

# The Pony Express

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## Principal's Corner

Please help me recognize and thank our amazing teachers as WUES celebrates teacher appreciation week. Teachers commitment to excellence and passion for educating children make West University Elementary the exceptional school we know and love.

Thank you to the PTO for providing breakfast all week and to the parent volunteers who have decorated classroom doors to make our teachers feel special.



Have a joyful week!

Scott C. Disch, Principal

## Upcoming Events

- Teacher Appreciation Week  
Feb. 10 – Feb. 14
- Entering Kinder GT Testing  
Mon., Feb. 17 – Feb. 21  
Register via main office
- Early Dismissal  
Friday, February 14  
12:00 p.m.
- PTO General Meeting  
Tuesday, February 18  
8:00 a.m. MPR

## Nurse Notes – Flu Season Continues

The flu continues to be bad this year, so I wanted to resend my recommendations. Our custodial staff is putting extra effort in to cleaning doorknobs and classrooms, and I created a hygiene lesson that our ancillary teachers delivered to all students.

Several things I recommend are:

- 1) Good handwashing several times a day. Make sure that you have your child use soap and “bubble-up” with the handwashing.
- 2) Cough into elbow or sleeve. Reinforce to your child if they have a cough to use their elbow or sleeve to “cough into.”
- 3) Hand sanitizer. Use it many times a day, but handwashing is still better. Have your student use hand sanitizer or wash their hands well after school.
- 4) Do NOT send your student to school with a fever. I always ask students if they had any medication before school and many say Tylenol or Motrin. It will wear off and just masks the symptoms. If they are at school, they can spread it to others.

Please **do not send your student to school with fever and other signs of the flu.** Achy body is the big one - students will say their back and legs hurt or their neck hurts.

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## Welcome to the Birthday Book Club



**"It's a troublesome world. All the people who're in it are troubled with troubles almost every minute. You ought to be thankful. A whole heaping lot. For the places and people you're lucky you're not."  
– Dr. Seuss**

In this week's Pony Express, we are honoring our **February 10<sup>th</sup> – February 16<sup>th</sup>** birthdays. Happy Birthday to you!

February 10th - February 16th Birthdays			
Max Fisher	February 10	Jillian Parker	February 14
Blake White	February 10	Belen Garcia	February 16
Henry Kass	February 13		

Your child will soon be receiving an invitation from their teacher to choose a special birthday book during library ancillary or after school library hours. A personalized book plate will be placed in the front of their selected book. After they are done reading, your child will return their book to our library for others to enjoy and check out in the future. Students, siblings, and friends will enjoy seeing their name in these books for years to come!

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### Kindness Tree – Valentine's Hearts

Kindness Matters!

West University is proud to have the designation as a **No Place for Hate school**. The Anti-Defamation League awards this certification to schools that actively participate in building a safe, inclusive community where all students can thrive. Our first school wide initiative for 2020 begins Monday, February 10 and ends Friday, February 14. Paper hearts will be available in every classroom. Each time your child either demonstrates or observes an act of kindness, they will have the opportunity to document this on a heart. At the end of the week, these will be collected and displayed outside of the school library in the form of a "Kindness Tree." Please encourage your children to participate!



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## Rising Stars

Congratulations to our WUES Rising Stars. Each third through fifth grade homeroom teacher was given the opportunity to nominate 2 "Rising Stars" for their class. The nominees were invited to attend the Rice Owls Basketball Game on Saturday, February 1. They were recognized at the game as West U Rising Stars. A poster recognizing each of these Stars is on display by the 2nd grade hall. Congratulations to the following students:

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Matthew Bartolotta  
Andrew Benitez  
Emerson Blevins  
Luke Brasher  
Maddie Cozart  
Jake Dison

DD Echevarria Y Chou  
Juliatt Egan  
Sam Faulk  
Ariya Kamrani  
Cynthia Lee

Anne Marie Maurer  
Gentry Morton  
London Proler  
Savannah Schutt  
Mohammed Zammo

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Rush Armstrong  
Harrison Benitez  
Lucy Burke  
Leyre Calvo Alegria  
Anna Chung  
Isabella Clark

Asher Follette  
Aydin Gelwick  
Nanami Hattori  
Hugh Haverman  
Mason Knupp  
Derek Lohmann

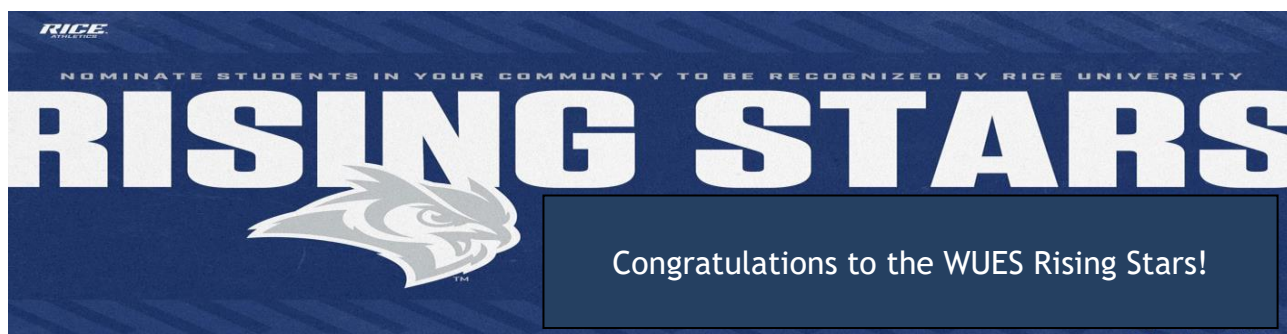
Nola Miles  
Syon Mukherjee  
Will Senseman  
Vivian Soto  
Addie Stewart  
Jose Trevino

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Ved Agrawal  
Jack Barrett  
Logan Barrett  
Emma Bray  
Kate Crossley  
Isiah Fox

Noa Hayon  
Andrew Herman  
Emily Leger  
Caroline Lewis  
Maezie Liaw  
Joshua Nguyen

Keller Owens  
Hadley Pennington  
Miles Royston  
Ellie Ryals  
Pranati Shenoy  
Sophia Stanton



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