

The Pony Express

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Upcoming Events

- APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR MONTHLY MUSTANG STAFF
Thursday, September 6
See Counseling Corner for more info
- NEW FAMILY COFFEE
Thursday, Sept. 6, 7:45 a.m.
Tiny's #5
3636 Rice Blvd.
(corner of Rice & Edloe)
- FALL HOLIDAY
Monday, September 10
No school for students
- OPEN HOUSE
See schedule on page 2
- EARLY DISMISSAL DAY
Friday, September 21
School dismisses at 11:30 a.m.

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Principal's Place

Each Friday is School Spirit Day. We encourage all of the children to wear school shirts or colors that day. West U Gear is available for sale on the PTO website at: <https://westupto.ecwid.com/>. Go Mustangs!

Speaking of PTO, please join PTO. The PTO does an incredible amount of fund-raising for our school and needs you to be a part. This link takes you to the PTO site to join other parents in support of your child's school: <https://cwsclients.wufoo.com/forms/mnkvoxb1fu8901/>

Next week is another short week with the Fall Holiday landing on Monday. There is no school for students that day.

We are beginning to send home the *Pony Express* via email. We will only mass print this week's and next week's *Pony Express* to send home in the Monday Folder. Beginning Monday, September 17, you will have to receive this newsletter via email or read it online on our school website. Given the size of our school, the printing costs have become prohibitively high. If you wish to still receive a printed copy, you must contact my administrative assistant Mrs. Chapa at 713-295-5215.

Have a productive week!

John T. Threet, Principal

Counseling Corner - Monthly Mustang Needs Eager Reporters

Our school newspaper, the Monthly Mustang, now in its 20th year, is looking for a few enthusiastic reporters and comic artists. Your child may apply by downloading an application from our school website at westues.org. We will only select forty-five 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students so ask your child to do their best on the application. Writing samples do not need to be more than a few paragraphs. Deadline is this Thursday, September 6.



We meet twice a month during lunch. Ms. Langston is our 3rd grade sponsor, Ms. Wood is our 4th grade sponsor and Mr. Connolly works with the 5th grade students. This year we will select students in the Fall to serve from September to December and Winter to serve from January to May. This way your child doesn't have to commit to the full year. We produce an issue once a month starting with October and ending May. Students will get assignments at the first meeting, work on them for two weeks and turn in their assignments at the second meeting. If they have questions or need help they may contact their sponsor or Mr. Connolly..

Questions? Contact Mr. Connolly at 713-295-5215: michael.connolly@houstonisd.org



Sign up to receive the Pony Express via email!

Visit our school website at :

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

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Library Book Nook

We are hitting the ground running in the library! I hope everyone had a fantastic, restful summer! I'm looking forward to meeting all of the new families to WUES and hearing about your reading and research interests! There are tons of great resources for you to take advantage of in the library including access to the library catalog, reference materials, online databases, and a wide range of popular fiction and non-fiction titles. Please stop by to see what we have to offer! Here are a few important dates to add to your calendars:



- Summer reading logs are due by September 7th. If you have lost the form, don't worry! Just turn in a paper with your child's name, homeroom teacher's name, list of at least 10 books read over the summer, and a parent signature.
- If your child participated in the One Book, One School, One Summer (The Unlucky Lottery Winners of Classroom 13) reading program, please turn in all projects by September 14th.
- Name that Book Club for 3rd – 5th grade will begin on Tuesday, September 18th. If you are interested in joining, permission slips and additional information can be found on the library website or you may stop by the library to pick one up. Permission slips must be turned in by September 14th.

Upcoming author visit for 3rd and 4th grade students:

Mac Barnett, New York Times best-selling author, will visit all 3rd and 4th grade students at West University Elementary on September 11th. He will share his experiences and talk about the writing process. He will also introduce his newest book, Mac Undercover, the first book in the MAC B. SPY series.

All students have the opportunity to purchase a signed book that will be delivered straight to the classroom. If you would like to place an order, please visit the link below:

<https://www.bluewillowbookshop.com/mac-barnett-school-visits>

The link will close the morning of Saturday, September 8th to ensure that all orders are processed correctly. Orders must be received by Tuesday, September 4th, to be guaranteed personalization. All other orders will be filled on a first come, first served basis on the day of the event. Books will be delivered to the school on the day of the event.

Looking forward to a wonderful school year!
Lauren Simmons, Librarian



Thursday, September 20

Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades 5:00-6:15 p.m.

Building clear-out for upper grades 6:15-6:30 p.m.

3rd, 4th, 5th Grades 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Ancillary Teachers 5:45-6:15 p.m.
(Cafeteria) 6:30-7:00 p.m.

iKids U® After-School

iKids U® offers a variety of after-school opportunities onsite at WUES, including Stay & Play, Enrichment, and One on One services. iKids meets all your scheduling needs with Part-time, Full-time, Early Dismissal, and Drop-In Day options! Please contact iKids at 713-665-5200 or info@ikidsinc.com with any questions.



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