

# TIGER TALES

FROSTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/11339 BRITOAK, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77079

## SPECIAL DATES

**9/4** - 3rd Grade Parent  
Coffee 9:30-11 a.m. @  
Trimble home

**9/5** - 4th Grade Parent  
Coffee 9:30-11 a.m. @  
Lane home

**9/6** - 5th Grade Parent  
Coffee 9:30-11 a.m. @  
Rexrode home

**9/7** - Parent U Meeting  
@ Spring Woods HS

**9/11** - CIT meeting

**9/17** - 1st & 2nd Grade  
Curriculum Night

**9/18** - 3rd & 4th Grade  
Curriculum Night

**9/19** - 5th Grade  
Curriculum Night

## WELCOME BACK TIGERS!

Dear Frostwood Families,

What a wonderful first week at Frostwood! Students have quickly jumped right back into routines and everyone seems excited about this school year. Thank you all for your support from home.

Our new construction is on time and looking great. When I walk the building from week to week I can't believe how quickly and expertly our fantastic construction company, Durotech, is making the school of our dreams a reality. Only a few short months until we begin our move back home!

The coming months will be exciting and challenging. We will get through it all with lots of communication and careful planning. All of the work will be worth it as we move into our new building at the end of 2013.

I hope the beginning of the new school year has been as great for you as it has been for me!

***Ellen Green***  
***Principal***

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](mailto:lisacaroline123@gmail.com)

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Welcome Back, Frostwood Tigers!

What an exciting year we have ahead of us! The countdown is on to our move back to our campus. Our new building is well underway and it's only a matter of time before we will all be back to riding bikes, walking to school or enjoying shorter bus rides!

School is off to a wonderful start, thanks to our fabulous teachers and staff! I know they have gone above and beyond to make this year special for our children.

Thank you to all of the gracious hostesses for opening their homes for the Grade Level Coffees! This past week, coffees were hosted for kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades by Kristi Robishaw, Anita Ramke and Carrie Pearson, respectively. This week, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades will be hosted by Kim Trimble, Regina Lane and Heather Rexrode, respectively. Please check [www.frostwoodpta.com](http://www.frostwoodpta.com) for time and location information. I have enjoyed visiting with everyone in each grade, especially parents new to Frostwood! If you have a 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grader, I hope you make plans to come by this week even if only for a short time. I'd love to see you there!

Our website is being updated frequently with the latest information, so be sure to check it often. If you haven't already done so, please be sure to complete all the items on the Back to School Checklist on our website. As a reminder, you must register as an SBISD volunteer every year in order to be able to go on field trips, work in the library or participate in any other volunteer positions on campus so be sure to do that as soon as possible.

A huge THANK YOU to all of our chairs that have worked so hard over the summer to get ready for back to school!

I know, without a doubt, we have such an amazing and talented PTA! I am looking forward to this exciting year! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about PTA.

*Tracey Rogan*  
2013-2014 PTA President

## **FROSTWOOD GENERAL NEWS**

**2013-2014 SCHOOL DIRECTORY INFORMATION** - The **FINAL** deadline for submitting your family information for the Frostwood School Directory is this **Friday, September 6**. After this date, no changes or additions will be allowed so that we can go to print on time. If you have not entered your family information in the MySchoolAnywhere online data management system for the Frostwood directory, please do so by **this Friday**. If you have not received an email from the Directory Committee with your family's unique link to the MySchoolAnywhere system, please contact Connie Jones ASAP at [cfloresjones@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cfloresjones@sbcglobal.net).

**UNDERWRITING DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 6TH** - Would you like your business's ad to appear in the Frostwood Directory? Or would you like your family's name to appear in the directory as a supporter of the school? Then PLEASE make your donations to the Frostwood PTA by **Friday, September 6th**. Your donation will go directly to the Operating Budget of the PTA, which pays for instructional specialists, classroom technology, grade level field trips and MUCH MORE! Click [here for the Family Donor Form](#) and [Business Donor Form](#) for details. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING FROSTWOOD!!

**SUMMER READING LOGS DUE!** - As the new school year begins, it's time to reward all our fantastic summer readers for a job well done! Please have your children turn in their Tiger Reading Logs to their teachers or Mrs. Branon in the library by **Tuesday, September 10th**. Make sure to write your child's first & last name and teacher's name on the log. All students who completed their required summer reading and turn in their Logs by the deadline will be treated to an ice cream party! *Courtenay Nichols and Felicia Beaver, Summer Reading Co-Chairs*

## **FROSTWOOD GENERAL NEWS CONTINUED**

**FROSTWOOD ORNAMENTS ON SALE NOW** - The “first time we’ve ever done it”, “once in a lifetime” beautiful Kitty Keller Designs custom Cloisonne’ ornaments featuring our new campus have been a big hit! While many people are purchasing them for themselves or their children as keepsakes, we have also started a registry to purchase one for a teacher or staff member. Go to the [PTA website](#) to see the ornaments and contact Kristin Martin at [krisonrobinlake@gmail.com](mailto:krisonrobinlake@gmail.com) to purchase one for yourself or your teacher. But hurry as quantities are extremely limited!

**FROSTWOOD’S RED, WHITE & YOU CARNIVAL!** - Mark your calendar for this year's Frostwood Carnival. It will be on **October 26th, 2013 from 11:00am-3:00pm** at Bunker Hill Elementary School - 11950 Taylorcrest, 77024. The whole family can come out for fun, food and lots of games - Cake Walk, Go Fish, Bingo, Money Grows on Trees & Ring-a-Pop just to name a few. Look for more info in upcoming Tiger Tales.

**ODYSSEY OF THE MIND** - Odyssey of the Mind is an international “creative problem solving competition” that Frostwood and SBISD offer as an after-school activity. During the school day, kids need to learn facts such as  $5+5=10$ . Odyssey, and NASA, a key sponsor for 11 years now, say, “But, in the real world problems are more like ‘we need 10, how should we get it?’” Odyssey poses open-ended problems and encourages kids to use creativity, critical thinking, and team skills to work together to create a short skit to present their solutions. Fortunately, regional and state level competitions are usually both in Houston. Learn more and sign your child up for a team if interested at an informational meeting on Tuesday evening, September 10, 7pm, at Janice Teske's house, or contact Janice Teske ([the\\_teske5@yahoo.com](mailto:the_teske5@yahoo.com)) or Lisa Seelig ([ls19houston@gmail.com](mailto:ls19houston@gmail.com)). Additional information is on the Frostwood website at <http://frostwoodpta.com/odyssey-of-the-mind/>

**BOX TOPS** - Please start sending your summer Box Tops collections to school through your child’s homeroom teacher, place in the mailbox near the recycle bin along parent pick up, or use the collection box in the front office. Parents, staff, and students need to use the printable collection sheet provided before sending their Box Tops back to school. This form can also be found [here](#) on the Frostwood PTA site. Remember, only regular Box Tops can be glued/taped to the forms. All BONUS type of Box Tops need to be sent in a plastic bag or envelope. Also, please continue to collect and return Box Tops throughout the school year. Please contact me with any questions at [jana.h.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:jana.h.johnson@gmail.com). *Jana Johnson*

**HOUSMAN NEEDS OUR HELP!** - Housman, our sister school, needs our assistance every year and this year is no different. We have several ways that you can help with a school that is in dire need. Weekly, you can donate an hour of your time. In the program called HUGS you will mentor/tutor a student every week. Monthly, you can donate 2 hours of your time by helping the teachers with various projects around the school. Twice a year, we put large containers around the school and collect items that students at Housman need. On Tuesday, September 3rd, we are starting a drive for school supplies. Wide ruled notebooks, composition books and folders with brads are needed. When you are out and about, look for these things and give to a school less fortunate. The drive ends Monday, September 16th. *Chrissy Dunn* [cjrd9017@gmail.com](mailto:cjrd9017@gmail.com)

**A FEW PARTY SPOTS LEFT FOR AUCTION 2013!** - Support Frostwood while hanging out with old friends or meeting some new ones! The following parties have a few spots still available for purchase: **Wine Tasting & Desert Party on September 21, Adult Paintball Party on November 1, Current 2nd Grade Boys Bull Riding Party on November 9, & Sassy Santa Sleigh Party on December 12.** Click [here](#) to go the PTA website to learn more about each of these parties and contact Suzanne Farrow at [suzanne@suzannefarrow.com](mailto:suzanne@suzannefarrow.com) or 713-582-8634 if you are interested in purchasing a spot. Spots are also still available for the **Birthday Marquee** for \$50 each. Contact Stephanie LaGuarta at [laguarta1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:laguarta1@sbcglobal.net) or 713-614-2815 for more information.

## **FROSTWOOD GENERAL NEWS CONTINUED**

**SEE “COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING” ON WEBSITE FOR SPECIAL FROSTWOOD DEALS** - Visit the PTA website and check out the new “Community Fundraising” tab. It will feature specials that local businesses offer Frostwood that will in turn give back a portion of their proceeds to our school. Starting September 11th, every other Wednesday Genghis Grill will give Frostwood PTA back 20% of its nightly revenue from Frostwood families. Click [here](#) for their flyer. Check back during the year, as more businesses will be added!

**REGISTER ONLINE TO RECEIVE TIGER TALES VIA EMAIL** - To ensure you receive digital editions of Tiger Tales to your email address, **please register ASAP** on the homepage of the Frostwood PTA website at [www.frostwoodpta.com](http://www.frostwoodpta.com). Just click on “[Sign up for Tiger Tales](#)”. *Don't forget to follow the instructions in the confirmation email!* Tiger Tales will be published every other Tuesday, and will be posted on the PTA website under “Tiger Tales”. You will only receive it via email if you register on the PTA website to do so & confirm your subscription. During the weeks Tiger Tales is not published, a bullet point calendar email entitled “This Week at Frostwood” will keep you up to date on current events at the school.

**“DORAN’S DOLLS” FROSTWOOD KOMEN WALK TEAM** - Come join the “Doran’s Dolls” team for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Saturday, October 5th. Go to [www.komen-houston.org](http://www.komen-houston.org) & search for our team under the elementary school/middle/high school division. You can participate by walking, running or even sleeping in! Be sure to indicate if you are a survivor as well! You can also donate directly to the Doran’s Dolls team on the website. Thanks for your support! *Cheryl Mallette, 2nd Grade Team Leader*

**CUB SCOUTS** - CALLING ALL 1st to 5th GRADE FROSTWOOD BOYS! Did you ever want to sleep under the stars with your family on a real campout? Ever want to build and race a car? See a jet airplane up close? Ever want to be part of the crew of a real aircraft carrier, warship or submarine? Well, then Cub Scouts at Frostwood Elementary is for you and your family. Frostwood’s own Cub Scout Pack 747 wants to invite you to join Scouts. We are taking *new* boy applicants from grades 1 to 5 and registering returning scouts. Scouting is a family-friendly organization which means Moms, Dads and siblings are often encouraged to participate. Dues are \$120 for the entire year of scouting. For more information, just email one of the Pack leaders at *Jackie Longo* ([jklongo@gmail.com](mailto:jklongo@gmail.com)) or *Han Ooi* ([hooi@earthlink.net](mailto:hooi@earthlink.net)).

**FROSTWOOD/JR. LEAGUE MOMS** - Are you interested in having your children be in the Frostwood Elementary picture for the JLH Charity Ball Program? If so, please contact Whitney Gormley at [wvgormley@yahoo.com](mailto:wvgormley@yahoo.com) for more information.

**MEMORIAL H.S. MARKETTES JR. DRILL CLINIC** - This Fall’s Junior Drill Clinic for girls in grades K-5th will be held Saturday, September 14th from 8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. For more information and to register, please visit: [www.memorialmarkettes.com](http://www.memorialmarkettes.com) .

## **GREEN TIGERS NEWS**

We have a really exciting year planned and hope that your children will sign-up and join Green Tigers! Green Tigers is a group of students from Kinder to 5th Grade that are interested in learning about the environment through guest speakers, activities, crafts, and service projects at our school. We meet twice per month at 7:30 am in room 330. If you wish to join Green Tigers, please click [here](#) to sign up and come to the first meeting on **September 12th!** (note: if your child is in Kinder, they must attend with a parent). Don't delay in signing up. We are limited to 30 kids until we move back to the new campus! For more information on activities planned for Green Tigers this year, visit our page on the PTA website [here](#). For more information on joining, contact Lisa Lauter at [chiplaut@comcast.net](mailto:chiplaut@comcast.net) or 832-244-6336.

## LIBRARY NEWS

School has started for the Frostwood Library and our eager readers. We are SO very excited to move to the new library and all of the space it will offer our students. Thank you to all of our library volunteers who make our library so inviting for our Frostwood Tiger readers. Some special notes for the year:

**FOURTH & FIFTH GRADERS** - will be learning self-checkout this year. Parents will still be needed to oversee their checkout, shelve, and welcome readers.

**LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS** - *Brenda Ravdel* will be coordinating our library volunteers and will be letting you know of fun opportunities to help us get our collection moved and organized in the new building.

**BOOKFAIR** - *Starr Zaleski and Aimee Dodson* are co-chairs for the **Bookfair November 11-17** at the always exciting Barnes and Noble. One opportunity we will have is a special bookplate made for your child to have a book (purchased at book fair) with their name in the new Frostwood Library.

**AUTHOR VISITS** - We will have **three authors visit** Frostwood. *Octavia Spencer*, Academy Award winning actress from "The Help" has written a 3-5 grade novel & will be coming to the Westchester auditorium for Frostwood on October 22nd. *Maureen Sherry*, author of a new Bluebonnet book, *Walls Within Walls*, will be coming for grades 3-5 on March 14. *Susan Crummel Stevens*, author of *The Little Red Pen* and many others, will be visiting our Barnes and Noble book fair and coming to Frostwood on November 11th.

**BOOK CLUB** - Book Club will be on Thursdays and will start **September 12th**. We will start the year with the third book in the Unwanted series, *Island of Fire*.

*Lisa Branon, Librarian*

## HEALTHY LIFESTYLES NEWS

**HEALTHY LIFESTYLES COMMITTEE** - If you have a passion for healthy living and would like to be a part of promoting that at Frostwood, please consider getting involved with our committee. Healthy Lifestyles would love to hear your ideas and suggestions on ways that we can continue to grow as we move to our new school. We are particularly looking for those of you that have experience in gardening or a desire to learn, as we prepare to set up the garden on the new campus. The first meeting of the year will be **Monday, September 9th at 11:00am** at the home of Heather Rexrode, 11926 Wink. If you are interested in joining the committee, please join us at the meeting to learn more or contact Heather Rexrode at [hrexrode@yahoo.com](mailto:hrexrode@yahoo.com).

**KSHAC KIDS' SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL** - KSHAC is a newly formed council that will come up with ways, using teamwork, to promote health and wellness throughout the Frostwood campus while acting as healthy mentors to the student body. If you have a current 4th or 5th grade student interested in helping to develop ideas, give suggestions and assist in the implementation of the edible garden on the new campus, we would love to hear from them! There will be opportunities for members of this council to work with and present to the CSHAC, (Campus School Health Advisory Council) and the DSHAC, (District School Health Advisory Council) so that their ideas and suggestions on ways to improve health and wellness around Frostwood can be heard. If you think your student might be interested in being a part of the KSHAC, please have them attend the first meeting on **Thursday, September 19th at 7:30AM** in the school library. They also need to sign up on the Frostwood PTA website under [Healthy Lifestyles](#). Questions you may contact Heather Rexrode at [hrexrode@yahoo.com](mailto:hrexrode@yahoo.com).

## STAFF APPRECIATION NEWS

**BE A PART OF THE STAFF APPRECIATION COMMITTEE** - Sign up to be a part of one of the largest PTA committees at Frostwood. Select a month that works in your schedule to contribute to the luncheons hosted by the Staff Appreciation Committee. We need parents to bake, purchase items at Costco and HEB, contribute paper goods, and help with the cost of the main entrees. You will be contacted one week prior to the luncheon with a specific request of item (s) to donate. Go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4DABA82EAA8-staff> to sign up now! Thank you for helping celebrate our fantastic teachers and staff at Frostwood Elementary! Please contact Heather Springer or Kim Overall with any questions at [iuspringers@msn.com](mailto:iuspringers@msn.com) or [kimoverall@me.com](mailto:kimoverall@me.com).

**THANK YOU!** - It's back to school time at Frostwood, and the Staff Appreciation committee has already hosted the first luncheon of the year. Our wonderful teachers and staff took a break from back to school preparations to enjoy a BBQ lunch on August 23rd. The PTA treated the teachers and staff to BBQ sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, chips, and homemade desserts. Each staff member also received a Frostwood spirit shirt to wear on Fridays. Special thanks to Jana Johnson and Alice Ann Telle for baking delicious treats for the luncheon. We are lucky to have great Frostwood families to help show our appreciation to the teachers and staff! We are looking forward to a great year of fun and delicious lunches! If you are interested in helping out with the Staff Appreciation Committee and did not get a chance to sign up at the PTA meeting, please email Heather Springer at [iuspringers@msn.com](mailto:iuspringers@msn.com). *Kim Overall and Heather*

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

No grade specific news this week. Stay tuned for Kindergarten grade news!

## 1st GRADE NEWS

Summer may be over, but exciting things are just beginning in first grade! We're settled into our classrooms and ready for a year full of learning (Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Technology). Of course we'll have some fun too.....RECESS!!!!!!

## 2nd GRADE NEWS

No grade specific news this week. Stay tuned for 2nd grade news!

## 3rd GRADE NEWS

No grade specific news this week. Stay tuned for 3rd grade news!

## 4th GRADE NEWS

No grade specific news this week. Stay tuned for 4th grade news!

## 5th GRADE NEWS

**YEARBOOK TRIBUTES** - Reserve your spot now to guarantee a space in the yearbook. This will be your only chance to buy a tribute. The cost is \$30 and there is a limit of one per 5<sup>th</sup> grade student. You can buy your tributes via the big form on-line. The **deadline for reserving your spot is September 13<sup>th</sup>** so don't delay! Please contact Monica Brauchle at [monicaejackson@hotmail.com](mailto:monicaejackson@hotmail.com) with any questions.