

TIGER TALES

FROSTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/11339 BRITOAK, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77079

New School Hours

8:00-3:00 pm

Beginning 1/7/14

SPECIAL DATES

12/13 - Staff
Appreciation
Luncheon; Early
Dismissal- Moving Day

12/17 - 5th Grade
Winter Concert

12/19 - Early
Dismissal- Moving Day;
Open House at new
Frostwood campus

12/20 - Early
Dismissal

12/23-1/6 - Winter
Break

1/7 - classes resume

Tiger Tales is the semi-monthly publication of the Frostwood PTA. Submissions for the next Tiger Tales are due every other Thursday before the next Tuesday issue. Please submit articles to:
lisacaroline123@gmail.com

FROSTWOOD GENERAL NEWS

HELP FROSTWOOD MOVE! - Thank you to everyone that has signed up to help the teachers move! More dates have been added to the Frostwood signup genius to help the teachers get settled into the NEW Frostwood Campus. Ms. Branon really needs help with getting the Library set and ready to go for the kids, and the Kindergarten teachers need to get their rooms set up. Please consider volunteering a little bit of your time to help, even if it is for only an hour. We appreciate all of your help! [Click here to sign up!](#) **Students are not allowed on the new campus with volunteering parents until December 19th.

SACK LUNCHES IN CAFETERIA DURING MOVING WEEK - The school cafeteria will serve only sack lunches during our moving week December 16-20. [Click here](#) to see a sample menu.

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

PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN EACH JACKET! - Put your child's last name in each jacket! When the PTA went through the 160 coats and jackets in the lost-and-found box last spring, only 3!! had names in them. Teachers tell us that kids constantly say, "That looks like my jacket but can't be -- I'm sure my mom lost mine in the laundry or somewhere." Grab a permanent marker and put your child's last name in each jacket now!

SBISD PTA REFLECTIONS NIGHT - All Frostwood families are invited to support our school's winners at the SBISD PTA Reflections Night at Barnes and Noble (Town and Country) on **Monday, December 9th at 5:00pm**. All of the District Award of Excellence winners will have the opportunity to present their artwork to their parents, friends and community members. Music Composition, Dance Composition and Literature winners can perform their pieces for the audience. Film Production movies will be shown on a laptop. The artwork and photography will be displayed throughout the week. Plus, a portion of all purchases made that night will go toward the SBISD Council of PTAs scholarship fund. It's a great way to support our school and community as well as get inspiration for next year's contest.



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.

MUSIC NEWS

TALENT DAYS - Talent Days in music classes during the last week of school before the break-**December 16-20th**. Those students who take piano, guitar, violin, or another instrument privately may perform for their music classes. Students may also sing a solo or duet for their music class. *Julie Sykes and Ann Novero*

Volunteer Substitute Program: Next Dates are January 14th and 15th

Thank you to *Jill Kolb, Jackie Longo, Heather Merritt, Katherine Moore and Brenda-Lee Ravdel* for subbing on October 16, 2013. We couldn't have done it without you!!

- It's easy**: if you can host a birthday party or coach an athletic practice, you can spend a few hours in a classroom.
- It's fun**: you can meet your kids' friends and get an inside look at the classroom. And you can explore our new building firsthand!!
- It's valuable to our school**: every hour you spend is money saved for Frostwood.

Donate your time to substitute teach in classrooms while our teachers participate in training events. In order to qualify to volunteer in this program: You fill out a short form with personal information. The district will give you a "Fast Pass" to take to a local business office for fingerprinting. The cost is about \$50.00. You must complete a 5-hour online training seminar provided by the district. The training costs \$25. Please go to the Frostwood PTA website under the "Get Involved" tab and click on Volunteer Substitute Teachers. If you have any questions, contact Barbara Drumheller at barbaradrumheller@gmail.com or 713-504-4492.

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 all of the holiday indulgences, here is an easy healthy recipe from HEALTH magazine. It will give you energy and keep you full:

Cherry Cobbler - Warm 1 cup frozen pitted cherries in a saucepan or microwave and dust with 1/8 tsp. cinnamon. Work 1/4 cup old-fashioned rolled oats into 2 Tbsp. almond butter to create a crumble. Sprinkle over warm cherries.

Healthy Holidays - It's that time of year, cooler temperatures, holiday parties, comfort food and tasty treats. It would be easy to let healthy eating habits slide, but holidays can still be healthy. Click [here](#) to learn about 13 comfort foods that can help you burn fat.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Mutlu Yillar! Joyeuses fetes! Frohe Feiertage! God ferie! Felices Feistas! Happy Holidays! - Are you traveling over Winter Break? Or hanging out at home rummaging through your closets? The I-Fest Committee would greatly appreciate your help gathering decorations and displays for next year's Festival. To celebrate the fabulous new venue, we are looking for any and all items related to famous and cultural landmarks—**maps, posters, models, etc.** Back by popular demand this year: country-themed tents! As we have a limited number of tents available, *please let us know ASAP if you are interested in decorating a tent this year.* And don't forget to start thinking about those parade costumes...it's not too early! Stay tuned for our kick-off meeting in January. If you have any questions, please contact Mimi Luc (mimiluc@comcast.net), Lisa Lauter (chiplaut@comcast.net), or Virginia Johnson (freytesfamily@hotmail.com).

GREEN TIGERS NEWS

NEXT GREEN TIGERS MEETING - will be on **January 9th** in the library of our new Frostwood! If you are on the waiting list, or would like to join, please email Lisa Lauter (chiplaut@comcast.net).

TIPS FOR A GREEN HOLIDAY - The Green Tigers have learned a lot about recycling and the environment over the last few years! Here are some tips to keep our planet healthier over the holidays.

Make a commitment this holiday season to REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE and RETHINK!

- Save valuable landfill space and Recycle your Christmas Tree at the end of the season. Click on this link to find out how http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/christmastree_recycling.html
- Don't just trash 'em, E-cycle broken holiday lights. Check out www.earth911.com/recycling and enter your zip code in the "Recycling Locator" box half way down the page.
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- Reuse those cute (and expensive) gift bags and ribbons by saving them for next year.
- When possible, try to choose products with less packaging and try to bring your own bags when shopping.
- Some packaging is unavoidable so Recycle as much as possible.
 - Boxes and Paper – drop off in the Yellow/Green Abitibi Bins at School
 - Plastic Air Pillow type packing – have the kiddos pop them and take them with your used plastic bags for recycling at Randalls, HEB
 - Styrofoam packing peanuts can be recycled for free at local UPS stores.
- Finally, when finished frying that yummy turkey, please don't dump your grease/oil down the drain (it wreaks havoc on pipes and sewers in the neighborhood). Instead, save it in a container and take it with your other recyclables to a depot near you <http://earth911.com/recycling/cooking-oil/>

Happy Holidays from the Frostwood Green Tigers!!!

SISTER SCHOOL SOLUTION

CLEANING CLOSETS? COATS & SHOES NEEDED FOR HOUSMAN! - When you are making space for the new things that you will be adding to your home this month, consider donating your gently used/new coats and shoes to our sister school, **Housman Elementary**. Two bins have been placed by the front office for your convenience. We will be collecting **through December 16**.

If you have already organized those closets and would still like to help our sister school, consider donating \$5 or \$10 **gift cards** to Wal-Mart or Target. Housman plans to distribute them to the families in their school. Drop those at the front office at Frostwood **through December 12th**. Thanks for helping Housman!!!

HOUSMAN CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE - For those that are unfamiliar with the Giving Tree it is a VOLUNTARY opportunity for the staff and volunteers to help some of our families in need during Christmas time. Gift Cards from Wal-mart or Target can be purchased in increments of \$5 or \$10. The total amount is entirely up to you but please do purchase in these increments so as to disperse as evenly as possible to the families. Prior to Christmas vacation Mr. Reyes will distribute to the families accordingly. Why Wal-mart or Target? This way our families can do all their shopping at one place and possibly buy some groceries if needed. Family's grocery bills will go up those 2 weeks with their kids being on vacation and we can possibly be a double blessing. Also, there are 2 Wal-marts and a Target nearby.

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

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 Winter Concert at the Westchester Auditorium

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

Thursday, December 19th 6:30-7:00 p.m. Optional caroling at the NEW FROSTWOOD BUILDING during the open house.

Please wear uniforms for ALL the above performances.