

TIGER TALES

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

SPECIAL DATES

5/28 - GREAT program for 4th graders

5/29 - KSHAC meeting 7:15 in Library

5/30 - 3rd Grade Portfolio Sharing; Technology Showcase 8:15 am; DARE BBQ for 5th graders; 3rd Grade Wax Museum @ 1:30

6/3 - Kindergarten Talent Show

6/4 - deadline to pick up medications from the nurse

6/5 - Last Day of School-early dismissal @ 12:00 pm

6/14 - deadline to order school supplies

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Oh, what a year we've had! From the transition campus to our brand new, stunning Frostwood campus, we have made it through packing, moving and unpacking. Our amazing teachers and staff have made it look so easy! I am overwhelmed as I think about all of the successes we've had as a PTA this year. From our Fall Carnival to Book Fair, Boosterthon and Auction, we raised record funds for Frostwood. We also had record numbers attend IFest and had a record number of participants in the Reflections contest. Our Healthy Lifestyles committee continued to grow (literally by establishing our very own garden!) and Green Tigers continued our "go green" efforts through expanded recycling opportunities. So many committees worked tirelessly all year to accomplish so much! All of these successes are thanks to you – parents, teachers and staff – for chairing, attending, donating to and volunteering at PTA events all year. Thank you for making Frostwood the amazing school that it is by being part of PTA. Have a fun and restful summer. You deserve it! *Tracey Rogan*

2014-2015 TEACHER ANNOUNCEMENTS - Teacher announcement cards will be mailed to parents and students on August 15th. The Family Access website will be opened on August 19th to check online at <https://skyward.springbranchisd.com/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsEPlus/fwemnu01.w>

THE PTA NEEDS YOU! - Volunteer chair positions are still available for the 2014-2015 school year. Positions such as Auction, International Festival, Odyssey of the Mind, SBEF Liaison and Spelling Bee need the talents of our parent community to make next year a success! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Keri Bassett at keribassett@sbcglobal.net or 713-824-3614. Thank you to everyone for supporting the Frostwood PTA!

REIMBURSEMENTS - Last call for reimbursements! We are starting to close out the Frostwood PTA fiscal year. Please submit all receipts you have for PTA-related activities. Reimbursement forms are available on the Frostwood PTA website or in the PTA Treasurer mailbox in the teacher mail room. If you've already submitted a request, your check will be left for you in the PTA Treasurer mailbox within 1-2 weeks of when you leave the request. If you think you're missing a reimbursement check, please let me know! *Suzanne Farrow, Treasurer*

FROSTWOOD GENERAL NEWS

2014-2015 SPIRITWEAR IS ON SALE! - Spirit Wear is on sale now on the PTA website. Don't forget to purchase your Field Trip T-Shirt as well as other spirit wear items! All items will be delivered during the 1st week of school in the Fall. To make your purchase, visit the PTA School Store at: <http://frostwoodpta.com/store/>. Questions? Carol Pinera (cjpintera@sbcglobal.net) or Stacy Lord (lord_stacy@yahoo.com)

2014-2015 SCHOOL DIRECTORY INFORMATION - We are pleased to announce that the PTA will again be using the "My School Anywhere" directory management system to create the 2014-15 school directory. As our current school year comes to a close and we make preparations for the summer, we want to make sure that we have an accurate contact email for each Frostwood family. Please email Connie Jones at cfloresjones@sbcglobal.net if you: (1) Want to change your family's primary email address; or (2) Joined Frostwood after the 2013-14 directory went to print, so that we can add you to the directory database.

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR SCHOOL SUPPLIES? - The deadline is approaching and it's a busy time of year so order TODAY. If you order by the deadline, June 14th, your child will have their school supplies sitting on their desk the first day of school next year. If you miss the deadline, the supplies are not guaranteed to be there on the first day of school. Make your life (and your child's) easier by ordering TODAY! To order on-line: www.epipacks.com School ID FRO001 Make sure you select your child's grade for NEXT year. If you order the on-line packet all of the special order items are included. If you choose to buy your supplies on your own (lists are on the PTA website), you will need to send money for the special order items that are listed at the bottom. Questions? Lorie.Medlenka@att.net

CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND! - There are hundreds of jackets, sweatshirts, etc in the Lost & Found located in the Cafeteria. Some of these items are even labelled! Stop by and reunite with that long lost hoodie before the school year ends!

PICK UP MEDICATIONS FROM NURSE NANCY - As the 2013-2014 school year comes to a close, please remember that your student may have medications or other items in the Health room. Please make arrangements to pick up all items no later than June 4th, between 7:45 – 3:15. If your child takes a daily medication that is needed through the final day of classes, you may pick those up by noon on June 5th. Any medication left in the Health room after that time will be destroyed, per district guidelines. District policy also states that medications must be returned to the parent/guardian and not the student, in elementary school.

BOX TOPS - Please continue to clip, and paste your Box Tops onto the collection sheets over the summer break. You can find the collection sheets on the PTA website under fundraising/rebates. Contact Jana Johnson at jana.h.johnson@gmail.com with any questions.

CODE CAMP - SBISD is now offering a new computer camp as a test case to gauge interest in increasing future summer and school-year computer class options. This will be taught by 4 SBISD teachers (2 from MMS, 2 from Westchester) at the SBISD technology center, accepting up to 20 elementary and 20 middle school kids -- entering 4th through 8th grades next year. Camp is July 28 - 31, cost is \$200; 9:30am - 2:30pm, with additional time before/after for optional "computer play". As the linked [Code.org](#) video says, programming is the new superpower, and knowing the basics is valuable for anyone who will interact with computers (almost everyone!) -- and learning how to teach yourself is critical for anyone who may want to study computer science. The camp is designed to be fun and very hands on -- if your child brings his/her own computer, SBISD personnel will help to ensure any programs are loaded correctly so that their programming adventures can easily continue at home if they wish! Advertising for this camp is only just beginning this week -- if you are interested, apply quickly at <http://cms.springbranchisd.com/et/campcode/tabid/31162/default.aspx>

FREE SUMMER MEALS FROM SBISD - SBISD is offering free breakfast and lunch this summer for kids and teens ages 1-18. Click [here](#) for times and locations, and visit www.springbranchisd.com/cns for more information.



Summer Reading

Frostwood Parents,

Amidst your planning for great summer fun of well deserved travel and relaxation, don't forget summer reading for your children. Summer reading is so very important for a child's reading development (read Scholastic letter included concerning the "summer slide").

You child will be receiving several reading logs and information on several summer activities around our community including a chance to earn free books from Barnes & Noble, public library programs, and Scholastic. Houston Public Library has free e-books that can be downloaded for two weeks at a time. Read books while on vacation, traveling to and fro, swimming & fishing, at camp or just hanging around. Children can read to a friend, a brother or sister, a grandparent to make it fun. You can also get a few kids together and start a summer book club! The books you have at home and the public library can be a great source to use to catch up on recreational reading for your child before school starts again in August.

The summer reading party at school put on by Courtenay Nichols and Felicia Beaver, Summer Reading Co-Chairs, in September is going to be fun with ice cream and free drawings for books, and more. The Tiger Reading Log will be the record we will use for keeping track of summer reading. This is included in the materials sent home. A page outlining grade level expectations from teachers is included in the Summer Reading Packet also. These expectations will also be included in report cards with a letter from your teacher. Please email me if you have any questions. ☺ Happy Reading this summer!

***Important: You can write the same books on all of the incentive records in order to get the credit for reading the same books.** Check my website as I will include links to reading records to copy and websites to find books. I will also have a blog for your children to read what Mrs. Branon is reading and thinking this summer.

<http://fwe.springbranchisd.com/Library/tabid/16998/Default.aspx>

Lisa Branon, Frostwood Librarian

MUSIC NEWS

During the week of Tuesday May 27-May 30th the music classes in Kinder, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grades will have Talent Days in the Block Classes and in short music with Mrs. Novero and Mrs. Sykes. The Monday classes' block and short music talent days will be on June 2nd.

Fourth Graders Talent Days: All 4th grade classes during the week of Tuesday May 27- May 30th will hold Recorder Recitals for their parents and for each other during their block music time. The Monday Classes' recorder recital time will be on June 2nd.

During the 4th graders' short music time with Mrs. Novero, the students may perform other musical talents that they wish to share.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES NEWS

KSHAC NEWS - The final KSHAC meeting for the year will be held Thursday, May 29th at 7:15am in the FWE library. We will have a slide show to look back on all the accomplishments of the Council this school year.

Current 3rd graders interested in joining KSHAC for the 2014-2015 school year are also invited to attend the meeting. Thank you KSHAC parents for making the extra effort all year to get your students to the morning meetings.

SUMMER HEALTH TIPS FOR KIDS - If there is one thing that kids look forward to almost as much as Christmas, it's summer break. With the end of the school year also comes the end of something many parents rely on for fostering healthy habits: structure. Good habits are made easier with the help of a daily routine, but all too often they can take a summer break of their own, leaving growing bodies lacking what they need to stay fit. Here are a few tips for keeping healthy over the break.

- **Don't Skip Breakfast.** A wholesome breakfast gives kids the boost they need to start their day and stay energized. Avoid sugary cereals and processed snacks. Opt for whole grains, fresh fruit, steel cut oats and lean protein.
- **Stick to Good Sleeping Habits.** Getting enough sleep is essential for healthy digestion, metabolism and brain function, so make sure kids stick to a set bedtime and wake-up routine.
- **Get Plenty of Exercise.** Kids who stay active are less likely to become overweight and have problems with weight-related illness. Active kids have also been shown to better handle physical and emotional changes, have better sleeping habits, and develop stronger bones and muscles.
- **Keep Brain Cells Sharp.** Mental exercise is just as important as physical exercise when it comes to optimal health. Encourage kids to read books, create scavenger hunts, or keep a journal about what they did over the summer.
- **Essential Supplements.** A healthy body begins with good digestion, so it's important that kids get the nutrients they need to digest their food properly, absorb nutrients, and eliminate waste effectively and efficiently. Daily supplementation with fiber, probiotics, and digestive enzymes can help kids get the nutritional support they need for better digestion and overall health.

Have a Happy and Healthy Summer!

Info from: brendawatson.com

CHARACTER WITHOUT QUESTION AWARD

The Character Without Question Award is a unique and special recognition given by the Spring Branch Independent School District to honor one student from each school who possess and exhibits outstanding character. These are responsible students who consistently show respect, caring and kindness to everyone and are always ready to "do the right thing" in all situations.

At Frostwood this award is given by teachers and peers to a fifth grade student who consistently demonstrates the character traits defined by SBISD and the Frostwood Life Skills. A Character Without Question award winner is someone who "does the right thing, even when it would be easier to do something else." Frostwood's winner of the Character Without Question Award for this year is Katelyn Treadwell.

Katelyn was chosen by teachers and other 5th grade students for character traits such as responsibility, integrity, dependability, honesty and kindness. One of her 5th grade teachers said, "this student is kind to everyone, more kind than any student I have ever taught. At times I wonder if this student even knows how to be mean. Katelyn is always happy to help others and always has a positive attitude."

Students report that Katelyn always wants to include everyone. Her peers also report that Katelyn consistently does her personal best whether in the classroom or as a TAP & Patrol. Katelyn is not only liked by her peers, she is also respected by them. She consistently does the right thing when others seem to be doing other things.

Katelyn's classmates also report that Katelyn always tells the truth. Even when classmates are hesitant to be truthful, one can always count on Katelyn to tell the truth. Katelyn is a good role model for her friends and classmates, for she always follows the rules even when there is no adult present.

Katelyn has attended Frostwood since she was in Kindergarten and she has consistently exhibited the use of our Life Skills. She is kind and respectful and never puts anyone down. Katelyn is very trustworthy and doesn't even tell secrets. She is always willing to include everyone. Without question, Katelyn has the character worthy of this award.

Please join me in congratulating Katelyn Treadwell as Frostwood Elementary School's Character Without Question Award winner for the 2013-2014 school year.

Dorothy Thompson
Counselor

FIELD DAY 2014

FROSTWOOD: WHERE DREAMS ARE BUILT

This year's fabulously fun Frostwood Field Day took place on Friday, May 23rd and was a great success thanks to our fantastic Health Fitness teachers, Marion Thames, Lisa Castro, and Karen Martinez! These ladies are great and know how to organize a seriously fun series of relay races, games, and even a dress-the-teacher-for-summer competition!

Special thanks to Ms. Laura Whitnel, Mr. Jesse Ochoa, and Ms. Angela Moya for their support and assistance throughout the planning process. Thanks also to Lisa Lauter and Frostwood's Green Tigers for their assistance with recycling. Our Frostwood Field Day could not have run smoothly without *all* of our wonderful volunteers who kept the popcorn popping and the Kona Ice line running efficiently. KSHAC girls offered healthy snack alternatives of sliced fresh pineapple and watermelon - both of which were a wonderfully welcomed addition to our field day fare!

We are thankful for the help of our wonderful Frostwood Dad's Club, including David Baay, Tracy Hatz, Chris Jones, Kelly Landwermeyer, Dean Lane, and Jeff Stubbs.

We are so grateful to our most generous corporate and family sponsors for their support of Field Day, and we especially want to thank our lead sponsor, Latham & Watkins LLP for their extraordinary gift.

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Thanks to all for helping support our theme of Frostwood: Where Dreams Are Built. Now that our fabulous school structure is complete, we are grateful for the help with this longer-term construction project, the building of our future through the fulfillment of students' dreams.

*Kristen Arnett & Sharalynn Fenn
Field Day Co-Chairs 2014*

REFLECTIONS

PTA Creative Arts Contest

2014-2015 Theme: The World Would Be A Better Place If...

The National PTA Creative Arts contest, REFLECTIONS is a lovely program in which your child can draw, paint, write a story, poem or letter, make a photo or photo collage, compose music, choreograph a dance routine, or create a short film, to express the 2013 theme: **The World Would Be A Better Place If...**

Get An Early Start On Your Entry
Submit your entry by the end of the summer
and receive an Orange Leaf gift card!

All children who enter, along with their parents, will be invited to a special REFLECTIONS Cookie Celebration where refreshments will be served, winners will be announced and entries will be displayed. Your child will not want to be left out!

REFLECTIONS Cookie Celebration
Friday, December 5 at 2:00PM

[Click here for more information for the rules, categories etc.](#)

Frostwood's PTA Reflections 2014-2015 Chairs:

Heather Halaska, halaskah@sbcglobal.net
Heather Springer, hoosierheather@msn.com

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Mark your calendars for the Kindergarten Talent Show June 3rd at 8:30 a.m.!

1st GRADE NEWS

We are celebrating our great year in first grade with our "ABC" countdown to the last day of school! Each day something fun is planned for each letter. We started with "A" (bring your favorite stuffed animal) and will end with "Z" on June 5. That's when we "zoom" out of school and "zip" into our summer vacation!!! We enjoyed seeing so many families here for portfolio sharing and encourage you to visit again on May 30 at 8:15 for Technology Showcase.

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

Stay up to date with 4th Grade News on Ms. Janacek's blog at <http://www.janaceknews.blogspot.com>

5th GRADE NEWS

DARE BBQ - It's time to celebrate our 5th graders' graduation from the wonderful DARE program this year. This celebration will take place **Friday, MAY 30TH, not the 23rd** as I mistakenly posted in the previous Tiger Tales. Officer Miller and his friends will have a short "graduation" ceremony for the kids earlier that morning and then head to the hard top to begin cooking hamburgers for all our teachers and staff as well as hot dogs for our 5th graders during their normal Friday lunch schedules.

Following is a sign up genius link whereby we are asking for 4 volunteers from each class to help set up, serve and clean up for your specific class. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4BA4AA22A75-5thgrade>

Hayley Stewart and Laura Mireles, DARE Chairs

SWIM PARTY - Our 5th graders went out with a splash last week at Lakeside Country Club. The kids all enjoyed themselves while they ate, swam, danced and played games to celebrate saying "so long" to Frostwood and "hello" to middle school! We also had a pair of aqua flip flops and pink goggles left in the ladies locker room. If you think these belong to your child, please contact Hayley Stewart.

And a huge thank you to those parents that helped chaperone. You can never have too many eyes when you're responsible for 131 kids!

Thanks again! *Sherri Arbour, Christina Morse, Julie Sheets and Hayley Stewart*



Attention Parents of Rising 6th Graders Attending Memorial Middle School

Welcome to Memorial Middle School! For some of you, this might be another tour through this exemplary school, but for many, it may be your first experience. I want to introduce myself. My name is Beth Cole, and I am the MMS PTA President for the 2014-2015 school year. Two of my three daughters have been attending MMS for at least 4 combined years, and I can tell you firsthand what a wonderful principal, teachers and PTA the school is fortunate to have. In fact, the MMS PTA just won the Outstanding Secondary PTA Award and an Award of Excellence for the Outstanding Secondary Newsletter from the SBISD Council of PTAs!

Currently, the MMS PTA is filling positions for the 2014-2015 school year. I wanted to let parents of rising 6th graders know about some exciting Committee Chair positions still open and let you join in on the fun! The positions are very reasonable time-wise, usually have large committees and will always have full support of the MMS PTA Executive Committee. Please review the list, and if a position catches your eye, please respond to [me \(mmsptapres77024@gmail.com\)](mailto:mmsptapres77024@gmail.com).

- **International Club** (International Club is a club for MMS parents to immerse themselves in different nationality culture and cuisine (Cajun and New Orleans included!). There are nine lunches held throughout the school year, and the coordinators would be responsible for recruiting the hosts and assist in the lunches, as needed.) – 2 spots
- **Publicity** (working with local newspapers and magazines with MMS news and pictures. Chair will have the MMS photography class to assist with pictures and write-ups, chair will be responsible to submission) – 1 spot
- **Red Ribbon Week** (organizing the Red Ribbon Week activities tentatively set for October 20 – 24, 2014) – 2 spots
- **All School Party** (MMS hosts two All School Parties; one in early September and one in February. This position is assisting in setting up for the party, ordering food and games, and organizing the large committee to work the night of the party.) – 2 spots (out of 7 seven positions)

If you have any questions, please let me know. Additionally, please be on the lookout for the electronic MMS PTA Big Form, sent out in an eblast, in mid-August, 2014. This is where you can sign-up for various MMS PTA committees, as well as purchase directories, Family Directory Sponsorships, Write-A-Check, and other MMS PTA related activities.

Thank you and have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Regards,
Beth Cole
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