

TIGER TALES

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

SPECIAL DATES

4/29 - Parade of Nations

5/1 & 5/2- Hop To It Reading Parties

5/2 - I-FEST

5/5-5/9 - Staff Appreciation Week

5/6 - Healthy Lifestyles Meeting @ 11:00

5/7 - Walk, Bike or Scoot to School ; 5th Grade Slideshow Pictures Due

5/8 - Green Tigers Meeting @ 7:15 in Library; PTA Meeting 11:30 am; KSHAC Meeting in the Garden

5/9 - Pink Piggy Day

5/12-5/15- Scholastic Book Fair

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

LAST CALL FOR I-FEST TICKETS- WILL SELL AT PARADE - If you had to wait to figure out your family's schedule and then ran out of time to buy your I-Fest tickets, you have ONE LAST CHANCE even though on-line sales have closed! We will have tickets available to purchase at the Parade of Nations on **Tuesday, April 29**, both shortly before the Parade, and during clean-up after. We are not allowed to sell tickets on the day of the I-Fest dinner, so please plan ahead and buy at the Parade! If you have any questions, please contact I-Fest ticket coordinator Tori Shahbazi at thamvatan@yahoo.com.

LAST PTA MEETING - The last PTA meeting of the year will be on **Thursday, May 8th at 11:30am**. Come enjoy lunch while we vote on the 2014-2015 budget, honor Lifetime PTA members and install the 2014-2015 Executive Board. You won't want to miss it! *Tracey Rogan, PTA President*

PTA BYLAWS UPDATE - Please plan on attending the **May 8th General PTA meeting as we be voting on our updated Bylaws and Standing Rules**. You may find the documents in their entirety on our website. The two Bylaws amendments are as follows, however, you may view these documents prior to our meeting in their entirety on our website:

AMENDMENT: Article V. Membership and Dues, Section 2.A. - Dues

Article V. Section 2.A. Amend to reflect an increase in local dues

Proposed amendment:

Section 2.A. Annual dues for each member shall be five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50) for the local portion of dues plus state dues as determined by Texas PTA and national dues as determined by National PTA.

Rationale: To help fund our operating budget plus there has not been an increase to local dues for many years.

AMENDMENT: Article XIII. Meetings, Section 1.A. - Regular Meetings

Article XIII, Section 1.A. Amend by adding the months of October and April.

Proposed amendment:

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.

Rationale: To correctly reflect the months our association meets."

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PROJECT STUDY UPDATE - Please plan on attending the Thursday, May 8th, PTA meeting. A Project Study recommendation and vote will be held regarding para-professionals, staff wish lists, and project study requests for the 2014-2015 school year. If you have any questions, please contact Keri Bassett at keribassett@sbcglobal.net or 713-824-3614.

HOP TO IT - Let's reward our young readers for a job well done!! The Hop to It library reading parties are going to be held on **Thursday, May 1st for kindergarten and Friday, May 2nd for 1st and 2nd grades**. Both parties will be held from 2:10 - 2:35 in the cafeteria. Green is the theme, so hop on over!! Parent volunteers, as always, are much appreciated. Please contact Courtenay Nichols (courtenaynichols@gmail.com) or Felicia Beaver (fgonzalez932002@yahoo.com) with questions or to volunteer your time. Thanks!

2014-2015 SPIRITWEAR - Spirit Wear is coming May 12th. Samples will be available beginning the week of May 5th. Questions? Contact Carol Pinera at cjpinera@sbcglobal.net

NATIONAL BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY- MAY 7TH - On May 7th, Frostwood will be participating in the National Bike to School Day by having our 2nd Walk, Bike, Scoot to School Day. After a very fun and successful event in April, we encourage all Tigers to participate on May 7th by using "Feet not Fuel" to get to school! Be part of this National movement promoting healthy habits and a cleaner environment. To participate, plan to walk, bike or scoot to school that day and join fellow classmates. Parents are encouraged to participate, skip long carpool lines and enjoy some exercise with their kids that morning. For those living too far away, we encourage you to drive part way to a friend's house and walk with them. Please remind your student to wear a bike helmet if riding and follow the street safety tips that Officer Miller taught them on April 7th. Bikes, skates, and scooters must be waked, not ridden, on campus. Additional police will be patrolling that morning and afternoon to help ensure student safety.

AND THIS YEAR'S AWARD GO TO??? - We would like to congratulate this years recipients of the PTA Lifetime Achievement Awards. Please join us at the final PTA Meeting Thursday, May 8 at 11:30 to honor these outstanding individuals.

Marilyn Blakely
Janna Altmann
Aimee Dodson
Sharalynn Fenn
Susan McMillan
Tracey Rogan
Julie Sheets
Inga Smith

STUDENT COUNCIL CAR WASH CLEANS UP! - Thanks to all the student council members, parents & teachers for making our car wash such a success. Thanks to your generosity, we will make a donation to our sister school, Housman Elementary.

STRATFORD ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM WITH WORLD CLASS ROCK VIOLINIST-
Stratford Orchestra students plan to break the traditional orchestra mold with their upcoming "Electrify Your Strings" rock concert on April 25th at Coleman Coliseum. Electric violinist, Brigid Bibbens, who has performed with the Trans-Siberian Orchestra and Christina Aguilera, will play with the students as they perform well-known rock tunes with their electrified instruments. Some of these tunes include *Yellow Submarine*, *Runaway Baby*, *Radioactive*, *Eleanor Rigby*, *Enter Sandman*. In addition to the 115 Stratford musicians orchestra students from schools in the nearby area have been invited to participate. Memorial Middle School and Spring Forest Middle School students will perform music with the older students. The April 25th concert will begin at 7 pm at Coleman Coliseum (1050 Dairy Ashford, Houston). Tickets can be purchased at the Stratford Orchestra website : www.stratfordorchestra.org Adults: \$12 (\$15 after April 14) Students: \$5 Proceeds will benefit SBISD Orchestra Programs in the Stratford Zone. For more information, contact Michael Fahey at 713-251-3428 or 832-971-6375 (cell) or michael.fahey@springbranchisd.com

LIBRARIAN'S CORNER

SCHOLASTIC SUMMER READING BOOK FAIR - Summer is on the horizon and our students are getting prepared for their trips and summer reading. We will have a Scholastic Book Fair our new library from **May 12-15th!** The focus of this fair is to get the students excited about summer reading. We will have summer reading lists at the fair and books available for you to purchase from them. There will be Bluebonnet and other award winning books galore! Here is the link to the book fair homepage. <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/frostwoodelementaryschool>

Parents, grandparents, and friends may buy books **online from April 26-May 16th**. Scholastic will deliver books you buy online to the students. You will need to use our Frostwood Home Page to access the online fair. There is not a code. If you would like to volunteer for the fair, please email Brenda Ravdel. She will have the schedule for students previewing and buying. Please see the PTA website for the class schedule. The books will be delivered to the school before school is out.

HOP TO IT- Students in grades K-2nd grade will be HOPPING for reading at the Hop To It party on **May 1st and 2nd**. Courtenay Nichols and Felicia Beaver are the chairs for our very fun reading parties. Please see them to volunteer.

ART NEWS

April and May have and will be busy months for Frostwood artists. The following students represented Frostwood at the annual Spring Art Show. They were:

K – Anna Busa

1st – Viet Ha

2nd – Sam Robishaw

3rd – Eubin Tak, Victoria Zhao, Caroline Zaleski and Camila Trujillo

4th – Brayden Beardsley, Mia Thames, Julianna Jefferson and Charin Lee

5th – Ashley Thompson, Erin Tak, Pooneh Rahimi, Grace Cali, Phillip Liou, Chase Dalton, Mikala Glascock, Margot Thevoux-Chabuel and Cameron Fuller

Running for the Arts will be Saturday, May 3. Don't forget to sign up! Thank you to 5th grader Kingsley Wallace, 4th grader Addison Overall and 3rd grader Kenneth Tuan for donating their artwork to the auction. Stop by the mall to view many other pieces donated by elementary, middle and high school students through out the district. Place the highest bid and take a few home!

Also, thank you to *Saumya Singh, Kaitlin DeFazio and Abigail Peyton*. These three students participated in **TEAM (Texas Elementary Art Meet)**. All three students will receive Award of Achievement Ribbons. Additionally, Saumya's work was selected as Best of TEAM and will be recognized at an upcoming Board meeting.

Congratulations to everyone! *Jane Salinas, Art Specialist*

GREEN TIGERS NEWS

The next Green Tigers meeting will be on **Thursday May 8th** at 7:15am in the library. Compucycle will be coming to teach us what happens to all the electronics that are collected. Our last meeting of this school year will be on Thursday May 24th and we hope to celebrate with a pot luck breakfast and slide show.

In the meantime, to keep our Green Tigers engaged and doing some community service for Frostwood and the Environment, we have the following events that we need a little help with.

On May 3rd, Green Tigers have been asked to help set up the **Recycling Bins for IFEST**. This job will only take about 30 minutes in the morning to put bin liners in each bin and strategically place them. At the end of Ifest, it will take about 30 minutes to empty the bins and place the recyclables into the on-site collection bin in the Gessner parking lot. Please sign-up on the sign-up genius if you can help.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4BA8AD2EA20-ifest>

On May 7th, Frostwood will be participating in the **National Bike to School Day** by having our 2nd Walk, Bike, Scoot to School Day. We will need volunteers to hand out stickers again from 7:30-8am that morning. The kids had a lot of fun doing this so please consider signing up again! Our aim is to have monthly Walk, Bike, Scoot to School days next school year but this may be the last time we reward with stickers ☺.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4BA8AD2EA20-walk>

We are looking for a parent to step up to **Co-Chair the Go Green/Recycling Committee for 2014-2015**. This person will work alongside the current Co-Chair to coordinate school-wide recycling or environment events such as: America Recycles Day and Frostwood Recycles Week (October); Picnic for the Planet (April); Walk, Bike, Scoot to School Days; Annual E-Cycle Event (spring). All of these events have been held before and are not that labor intensive to organize. There is always scope to add more too! Please consider this meaningful way to be involved at Frostwood. Please let Lisa Lauter (chiplaut@comcast.net) or Keri Bassett (keribassett@sbcglobal.net) know if you are interested or have any questions.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES NEWS

We will have our final meeting of the year on **Tuesday, May 6th at 11:00am, in the conference room at FWE**. 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 NEWS - Bellaire BeeKeeper, Mark Anderson will be speaking to KSHAC and Green Tigers in the garden on **May 8th at 3:00pm** about the importance of bees and pollination to our food supply. He will be bringing a live bee hive with him. If your student is interested in attending, please send a note that day for them to go to the library after school. Parents are welcome to attend too!

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, with Mark Anderson. 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 or Marion Thames marion.thames@springbranchisd.com.

TEACHER APPRECIATION THANKS

In March, the teachers and staff were welcomed back from spring break with a "sweet spring" luncheon. They enjoyed turkey and Swiss rollers, chicken salad croissants, a berry balsamic spring salad, Greek chicken penne pasta salad, fresh fruit, iced tea, lemonade, brownies, lemon bars, strawberry bars, and raspberry cupcakes.

Special thanks to our hostesses for March- Jana Johnson, Regina Lane, and Julie Treadwell- we appreciate their help in planning and serving this sweet meal! Thank you to all of our committee members who helped make this luncheon possible, your contributions were enjoyed by our staff! Thank you to Colleen Amling, Sherri Arbour, Kristen Arnett, Deborah Berry, Heather Cody, Christy Engvall, Debbie Heath, Melissa Horn, Kim Krueger, Samantha Masucci, Julie Perry, Carol Pinera, Tracy Rogan, Heather Schueppert, and Evelyn Todd. We appreciate your willingness to make these special meals so sweet for our teachers and staff!

During two days of STAAR testing, our teachers and staff were treated to "grab and go" lunches by the Staff Appreciation Committee. On Tuesday, April 22nd, they enjoyed Chick Fil A sandwiches, brain power broccoli slaw, chips, sweet treats, and sodas. On Wednesday, April 23rd, they enjoyed boxes lunches from Which Wich.

We would like to give a special thanks to all of our committee members who made these two lunches special for our STAR staff! Thank you to Andrea Thompson, Teri DeFazio, Christina Morse, Laura Napier, Laynie Vandor, Min Hwang, Karen Lachaux, Lisa Johnson, Angela Stoehr, Julie Perry, Christina Linscomb, Kristi Robishaw, Mona Rio, Suzanne Farrow, Catalina Valdez, and Gigi Semine. Your contributions toward this lunch made it shine for our teachers and staff!

Kim Overall and Heather Springer, Staff Appreciation Chairs

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kindergarten is looking forward to Pink Piggy Day on May 9th! We will be celebrating with a picnic lunch at 11:00. Stay tuned for details!

1st GRADE NEWS

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

2nd GRADE NEWS

Stay up to date with 2nd Grade News on our grade level blog at <http://fweteacher2.blogspot.com>

3rd GRADE NEWS

Stay up to date with 3rd Grade News on our grade level blog at <http://fwe3rdgrade.wordpress.com/author/fwe3rdgrade/>

4th GRADE NEWS

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

5th GRADE NEWS

GRADUATION SLIDE SHOW - It's getting close to 5th grade graduation and time to assemble the much anticipated 5th grade slide show! What we need from each family is a photo of your 5th grader when they were much younger...think toddler/preK/kinder photos. Please email me just ONE photo with the title of the file being the name of your child. Email to pam@txreynolds.com. We have a large amount of digital photos so far and we will make sure all students are equally featured. If you are one of those parents who has been taking pictures at every event this past year, I'd love to get copies of those photos too. Please email me so I can get those photos from you via flash drive or CD. I need these by May 7th to be included. *Pam Reynolds*

CHOIR NEWS - The Annual SBISD Elementary Choir Festival for the Frostwood Fifth Grade Chorus will be at Spring Woods High School on Wed. April 30th 9:30-11:15. Students will be receiving a permission slip about this field trip and are expected to wear their chorus uniforms to school on Wed. April 30th. Parents of 5th graders are invited to attend if they wish. The 5th Grade Sightreading Team members need to meet Mrs. Sykes in the music room at 7:20 a.m. on that day. *Julie Sykes, Music Teacher*

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.