

Tuscany Heights Elementary

February 18-22, 2013

Parents,

Hope you enjoyed your weekend with your family. I have a few reminders as we move further into our Spring Semester:

No SCHOOL for students on Monday, February 18th. Our staff will be participating in professional development. We will look forward to greeting our students Tuesday, Feb. 19th.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone this weekend at our Run for the Heights and Health Fair. Please see the PTA Section or go to: <http://runfortheheights.tuscanyheightspta.org/> for more information.

Walker Dismissal- We've had a few concerns regarding cars parked along the side of the street picking up walkers. I will ask that you not participate in this method for dismissal because of the safety concern it poses for our students. We have an efficient car rider system that is complete within 15 minutes. We want all of our students safe. If you are picking up in a vehicle, please use our drive-thru line for easy and SAFE access to your child.

Parent Drop-Off in the mornings is through the front entrance! The back entrance is reserved for buses and our specialized support parents.

February 28th is the final day for School Choice forms.

*Thank you,
Tara Bailey*

Upcoming Events

February 18 th	Student Holiday/ Professional Development for Staff
February 19 th	PTA Presents...Storyteller Tim Tingle
February 20 th	PTA Presents...World of Jump with Mark Rothstein (Jump Rope)
February 23 rd	3 rd Annual Run for the Heights
February 25 th	Used Book Sale Starts
February 26 th , 27 th , & 28 th	EARLY RELEASE DAYS Students Dismiss at 12:40pm

PTA News to Remember

Run for the Heights Update

Run the races, get your glucose checked, get a back massage, try an Orange Leaf Yogurt sample, watch the Jumping Dragons perform, and more! It's not too late to join the fun at the 3rd Annual *Run for the Heights* on Saturday, February 23, 2013! There promises to be something for all ages! Bring the entire family for a morning of health and wellness! See the event schedule below and check out the website for more details or to register:

<http://runfortheheights.tuscanyheightspta.org/>.

Event Schedule

7:45 am Pre-race Warm-Ups with iRun Texas
8:00 am Opening Ceremony with Delaine Mathieu, WOAI News Anchor/Reporter, THE Honors Choir & Boy Scouts Pack 9
8:05 am Kids 3/4 Mile Fun Run
8:30 am Chip-timed 5K
8:30 - 10:30 am Sponsor Expo, Health Fair, & Fitness Demonstrations
9:45 am Awards Ceremony
10:30 am Event concludes

Thank you for supporting the Run for the Heights Class Registration Contest! 787 people registered for the race as a result of our THE students and staff! See the attached results to see which 37 classes received extra recess; which 25 classes get to watch the Tusky vs. THE Celebrity 50 Yard Dash; and which 16 classes get a Bounce House during PE. Mrs. Lunsford's and Mrs. Fontenot's classes brought in the highest # of race registrations and will get rewarded with a party at Flip City! Again, thanks for all your participation. We look forward to a great event on Saturday, February 23, 2013!

Get connected and be a T.H.E. PTA Officer for 2013-2014: It's time to begin the process of filling the Tuscan Heights PTA Officer positions for the 2013-2014 school year and we need YOU! If you are interested in serving in one of the Executive Board officer positions, please complete the form attached and email it to Cameron Weirbach at camweirbach@gmail.com or return it to the front office in a sealed envelope labeled "PTA OFFICER NOMINATION" by Friday, March 8th. We are especially in need of a Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice-President of Programs.

OUR CLINIC NEEDS YOUR PANTS!!!! That's right...not your money, or even your time...your PANTS!! The Nursing Staff in the Clinic often comes across situations, especially with younger children, in which a child needs a change of clothes, and that next child could be yours. The Clinic is really in need of your children's gently used PANTS and SHORTS, especially BOYS and GIRLS, SIZES 4-7, but all sizes are welcome! (Elastic waists work best, but any will do.) They also need UNDERWEAR, so if you can donate a package of new underwear - boys or girls, size XS or S, that would help. There will be a collection bin in the rotunda by the clinic door. Our clinic staff thanks you!!

Used Book Collection begins February 25th: We "mustache" you a question. Do you have gently used books to donate to the PTA Used Book Sale? If so, we will be 'staching books and earning prizes starting February 25th!

2012-2013 One World Challenge: Plug-In to Nature entries due March 11: Students are invited to step up to the One World Challenge and create a solution to address a current environmental or conservation issue. This program is open to all students Pre-K through 12th grade. We encourage you to work with your children to find ways to help our environment. Contest information and student entry forms are available at tuscanheightspta.org. For more information, please contact our Environmental Chairs, Julie Teplitz and Dana Dannenberg, environmental@tuscanheightspta.org

President's Volunteer Service Award: Volunteer and record service hours for the PVSA Award! THE PTA will once again be giving the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) to individuals, including students, who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and civic participation from May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013. The PVSA Award Reception will be held in May. For more information and how to log your hours, see PVSA under "THE PTA EVENTS" at tuscanheightspta.org.