

TIGER TALES

FROSTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/11339 BRITOAK, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77079

SPECIAL DATES

11/27-11/29 -
Thanksgiving
Holiday

12/4 - 5th Grade
Colonial Day/Tea

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Thanksgiving is one of my favorite times of year! I especially love that it is a time to reflect and give thanks to those around you. As we look forward to the move, it seems like the perfect time to thank our teachers and staff for all of their hard work to make the transition back to our brand new school so seamless. They have been keeping our kids on task, but also staying late to pack and get ready for the move without skipping a beat. So many committees have been hard at work this fall creating memories for our kids. Thanks to Boosterthon chair *Dayna*

Beardsley for leading the charge with our first ever Boosterthon! The Red, White and You Carnival was a huge hit thanks to *Berklee Baay, Neely Besetsny, Melinda Prewett and Jaime Wischoff. Aimee Dodson and Starr Zaleski* chaired another fabulous Book Fair week. It has been a busy fall to say the least and I thank you for all of your support of these events! I hope that you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving break! *Tracey Rogan, PTA President*

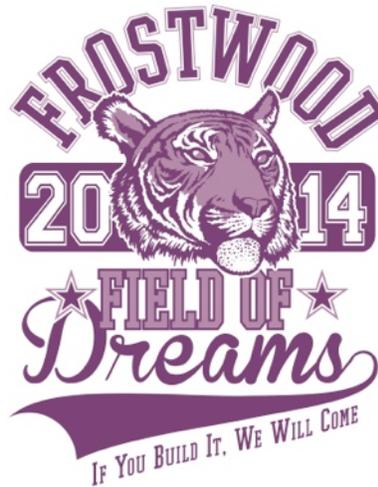
FROSTWOOD'S BOOK FAIR A ROARING SUCCESS -Thank you to the many families that came out to last week's Book Fair at Barnes and Noble. It was a wonderful week of smiles, laughter and literary review. Kudos to the Mom's that stepped up and helped on Family Nights! Extra thanks go to *Susan Stevens Crummel*, our visiting Bluebonnet author, *Chick-fil-A* for keeping us fed and *Idea Lab* for helping our kids create some unique science experiments! Mrs. Branon would also like to add that we were able to ADD 200 BOOKS to our new Frostwood library because of your generous donations. This will make for some very happy readers! All donated titles are still in transport mode from B&N and should be in your classrooms soon. The class with the most donated titles to the library will be announced after Thanksgiving. *Aimee Dodson and Starr Zaleski*

FROSTWOOD SPELLING BEE - Mark your calendars for the Frostwood Spelling Bee which will be held **Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.** The location is to be announced. More information to follow.

COAT/SHOE DRIVE FOR HOUSMAN ELEMENTARY -The spirit of the season is upon us. Donate, Donate, Donate!! And this donation helps you and others. As you are cleaning your closets to make room for your new holiday items, consider donating your gently used (or new) jackets and shoes to Housman. There will be 2 bins by the front office from Monday, December 2nd through December 13th to place your donated items. Support our Sister School!

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Please submit articles to: lisacaroline123@gmail.com



IT'S THE 7TH INNING STRETCH, SO "TAKE ME OUT OF THE TEMPORARY CAMPUS" AND INTO FROSTWOOD'S STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY CAN BE HEARD THROUGHOUT TIGER STADIUM!

The Field of Dreams Auction Committee needs YOUR help to keep our 700 All Stars at the top of their game. Whether you provide that all important base hit or can knock one out of the park, we are grateful for each contribution to the home team.

There are many talented All Star parents with access to goods or services that can benefit our team. [Click here online version](#) for Donation form. You also have opportunities to gather the teammates for the post season party. [Click here Online form](#) for Party Donation. If you need help, Team Captain Engvall has scouted many other leagues to come up with a list of party ideas. All forms and list of party ideas are on www.Frostwoodpta.com. Forms can be completed and submitted online, or placed in the auction box at school.

If you turn in your donation **before** the bottom of the 9th inning, **Friday, December 20, 2013**, your children will be invited to attend a delicious catered picnic generously donated by **Raising Cane's**. The picnic will be in January during school, which means no packing lunches for you!

Contact Captain Christy Engvall at christyjavajee@yaho.com with any questions.

GREEN TIGERS NEWS

Thank-you to all the students who brought in recycled art projects for the display during Frostwood Recycles Week. See pictures below – very creative crafts! All students got to see the mascot “Reuzette Wisely” from the City of Houston on Friday for America Recycles Day and every Frostwood student received America Recycles Day handouts to publicize and raise awareness about this event. Thanks to those students brave enough to wear the mascot costume. A big thanks to Amy Hubbard for helping to hand out most of the materials and to Dragos Dorobantu for lending a hand at the end.

Green Cup Recycle Challenge is Underway! - This month long activity will help us learn if we are "Recycling Right". Green Tiger kids have completed two weeks of surveys of 20 randomly selected classrooms to keep track of the number of "correct" and "incorrect" trash bins and recycling bins. Trash in the trash bins, recyclables in the recycling bins.

Results from Week 1 showed that 19% of trash bins were correct (no recyclables in the trash) and 35% of recycling bins were correct (no trash in the recycling bins). In Week 2 results showed that 20% of trash bins were correct, and 80% of recycling bins were correct.

Good job for making some significant improvements in our number of correct recycling bins (35% to 80%) from Week 1 to Week 2. This means that less trash was in the recycling bins this week. We still need to work on improving our number of correct trash bins and make sure that less recycling goes in the trash. Only 20% of our trash bins were correct this week, compared to 19% last week.

Most of what made bins “incorrect” were small amounts of paper in the trash bin that could have been recycled. Things like granola bar wrappers in the recycling bins led to “incorrect” scores in many classrooms.

We need to remember that no garbage (even tiny wrappers) can be in the recycling bin for us to be “Recycling Right”. Students also need to be reminded that even small scraps of paper can be recycled and shouldn’t be in the trash. If paper is soiled with grease/food, is a tissue/napkin or is plastic coated it should be in the trash. All other paper should be in the Recycling Bin.

We have two more weeks to complete the challenge and see if we can improve our “Recycling Right” Score! This is a nationwide contest and we could win prizes for our school.

Results will be reported through the Green Cup Challenge website for this Nationwide contest. Let’s try to win “Most Improved School” by making sure we put recyclables (paper) in the blue classroom recycling bins and garbage in the trash bins. Classes lose points by having garbage in the recycling bins and recyclables in the trash. Green Tigers challenges all Frostwood Tigers to “Recycle Right”!

Green Tigers Meeting - A special thank-you to Mrs. Foytlin for an excellent presentation on November 21st on Butterfly Gardening and Integrated Pest Management as we get ready to start growing at our new campus! The kids, parents and teachers are all very excited to be a part of the new school garden. The last meeting of 2013 will be on **December 5th at 730am in the playground** and we will be making wildflower seed balls with Jaime Gonzales from Katy Prairie Conservancy. Please dress appropriately for the weather!

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES NEWS

Healthy Lifestyles Committee - There will be NO meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 16th. Look for the time and location in the next Tiger Tales.

KSHAC-Kids School Healthy Advisory Council - There will be NO meeting in December. The next KSHAC meeting will be January 16th at 7:30 in the Frostwood Library at the new campus. With the holiday season upon us, it's likely our days have become busier, leading to compromised eating habits, less sleep, less exercise, and MORE STRESS! Ultimately, we become run down and end up getting sick. Don't let this happen to you or your families. See the tips below from Communities in Schools of Houston to help reduce stress so that you can enjoy your holidays and hopefully your families more. Happy Thanksgiving!

1. Practice deep breathing
2. Exercise, play sports, or dance
3. Meditate or pray
4. Get enough sleep
5. Do something fun!
6. Do something for others
7. Manage your time wisely-don't overload
8. Eat sensibly; maintain a healthy balanced diet
9. Take time to relax daily
10. Share responsibilities with friends and family
11. Set realistic expectations
12. When you need help, get help

Healthy Thanksgiving Recipes - [Click here](#) for a healthy recipe for Ginger Cookies and also for a Pomegranate, Kale and Wild Rice Salad.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

There is no Kindergarten specific news at this time. Stay tuned !

1st GRADE NEWS

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2nd GRADE NEWS

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3rd GRADE NEWS

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4th GRADE NEWS

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5th GRADE NEWS

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Calling All Fifth Grade Students! - Colonial Day is coming on **Wednesday, December 4, 2013**. Come dressed as your favorite "Colonial" character and we will experience life as it was back in the 17th century. The Colonial Tea will be held from 12:45-2:30 in the Science Lab. We need volunteers to help facilitate the afternoon program. [Click here](#) for the "Sign Up Genius" link so you can plan your day, bring food for tasting and help the teachers with the program. Students, prepare to take part in fun games and crafts from this important period in our Nation's history. Please call *Jenny Cali* (713-703-9888) if you have any questions about Colonial Day. The 5th Grade Teachers have planned an exciting look into Colonial times and you won't want to miss it.

CHOIR NEWS - from Julie Sykes, Music Teacher

Uniforms - Our choir shirts will be coming home with your children soon! Remember, if you purchased the PTA school supplies, then your shirt cost has been paid through the school supply fee. If not, please send \$7.00 to the PTA with an attached note with your child's name on it.

Please remember that you are responsible for getting the rest of the choir uniform: DARK BLACK PANTS (If the pants have belt loops, wear a black belt.) BLACK SHOES (These can be tennis shoes or nice dress shoes with no heels.) During performances, the students should not wear jewelry and should have their hair pulled away from their faces so we can see their lovely smiles! The students need to wear their uniforms for all of our performances. Our December performances are all in the same week! Hopefully you will have time to wash the uniform between performances.

Performances Dates :

Monday, December 16th: 8:30 a.m. Dress Rehearsal for the school at the Westchester Auditorium

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Tuesday, December 17th: 6:30 p.m. Evening Performance at Westchester Auditorium

Thursday, December 19th 6:00-6:30 p.m. Optional performance at the NEW FROSTWOOD BUILDING during the open house.