

Tuscany Heights Elementary

January 22nd - January 28th

January 21st NO SCHOOL

Parents,

We are hoping that you have already marked your calendars, but if not, please do so! We would like all of our tigers participating in these events:

January 29th

*Leader in Me Night
(See flyer for more info)*

February 23rd

*Run for the Heights
(See PTA News & Attachments for more info).*

Upcoming Events

<i>January 21st</i>	<i>No School---Student & Staff Holiday</i>
<i>January 22nd - 25th</i>	<i>Conversation Hearts: Go on SALE</i>
<i>January 29th</i>	<i>Leader in Me Night</i>
<i>February 4th - 15th</i>	<i>Ronald McDonald Hearts</i>
<i>February 5th</i>	<i>PTA General Mtg</i>
<i>February 14th</i>	<i>Happy Valentine's Day No Parties</i>
<i>February 18th</i>	<i>Student Holiday/ Professional Development for Staff</i>
<i>February 20th</i>	<i>PTA Presents Mark Rothstein (Jump Rope)</i>
<i>February 23rd</i>	<i>3rd Annual Run for the Heights</i>
<i>February 26th, 27th, & 28th</i>	<i>EARLY RELEASE DAYS Students Dismiss at 12:40pm</i>

Helpful Information

Flu Season

This time of the year, we are faced with many illnesses that impact our students and their families. Please see our website for information regarding the flu. We are taking extra precautions at school to avoid spreading harmful germs. Thank you for helping us stay healthy!

Leader in Me

Come out and join us for some football themed Covey fun! We are excited to introduce our new families to Stephen Covey's 7 Habits as well as continue educating all of our students on a variety of ways to implement Covey habits into their daily lives. More info on the upcoming night on the flyer attached!

Run for the Heights

Help your children register as many friends and family members as possible for this fun community event! See "PTA News" for more information. I can't wait to run with our students to promote wellness!

Watch D.O.G.S.

A Tuscan Heights Watch DOGS dad recently stated: "I did not realize what an impact fathers could have on the school grounds. The look on my daughter's face and her discussion when she came home from school was a true blessing. I hope more fathers sign up because the kids really appreciate us being there."

Dads, uncles, granddads, step-dads—Tuscan Heights needs you to continue making an impact this spring semester!

Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) is an innovative program launched at Tuscan Heights this year which has enabled fathers and father-figures to be a

positive male role model and to provide an extra set of eyes and ears--and the results have been astounding.

If you have not been a Watch DOG yet, now is the time to sign up! If you have already served as a Watch DOG this year, please consider returning for another day!

Simply contact the Watch D.O.G.S. coordinators at watchdogs@tuscanheightspta.org and request information on how to sign up for your day of service. You will be able to view a presentation about the program, ask questions, order your official Watch D.O.G.S. t-shirt, then allow you to register and pick your day to be the "Hero of the Hallway." **Please note that for the safety of our children and staff, you must complete the NEISD Criminal Background Check (a.k.a. "DPS Clearance") in order to volunteer.**

Your PTA Watch DOGS coordinators, Doug and Suzanne Opersteny, are ready to serve! They may be contacted at watchdogs@tuscanheightspta.org, or call them at [\(210\) 381-2632](tel:(210)381-2632).

School Choice

*School choice forms should be here soon.
The window for returning school choice forms will be
January 7th - February 28th.*

PTA News to Remember

HEB BONUS BOX TOPS ARE BACK- January 23-February 5!!! Earn 60 Bonus Box Tops when you buy 10 participating Box Tops for Education products between 1/23/13-2/5/13 at HEB. That earns \$6 for our school and the Bonus Box Tops are delivered instantly at checkout. For participating products, visit cashforyoureducation.com/offers . Save your Bonus Box Tops for our upcoming March contest!

Special Education Monthly Guest Speaker at Egg & I (Sonterra) on Friday, January 25th, 8:30-10:30 AM: Join us for breakfast and to hear Allegra Montemayor, M.A., share her expertise in using assistive technology for students with disabilities. Please read attached invitation and contact Special Education Chairs, Michelle Barber or Wendy Phillips, specialeducation@tuscanheightspta.org, for more information. Hope to see you there!

The race is on! The Run for the Heights Class Contest has begun and continues until Friday, February 1! Work with your class to bring in race registrations and get rewarded! Classes that bring in 10 race registrations earn 10 minutes of extra recess. Classes that bring in 15 race registrations, get to watch the Tusky Celebrity 50 Yard Dash. Classes that bring in 20 race registrations earn a Bounce House during PE. The top 2 classes will win a party at Flip City! Rewards are cumulative so your class can win all these healthy rewards just by signing up your family, friends, and neighbors for Run for the Heights. THE student name needs to be entered on the paper or online registration after the question, "How did you hear about us?" Registrant checks "THE Student" and enters your name. Race registration forms were sent home in the backpack or can be downloaded from the website at

runfortheheights.tuscanyheightspta.org. The top winning classes last week were Caroll, Hesles, Lunsford, Borgeson, and Fonger! The race is on, so work together to win prizes for your class! Progress will be posted weekly.

The Campus Beautification committee is seeking volunteers to clean up the Tuscany Heights campus prior to Run for the Heights. Volunteers may come any time between **9 AM-12 PM on February 2nd, 9th and 16th** to pull weeds, pick up trash, spread mulch, or plant flowers. This is also a wonderful opportunity for students to earn hours for PVSA. Your help is greatly appreciated! Bring gardening tools to help make the job easier. Please contact Darla Mastrovich for more info: campusbeautification@tuscanyheightspta.org

Started your training? Join a neighborhood running group. Groups meet Mon & Wed at 8:00 am and 4:30 pm; Tues at 8:30 am, Thurs 8:05 am, and Sat 7:30 am. See the attached schedule or our website for details at runfortheheights.tuscanyheightspta.org. All ages and abilities welcome!

Letter from Dr. Gottardy regarding education in Texas: In a letter to all NEISD families, Dr. Gottardy shared his concerns about Texas' new state accountability system. Please read the entire letter on the PTA website, tuscanyheightspta.org. Use your voice to encourage our representatives to implement a fair and equitable system that allows us to achieve high standards in our schools.

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 attached. For more information, please contact our Environmental Chairs, Julie Teplitz and Dana Dannenberg, environmental@tuscanyheightspta.org