

#### Westside Wishes 2018

It's that time of year again when we request your support of our teachers through the PTO's "Westside Wishes" campaign. We asked our teachers, "What item do you really need for your classroom or program that will improve students' learning experience?" You can help to provide the requested items! Click here to go to our Go Fund Me page.

Now in its fifth year, our annual Westside Wishes program gives teachers access to resources that may fall outside of the school's budget. Over the years, we have funded many wishes and it has become a favorite Westside tradition. Click <u>here</u> to view to our Teachers' Wish List. All wishes have been approved through administration.

If you prefer, you can make tax deductible donations towards the campaign by writing a check. Please make checks payable to WHS PTO and return to the Main Office.

Thank you for helping to grant the wishes of our teachers!

March 5, 2018



#### Important Upcoming Meetings

PTO Meeting TONIGHT 7:00 PM In the Library

District VI Community Leaders Meeting March 6 6:00 PM Paul Revere Middle School

District VI Town Hall Meeting March 19 6:00 PM Paul Revere Middle School

#### **Calendar**

Monday, 3/5 PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM, Library

Tuesday, 3/6 District VI Board Trustee Community Leaders Meeting, 6-7 PM, Revere Middle School

Wed.-Fri. March 7-9 Dodgeball Tournament, A-Lunch

March 12-16 Spring Break

March 19 District VI Town Hall Meeting, 6 PM, Paul Revere MS

# **Season Finale for Pride**

What an amazing end to a great contest season for Westside's Pride. This past weekend they brought home the gold from the Showtime International Competition at George Ranch High School.

Solo finalists:

- Grace Booty 1<sup>st</sup> runner up Junior Solo Finalist
- Baija Dorough 6<sup>th</sup> runner up Senior Solo Finalist
- Lexi Rodgers 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up Senior Solo Finalist

#### Duet:

 1<sup>st</sup> place Senior Duet from Emily Criswell and Ty'Era Cherry.

Medium Ensemble:

• Pride's Elite Jazz Ensemble .

#### Officers:

- Sweepstakes
- Judges Award,
- Best in category Officer Prop and
- Best in category Officer Lyrical

#### Team:

- Sweepstakes
- Judges Award



- Best in Category team Kick
- Best in Category Team Open

Special Awards were given for the highest scoring dances of the day:

- Officer Prop
- Team Kick

Plus:

- Grand Champion Officers
- Champion Circle Team

### Young Culinary Team Advances in Skills USA

Westside's team of Freshmen and Sophomore culinary students competed head to head with Juniors and Seniors of Klein Forest HS and won in a 7-0 voctory in the Skills USA District Culinary Quiz Bowl. Culinary Quiz Bowl is a competition that tests students on various aspects of culinary knowledge.



Congratulations to our young group of future chefs. They will move on to compete at the state competition in Corpus Christi in April.

#### **Engineering Field Trip: Turkey Creek Water Treatment Plant**



Mr. Sikkema and Mrs. Schlaudt took 26 students to the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Dan Fox served as the guide, along with three plant operators who accompanied the group. The students saw the equipment needed to clean our wastewater and followed the process from beginning to end.

### **Emma Shipos Shares A Page From Family History**

Inspired by Mr. Andrew Reiser's lesson on World War II, Westside student Emma Shipos gathered old photos from her grandfather's collection to share with her classmates. Using the pictures, she presented to her class on her grandfarther's personal memories of the Battle of the Bulge and his time serving in the war.







### **Texans Honor Westside Teacher**

Westside's Structured Learning Center teacher, Kristen McClintock, received a Stars in the Classroom Award, sponsored by the Houston Texans and First Community Credit Union. During the awards banquet last week, she was honored for her work with Autistic children. Texans player, Andre Hal, co-hosted the event.





### **Tennis Takes Home**

#### the Hardware

The Westside Varsity Tennis Team made a great showing at the Spring Branch Tennis Tournament last weekend.

- Jordan Jovtchev (left) First Place Boys singles
- Elisa Rodriguez (middle)
  First Place Girls Singles
- Mario Urdaneta (right) Second Place Boys Singles

Congratulations and Go Wolves!



#### Au Revoir A Nos Amis

After spending two weeks at Westside, our French friends from Angers, France said "Au Revoir" today. The thirteen STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) students, hosted by Westside families for their stay, experienced the Wolf Way by sitting in on advanced classes such as AP Calculus, AP Physics, and Forensic Science. Their visit also included field trips to NASA, Rice University, the Museum District, and of course, a visit to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Once a Wolf, always a Wolf!



#### Lacrosse News

Westside Boys Lacrosse beats Village School 15-3 last week





### **Environmental Science Update**

#### By Carolyn Klein

The Environmental Systems classes took a trip last week to explore Buffalo Bayou from upstream to downstream. We rode the Sam Houston boat up and down the port of Houston to see the refineries and ships which make Houston the Energy Capital of the US. We tested the water quality both at the Port and also in two locations upstream. Lunch break was at the Finca Tres Robles urban farm on the east side. Students enjoyed a sunny lunch, a little soccer and a tour of this profitable local business. After lunch, we stopped at Allen's Landing down town where the city of Houston began. This site was chosen because the confluence of Buffalo and White Oak bayou was a wide enough port to allow sizeable ships to load sugar, cotton and timber, then turn around and head back out to Galveston Bay and points of sale beyond.



In other Environmental Science News: Matthew Commerford of Rice University working with AP Environmental Science students in Wolf Prairie last week. His research on natural selection and genetics is using an insect population found in only a few locatiins including WHS's very own Wolf









# Girls Soccer: Come Out and Support Our Lady Wolves



Come out and support our Lady Wolves Soccer Team this week:

March 6—Westside vs. Lamar at Delmar Stadium, 7:30 PM

March 9—Westside vs. Chavez at Barnett, 4:00 PM

Mark your calendar for Senior Night/ Teacher Appreciation Night:

March 23—Westside vs. Heights at Delmar, 6:30 PM

### **Inertia Closes Competition Season**

Although it was expected to be the toughest competition this season, Inertia and Inertia 2 walked away with two Grand Champion titles; Grand Champion CoEd Team and JV Team. In addition, they also were awarded the following accolades:

 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up Small Ensemble

• 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up Medium En-

• JV State Champs in the Contemporary, Jazz, Hip Hop and Open Categories

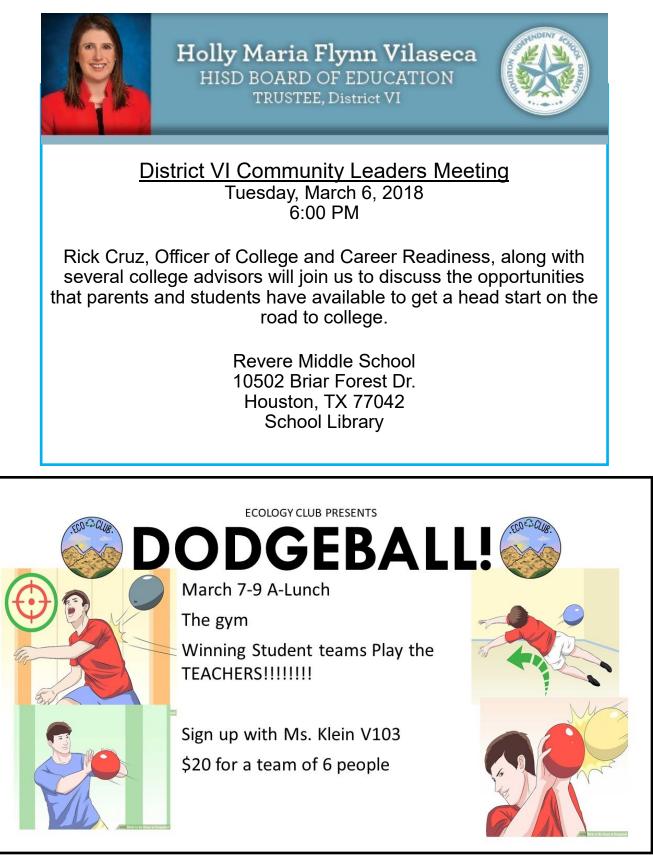
- COED State Champs in the Contemporary, Jazz, Hip Hop and Open Categories
- Super Sweepstakes (90 or above in ALL of their routines.)

Inertia Dance Co. also took notable judges awards such as the Crowd Pleaser Award for their Hip Hop, Open, and Jazz routines.

That concludes the competition season! It was a tough competition season but in the end they did their job and entertained their fans! Catch them at the Inertia Concert, "Pardon the Interruption", April 19-21 in the Westside Mini Theatre!



## Announcements



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### National Honor Society

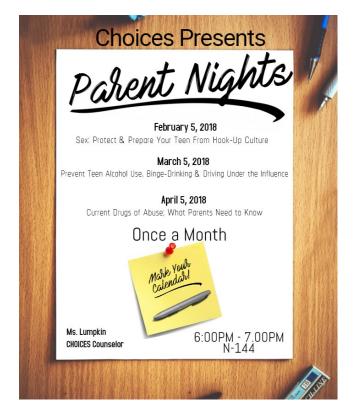
Invitations to apply for membership will be delivered to students during school this week.

Questions? Contact Mr. Schroeder JSCHROE1@houstonisd.org

# Want to try

YOGA?

Thursdays A and B Lunch



Saturday Tutorials Spring Semester	
March	3/3 & 3/24
April	4/7, 4/21, & 4/28
May	5/5 & 5/19

#### 9 AM — 12 Noon Students must arrive by 9:15! Bring ID's, laptops & assignments

#### March 5, 2018



## Class of 2018 News

#### **Senior Countdown**

Senior Dues \$200 Submit payment in cash in A205 Or pay by credit card:

https://www.schoolpay.com/

Prom 2018

Enchanted Garden!

May 4th, 8pm-12:30am Omni Houston Hotel Westside Eldridge Parkway at Katy Freeway

Followed by After Prom, 1–5:30am Dave & Busters 6010 Richmond

> Senior Honors Night Monday, May 21 6:30-9:00 pm

Senior Picnic June 1st, 12-2 pm

Graduation Ceremony Saturday, June 9th 3:00 PM at NRG Stadium

# Yearbooks

Due to demand, we have ordered an additional 50 yearbooks. When we return from Spring Break, we will reopen the 2018 yearbook sale. All students on the wait list will have the opportunity to purchase their yearbook between March 19 - 28. There are currently 38 students on the waitlist. Books may be purchased with cash, in E244.

The wait list is closed.

The on line store is closed.

Books are \$85.

On March 29<sup>th</sup>, books will increase to \$95 until sold out.

Please do not mail in your yearbook order with the mailer. It will be returned from Balfour, because the on line store is closed.

> If you have questions email srobert2@houstonisd.org

> > Or see her in E244





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