whether fulfilling a teacher's wish list, funding a field trip, or making specialized upgrades!

[Click to Learn More and Vote!](#)

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Cast your vote before **February 15th, 2025** for West Briar Middle School.

The top school in each award category will each receive \$1000 to use toward a special project or support initiative.

You can vote today and help make a difference for the teachers and students you care about.

The grant will award three schools based on distinct categories to ensure fair access to this opportunity:

Most Votes Overall – Awarded to the school with the highest number of individual voters.

Most Votes per Enrolled Student – Awarded to the school with the highest number of votes relative to its student enrollment, allowing smaller schools or communities to compete on equal footing.

LOVE Your School Award – Awarded to the school with the most descriptive and positive responses in the comments section.

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**WBMS PTO
PRINCIPAL Q&A**

**TUESDAY,
JANUARY 28, 2025
6:00 PM
WBMS LIBRARY**

**OPEN TO ALL
WBMS PARENTS &
STAFF MEMBERS**

JOIN THE PTO:

STAY UPDATED:
WWW.WESTBRIARPTO.COM
FACEBOOK: WESTBRIARPTO
TWITTER (X): WBMSPTO
INSTAGRAM: WBMSPTO

TO MAXIMIZE TIME AT THE MEETING, PLEASE COMPLETE THE PRE-MEETING Q&A FORM TO SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS:

OR VISIT
WWW.WESTBRIARPTO.COM &
COMPLETE Q&A FORM

FRIDAY FUN FOODS

**Friday, February 7, 2025
4:00-4:30 PM
WBMS Cafeteria
Buy snack items \$1-\$2
Cash Only**

Please Sign Up to volunteer for this event

**Westside Cheerleading
Tryouts**

Save the Dates!

**February 11th OR 13th - Mandatory
parent/ cheerleader meeting 6:30pm
Room S100**

**February 27th - Optional Open Gym
4:30-6pm Gym**

**March 3rd-6th - Tryouts
4:30-6pm Gym**

Scan to register!

**PROSPECTIVE
GRIZZLIES
SCHOOL TOURS**

- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024 AT 9:00 AM
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025 AT 9:00 AM
- TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025 AT 9:00 AM

Come take a look!!

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Happy Birthday

AP Williams - 1/22

Coach Christopoulos - 1/22

Ms. McClelland - 1/29

Coach Sandlin - 1/29

Grizzly Tutorials



When

4:15 pm – 5:15 pm

Monday: ELAR

Tuesday: Social Studies

Wednesday: Math

Thursday: Science

Teachers

6th grade Math - Ms. Scott F101

8th grade Math - Ms. Epperson B202

6th grade ELAR - Ms. L. Thompson F206

6th - 8th grade ESL - Ms. Alanis D105

7th grade ELAR - Ms. R. Thompson D210

8th grade ELAR - Ms. Jordan

7th grade Science - Ms. Mallard D107

IMPORTANT LINKS



- [UPDATED DRESS CODE LINK](#)
- [WEST BRIAR HANDBOOK](#)
- [HISD STUDENT HANDBOOK](#)
- [SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST](#)
- [HEALTH INVENTORY FORM](#)

[BELL SCHEDULE](#)
[ACADEMIC CALENDAR](#)
[CAMPUS ASSESSMENT CALENDAR](#)
[SCHOOL PAY](#)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Student Name	Birthday	GRADE
Alvarez, Alexander Javian	01-19	7
Kundoor, Aadi Pranav Reddy	01-19	8
Barre, Khyree Jerahmi	01-20	8
Garcia Mesa, Damian	01-20	8
Proctor, Aiden Leonard	01-20	7
English, Kevin	01-21	6
Hodges, Maurice	01-21	6
Jeanty, Collens Luckender	01-21	6
Paez, Denise Vicki	01-21	6
Abolo, Shawna Fumnanya	01-22	8
Foty, Mazin Nihad	01-22	6
Geehan, Tera Lee	01-22	8
Caratachea, Alexa	01-23	6
Caratachea, Camila	01-23	6
Beye, Naima Aida	01-24	8
Chang, Liam Juwon	01-24	6
Jones, Saniya Leslie	01-24	7
Whitfield, Dre'anna Deminie	01-24	6
Carmichael, Caliph Akeem	01-25	7
Golshan, Viviane	01-26	8
McDonald, Ra'Draven Devon Jordan	01-26	7
Rojas, Adrian Alexander	01-26	8

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Student Name	Birthday	GRADE
Angulo, Hasly Nikol	01-27	8
Echendu, Favour Chizitere	01-27	7
Tomlinson, Celeste Alexandra	01-27	7
Palacios Nieto, Athenas Kristel	01-28	8
Hassan, Naday Ali	01-29	7
Mullins, Clara Gayle	01-29	8
Nance, Ethan August	01-29	6
Perez Navarro, Sara De Jesus	01-29	6
Trejos Herrera, Aaron	01-29	6
Villegas Rojas, Tomas Benjamin	01-29	6
Diop, Mohamed Cameron	01-30	7
Lopez Perez, Juan Carlos	01-30	7
McGregor, Amy Cecelia	01-30	6
Arubuolawe, Omobolade Nathan	01-31	6
Cleveland, Kimberly Rose	01-31	7
Hopkins, Paxton Gibson	01-31	6
Obiala, Rejoice	01-31	6
Rangel, Alejandro David	01-31	8
Tangarife, Valerie Yulissa	01-31	6
Brown, Ashton	02-01	8
Foster, Oliver Suay	02-01	8
Jimenez, Erik	02-01	7