

# TIGER TALES

FROSTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/12214 MEMORIAL DRIVE, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77024

## SPECIAL DATES

**4/16** - Picnic for the Planet

**4/17** - KSHAC Meeting @ 7:15 in Library

**4/18** - Holiday, no school

**4/22 & 4/23** - STAAR Testing

**4/25** - Kindergarten field trip; last day to buy I-Fest tickets

**4/29** - Parade of Nations

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:  
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## FROSTWOOD GENERAL NEWS

**STAAR TESTING** - Please remember that there are **no lunch visitors** allowed on campus during STAAR Testing April 22 and 23.

**PROJECT STUDY UPDATE** - At the Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, PTA meeting, a Project Study vote was held regarding staff positions. For the 2014-2015 school year, the PTA will utilize Project Study monies to fund:

- a full-time math specialist
- a full-time reading intervention specialist
- a full-time Spanish instructor
- a part-time counselor (which will provide Frostwood a full-time counselor on campus).

Funding of para-professionals, teacher wish lists, and project study requests will be recommended and voted on during the May 8<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Keri Bassett at [keribassett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:keribassett@sbcglobal.net) or 713-824-3614.

**PTA BYLAWS UPDATE** - We will be voting on the updated Bylaws and Standing Rules at our May 8th general PTA meeting so please take a moment to review these documents on our website. The only change we will be proposing is Article XIII. Regular Meetings, Section 1.A. We are including the months of October and April in our list of scheduled meetings so the proposed amendment reads as follows:

*Section 1.A. Meetings of the association shall be held in the months of August, October, November, February, April, and May, time and date to be established by executive board. Five (5) days' notice shall be given if change of date is needed. The membership shall be notified through regular publicity channels of the date and time of all association meetings following the first meeting of the executive board at which time this schedule is determined.*

**PTA MINUTES NOW ONLINE** -The Minutes from the April 2, 2014 General PTA Meeting are posted on the [Frostwood PTA website](#) and are password protected. The password is Tigers13. Please contact Connie Jones at [cfloresjones@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cfloresjones@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions or comments. The Minutes will be approved at the next General PTA meeting on Thursday, May 8, 2014.

## **FROSTWOOD GENERAL NEWS**

**PICNIC FOR THE PLANET- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16** - Join your student during their regular lunch time for Frostwood's third annual school wide Picnic for the Planet to celebrate Earth Month! All students will be eating lunch with their class outside on this date and parents are welcome to bring a picnic and attend with their child. (*This is not an auction party – all students will be eating outside with their class this day.*) Please help teach your children about reducing waste by packing a **Trashless** lunch (use reusable containers, creating little or no trash), and recycling as much as possible. Sack lunches will be available for students who normally buy their lunch. Parents are invited to park in the *Gessner parking lot* that day and sign-in will take place at the entrance near the gym/bus circle. *Bring a blanket* or towel to sit on and come and enjoy a picnic lunch to celebrate Earth Month with your child. See page 21 of the directory for your child's lunch time.

**WALK, BIKE, SCOOT TO SCHOOL DAY A SUCCESS!** - Thanks to everyone who participated in Frostwood's First Walk, Bike, Scoot to School Day last Friday April 11<sup>th</sup>. Out of 685 students, a total of 492 or 72% used "Feet not Fuel" to get to school last Friday!! It was a beautiful day, the bike racks were overflowing and the sidewalks were full of happy kids and families! (For comparison, the Green Tiger kids did a baseline survey on April 10<sup>th</sup> and only 177 or 26 % walked or biked on a non- Walk, Bike, Scoot to school day.) Thank-you to all the parents, staff and volunteers who helped make this event a success! Happy Earth Month!

**GIRLS ON THE RUN NEEDS YOUR SHOES!** - GOTR wants your used tennis shoes (no holes, tears, or broken soles, tied together with shoe laces) for their service project for spring 2014. It will benefit Max's Cure! Since the Max Cure Foundation began, it has been driving awareness and raising money for pediatric cancer causes which includes research, along with helping low-income and military families in various states across the country during their financial struggle while their child is in active treatment. We will have a school wide contest and class or classes with most donations will get something fantastic besides personal gratification for helping children and their families. For more information please go to their website at [www.dunkyourkicks.org](http://www.dunkyourkicks.org) or [www.MaxCure.org](http://www.MaxCure.org). Thank you! *Amy Root, Emily Beaman, Barbra Perry, Julie Vanderhorst, Nancy Musgrove and Carol Pietrech and the Girls!*

**RUNNING FOR THE ARTS - RUN FOR: Fun! Our Arts Department! The Super Cool Toe Tag!**  
There are many ways to sign up for this fun 5K event: [click here](#) for the attached form, see the form in your oldest child's backpack, grab a hard copy in the school office, or visit [www.runningforthearts.com](http://www.runningforthearts.com). Contact Kristin Martin at 7130870-9166 or [krisonrobinlake@gmail.com](mailto:krisonrobinlake@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**IT'S LOVE, ALMOST...WITH STRATFORD'S "ALMOST MAINE"** - Stratford Playhouse finishes their season with "Almost Maine", a play by John Cariani, which consists of nine short vignettes that explore love and loss in a mythical town. Almost, Maine is a town that's so far north, it's almost not in the United States-- it's almost Canada. And it almost doesn't exist, because it's residents never got around to organizing. So it's just...Almost. One cold, clear night in the middle of winter, while the northern lights hover in the sky above, Almost's residents find themselves falling in and out of love in the strangest ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. Love is lost, found, and confounded. And life for the people of Almost, Maine will never be the same. Tickets are \$16 in advance. **Performances will be at 7:30 pm, April 25-26 and May 1-3, with a matinee on May 3 at 2:30pm.** Tickets for "Almost Maine" are available to purchase online, or can be purchased at the Box Office beginning Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to buy tickets, go to [www.shsplayhouse.org](http://www.shsplayhouse.org) or call 713-251-3449.

## **ART NEWS**

**The annual Spring Art Exhibit** will take place at the Spring Branch Art Museum. The museum is located behind the t-shacks at the Transition Campus. Viewing dates for this year are: April 17, 22, 24 and 29 from 10-4:00pm. Evening viewing will be April 30 from 5-7:30pm. I will have a list of participating students in the next Tiger Tales. *Jane Salinas, Art Specialist*

# The PTA needs YOU!!!

- Do you know what Frostwood's biggest fundraiser is, by far? **AUCTION!**
- Do you know how it is possible for Frostwood to have:
  - a math specialist
  - a reading intervention specialist **AUCTION!**
  - a Spanish instructor
  - funds to give Frostwood a full-time counselor
  - paraprofessionals to enhance the learning experience through their assistance in the classroom?
- Do you know how much of the technology that our students enjoy is funded? **AUCTION!**
- What is one of the highlights of the Frostwood social calendar? **AUCTION!**

Do any of the following describe you?

- Fun
- Creative
- Organized
- Like to meet new people / make new friends
- Feel blessed to have your children at such an amazing school

If one or more of these can be attributed to you, then you ARE QUALIFIED to be one of our auction chairs. Gather your friends, form a committee and support Frostwood. You pick the theme and organize your committee in a way that works best for you. Former auction committee heads are willing and available to support and help you.

Please contact Keri Bassett, Incoming 2014-2015 President, at [keribassett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:keribassett@sbcglobal.net) or 713-824-3614 if you want to be part of the team. Thank you to everyone for supporting the Frostwood PTA!

## I-FEST & PARADE OF NATIONS NEWS



Great, wide-ranging food, new and returning favorites for entertainment, crafts, soccer shoot-out, AND the famous scavenger hunt -- in other words, an entertaining evening with your friends and Frostwood school families at this very popular and wonderful evening for a bargain 1-ticket-gets-you-everything price! BUT, ONLY IF YOU BUY YOUR TICKETS IN TIME! Ticket sales are underway but END SATURDAY, APRIL 26. Buy on-line at [frostwoodpta.com](http://frostwoodpta.com). You don't want to miss this relaxing and fun tradition!

Your I-Fest team has been busy transforming the school with flags, art, and learning opportunities -- especially check out the library, the cafeteria, and the many country-specific display cases through the school, if you have a chance to walk through in April. The kids seem to be enjoying and commenting on the new sights as they travel the halls, visit the library, or eat lunch.

The next I-Fest activity is the Parade of Nations on Tuesday, April 29. Remember to sign up your child for free at [frostwoodpta.com](http://frostwoodpta.com) before it is too late! Your child's costume can be traditional/folk or modern, serious or funny. The whole school turns out for this fun event! The sooner we know which country your child will represent, the sooner we can be sure that we have the flag and country sign so do the quick and easy sign-up now.

## **FROSTWOOD: WHERE DREAMS ARE BUILT -FIELD DAY 2014**

When: May 23<sup>rd</sup> with more details coming soon

Where: The Hardtop & surrounding playground areas

Why: For a healthy dose of classroom competition and *tasty treats*

How: With support from our generous community

Are you looking for a way to advertise your business? Would your family like to give a show of support for fantastic Frostwood Field Day fun? The Frostwood PTA produces more than 800 t-shirts for our Field Day participants, teachers and staff, and we would love to advertise your business or family on the back of our 800+ t-shirts.

Please consider a tax-deductible donation to our PTA in support of this awesome annual event! The Frostwood PTA is a 501(c)(3) organization and therefore, your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Click here for a donation form: <http://frostwoodpta.com/?p=3337>

Your fantastic & fun Field Day Co-Chairs:

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## **HEALTHY LIFESTYLES NEWS**

### **HEALTHY LIFESTYLES NEWS - PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE NEXT MEETING DATE:**

We will have our final meeting of the year on **Tuesday, May 6th at 11:00am, in the community room at FWE**. This is a change from the April 17th meeting. Due to multiple conflicts, there will not be an April meeting. Please plan to attend since we will be wrapping up this year and going over plans for the next. If you are interested in becoming a part of Healthy Lifestyles for next year, you are welcome to come the meeting to learn more about it.

**KSHAC** - The next KSHAC meeting will be this **Thursday, April 17th at 7:15am** in the FWE library. If you currently have a 3rd grader that is interested in being a part of KSHAC for the next school year, they are invited to attend the MAY 8th KSHAC meeting at 3:00pm in the garden, where Mark Anderson, a local bee keeper will be talking about the importance of bees and pollination to our food supply. He will be bringing a live bee hive with him. Prospective 3rd graders are also invited to attend the May 15th meeting at 7:15am in the FWE library. If your 3rd grader has an interest in attending one or both of these meetings, please contact Heather Rexrode [hrexrode@yahoo.com](mailto:hrexrode@yahoo.com) or Marion Thames [marion.thames@springbranchisd.com](mailto:marion.thames@springbranchisd.com).

**HEALTHY RECIPE** - [Click here](#) for a healthy spring recipe, Melon Prosciutto Salad with Parmegiano-Reggiano.



## **GREEN TIGERS NEWS**

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING SUCCESS** - A huge thanks to the Zhang family and all the other volunteers who came out to help with Frostwood's first E-Cycle event! With the support of Frostwood families and friends in the community, we collected over 3500 lbs of old electronics that will be responsibly recycled at Compucycle. If you missed the chance to recycle your old electronics, you will be happy to know that CompuCycle has partnered with the City of Houston to provide Houstonians with a FREE and CONVENIENT way to recycle their electronic waste. There are currently 41 DROP off locations around the Greater Houston area! Visit [dropoff.houstontx.gov](http://dropoff.houstontx.gov) to find a location near you.

**NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting for Green Tigers will be held on **Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:15am** in the library. We are delighted to have the President of Compucycle coming to teach the kids what happens to the Electronics after they have been collected. We will learn what it means to recycle following the R2 guidelines and why it's so important that electronics don't end up in the landfill.

## **KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

**Field Trip to the Houston Arboretum** - Kindergarten is excited to go on a field trip to the Houston Arboretum and Nature Center on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like to chaperone. Please make sure your child wears tennis shoes and a Frostwood Shirt (or colors) to the field trip. Be sure your child to send your child with a sack lunch and a snack.

## **1st GRADE NEWS**

There is no 1st grade specific news at this time. Stay tuned!

## **2nd GRADE NEWS**

There is no 2nd grade specific news at this time. Stay tuned!

## **3rd GRADE NEWS**

There is no 3rd grade specific news at this time. Stay tuned!

## **4th GRADE NEWS**

There is no 4th grade specific news at this time. Stay tuned!

## **5th GRADE NEWS**

**GRADUATION SWIM PARTY!** - Calling all FWE 5th Graders! Let's celebrate our wonderful time together at Frostwood. 5th Grade Graduation Swim Party will be on Thursday May 22nd at 3:30pm. Details went home in backpacks this week. Please be sure to send form and check back to your child's teacher. If you have any questions, please contact Sherri Arbour or Christina Morse.

### **CHOIR PERFORMANCE DATES -**

**Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> is the annual SBISD Elementary Choir Festival** which will be during the day at Spring Woods High School. We will be assigned either a morning time, 9:30-11:30 or an afternoon time, 11:45-1:30. We will send a permission slip when we learn of our assigned time. Parents are invited to come and hear us sing as well. During this festival, our district elementary choirs sing 2-3 choral pieces for some judges and for each other in the auditorium.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the first Frostwood Farewell concert in our new building on **Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Our theme is We are Tigers hear us ROAR!** The students have been helping me choose our pieces, and even writing some parodies to popular songs. Students who wish to have a special part for our program may be asked to stay after school or come before school for rehearsals. ***Students who wish to illustrate our printed program may submit a drawing in black ink on white paper that reflects the songs or theme of our program. This illustration can be submitted any time between now and May 5<sup>th</sup>.***

As always, if you have questions for me, feel free to email me at [Julie.sykes@springbranchisd.com](mailto:Julie.sykes@springbranchisd.com)