

Tuscany Heights Elementary

February 6th - February 10th

Parents,

This is the month to let those that you care about know how much they mean to you. Please know that Tuscany Heights treasures the relationships we have with all of our students and parents. We couldn't do all the things we do without the support you give us. Thank you! Happy February!

*Thank you,
Tara Bailey*

Upcoming Events:

KINDER ROUND-UP: We are currently working with the district to determine the date for our Kinder Round-up. More than likely, it will be in March, but we are working around a few other events. As soon as we have a date, I will communicate this to our community.
-Mrs. Bailey

PE----JUMP ROPE UNIT Thank you for helping us sell all of our jump ropes!

***STAAR PowerPoint
is now on the website!***

*February 7th STAAR Parent Information Day/Night
PTA General Meeting and 3rd Grade Performance "At
the Movies"*

T.H.E. will run a STAAR PowerPoint in the computer lab on Feb. 7th (Early Dismissal Day) for all parents that wish to visit. The PowerPoint will provide information regarding the STAAR testing procedures. You can view this at your own pace. It will run from 8:30-4:00pm and 5:30-6:25p.m. This gives parents time to visit during their lunch break, stop by when you are here for a conference, or just before the PTA Meeting/3rd Grade Program. There will be a staff member present during this time to answer any additional questions you may have before and/or after viewing the PowerPoint. If you have further questions, please contact the school at 210-407-8200. If you are unable to attend this session, please see our webpage to view the PowerPoint.

*February 7th, 8th, & 9th Early Dismissal 12:40pm
PreK (AM 7:40-9:40; PM 10:25AM-12:25 PM)*

February 14th Valentine's Day Parties

PreK (a.m.) 9:30 a.m.; PreK (p.m.) 1:15p.m.

Kinder 1:30-2:30 p.m.

1st Grade 12:15-1:15 p.m.

2nd Grade 9:00-10:00 a.m.

3rd Grade 1:00-2:00 p.m.

4th Grade 11:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

5th Grade 8:30-9:30 a.m.



**Pre-Register
1 Wk Prior**

Don't forget to RSVP if you would like to attend the Valentine's Day parties!

Please contact your class room representative or teacher by **February 7** to be included on your class list. The lists will be given to the front office and pre-printed name badges will be ready on February 14. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Remember if you do not RSVP in advance, there may be lines to print name badges the day of the party, so please plan to arrive early. If your driver's license has not been scanned into the system yet, please feel free to stop by the front office at your convenience to complete this process.

February 20th President's Day (Student Holiday/Teacher Staff Development)

February 23rd PTA Orbit Earth

February 24th Author Visit: Katie Klise

February 28th Leader in Me Night

March 3rd Run for the Heights (See PTA News section below for details)

March 9th Author Visit: Lucas Miller

March 12th-16th Spring Break

March 23rd Report Cards

March 26th 5th Grade Math STAAR Test

March 27th 4th Grade Writing Day 1 Test; 5th Grade Reading STAAR Test

March 28th 4th Grade Writing Day 2 Test

April 12th Spring Individual Pictures

April 24th 3rd and 4th Grade Math STAAR Test

April 25th 3rd and 4th Grade Reading STAAR Test

April 26th 5th Grade Science STAAR Test

PTA News to Remember

5th Grade What-a-year! Wednesdays: ATTENTION FIFTH GRADERS!!! Be Sure to wear your Graduation t-shirts every Wednesday on "What-a-year! Wednesdays" through the end of the school year. Show your senior Tiger pride!

Box Tops Contest Ends Tomorrow! One final reminder that the Valentine's Day Box Tops Contest ends tomorrow Monday, February 6th. You can attach your Box Tops to the contest sheet or put them in a baggie. Remember to include your child's name and teacher. Your child's teacher is collecting them in the classroom. Three lucky classes will win a fun visit from Tusky on Valentine's Day! Thank you for participating! If you have any questions, contact Gina Roth at boxtops@tuscanheightspta.org.

PTA Nominating Committee Members Needed!!! Our PTA will elect a Nominating Committee consisting of 5 members and 2 alternates at the February 7th PTA General Meeting. PTA officers will be elected at the April 3rd PTA General Meeting. The Nominating Committee plays a pivotal role in the election process. Committee Members will interview candidates and provide the membership with recommendations. If you are interested in serving on the committee or have any questions, please contact Cameron Weirbach at parliamentarian@tuscanheightspta.org.

Run for the Heights Update: The 2nd winner for the Class Registration Contest will be announced on Monday morning. Mrs. Cervenka's Kindergarten class won the first reward for bringing in the most race registrations in a two week period. They won a party at Lifetime Fitness, which includes rock climbing, games, & snacks. One more class will join them for this healthy and fun reward!

Also, be sure to register for the Kids' Fun Run or the 5K by February 15th so that you are guaranteed a race T-shirt and Goodie Bag. At the Awards Ceremony, there will be numerous awards for top runners in all age categories including: medals by Condor Creations; gift certificates by Run On!and Dick's Sporting Goods; and Family Memberships and Youth Sports Registrations from The Mays Family YMCA. All kids who participate in a run receive a Tusky lapel pin. In addition, all participants have the opportunity to win a prize for visiting our sponsors & vendors at the Sponsor Expo and Health Fair!

Used Book Sale - We will begin collecting books soon for the NEISD Used Book Sale PTA Fundraiser. Last year, we collected 6,000 and came in second for the most books collected. We'd love to get 1st place this year and raise the most money for our school programs! We will have more information regarding this event soon.

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Author Extraordinaire!

February 24, 2012

We are "Dying to meet you" Kate Klise! Ever since we read your Texas Bluebonnet nominated book *Dying to Meet You* (43 Old Cemetery Road #1) we just can't get enough of your stories! You have literally written books for all ages (picture books, chapter books, and nonfiction books)

Our young students laughed so hard when reading *Little Rabbit and the Meanest Mother on Earth!* Our older students can not wait to get their hands on *Till Death Do Us Bark!* Many of her books have won several awards. Please visit her at <http://www.kateandsarahklise.com/>.

Kate shows young children how a simple idea can become a book, and how a homemade book is always the perfect gift to make for the holidays. When presenting to older students (grades 3-6), Kate focuses on the writing process: where she gets her ideas, how she writes her rough drafts, why the art of rewriting is so critical, and—yes. Kate explains the classic elements of storytelling, including the importance of sending characters on journeys.

To take a closer look at her books, please visit the Tuscany Heights Library.

If you would like to pre-order one of her books to be autographed during her visit, see the list of her books on the order form on the attached page. All prices include tax. Supplies are limited.

***Please make checks out to Tuscany Heights Elementary**

***Orders must be received by Thursday, Feb. 2**

Title	Original Pub. Year	Format	Price (incl. Tax)		Quantity	Ext. Price
Till Death Do Us Bark (43 Old Cemetery Road #3)	2011	Hardcover	\$13.83	Juv. Fiction		\$
Stand Straight, Ella Kate	2010	Hardcover	\$14.69	Juv. Biography		\$
Dying To Meet You (43 Old Cemetery Road #1)	2009	Paperback	\$5.18	Juv. Fiction		\$
Little Rabbit and the Meanest Mother on Earth	2009	Hardcover	\$14.71	Picture Book		\$
Over My Dead Body (43 Old Cemetery Road #2)	2009	Paperback	\$5.18	Juv. Fiction		\$
Imagine Harry	2007	Hardcover	\$13.84	Picture Book		\$
Why Do You Cry?	2006	Hardcover	\$15.53	Picture Book		\$
Shall I Knit You a Hat?	2004	Paperback	\$6.04	Picture Book		\$
Letters From Camp	1999	Paperback	\$5.18	Juv. Fiction		\$
Student Name:				Total:	\$	
Teacher Name:				Grade:		