

Tuscany Heights Elementary

April 9th - 13th

Parents,

I hope that you enjoyed your three day weekend with your children! Thank you for your continued support with our arrival and dismissal procedures. The reminders are as follows:

For the safety of our students, I need your support with a few arrival and dismissal procedures:

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures- As we continue to grow and receive more and more Tigers to our family, please ensure that you are doing the following:

- **Utilize the CAR Rider Line-** The more and more parents that drive through, the safer it is for our staff and students. I understand that parents are concerned with the amount of time the line takes. Please know stopping traffic for the crosswalk slows down the car rider line. Pull forward all the way to the first crosswalk or follow the line to avoid large gaps. This helps with the efficiency. We will continue to work on this throughout this year and next year. My goal is to have more staff opening/closing car doors to greet/ our students in the upcoming year.
- **HANDICAP Spaces-** Since it is against the law, avoid handicap parking spaces unless legally authorized. I've noticed cars pulling in and/or across all three spaces to drop students off. Be mindful that you can receive a ticket for this.
- **CELL PHONES-** Since it is against the law, cell phone usage should not occur within the school zone. You can receive up to a \$200 fine (as the sign states) for breaking this law. My concern is that a student, parent, or staff member could be hurt as a result.
- **CROSSWALK-** If you are coming inside the school, use the crosswalk. Two crosswalks are provided for your convenience to enter the school. Our safety patrol and crossing guards will assist in getting you across safely. If you walk across at another point, I cannot ensure your safety.
- **Double Parking-** This is not acceptable at any time in the parking lot.
- **Walkers-** If your child is a walker, but is being picked up from the entrance/exit of the school by a vehicle, essentially that is a car rider. Use the car rider line and avoid a safety concern as well as a hindrance in the flow of traffic.
- **During Dismissal-** I asked that you please try to avoid the 2:25-3:00 time for inside pick-up. At this point in the day, please continue with your child (ren)'s usual dismissal procedure: car rider, walker, bus rider, daycare. Many parents come in the building and need us to call for students. At 2:25, teachers are transitioning into dismissal areas. It is hard for them to hear if we need to call for them or locate them easily. If you need your child that afternoon prior to 3:00, I ask that you make arrangements prior to this time if at all possible. We want to ensure that all students are matched with the appropriate adult.

At all times, it is my responsibility to provide a safe and secure environment for all students. I have found it hard to stand behind this responsibility with some of the above safety concerns. Therefore, I am asking for your help. Our children are the most important treasures in our lives. With almost 1,000 students on campus, staff, and parents, I am looking for a streamlined arrival and dismissal procedure that will ensure safety. I appreciate your cooperation and support with this matter. Know the students are at the heart of this request.

Thank you, Tara Bailey

Upcoming Events:

Calendar:

- April 2nd Open Registration for New Kinder-5th Grade Students
- April 3rd PTA General Meeting- 2nd Grade Performs
- April 6th No School: Good Friday
- April 12th Spring Individual Pictures
- Mark your calendar! Picture Day is coming, Thursday, April 12th. Look for more information on your child's Picture Day flyer/order form. Visit Lifetouch.com for clothing suggestions, online payment details and more.
- April 19th TRASH FREE Lunch
- 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
- April 27th No School: Battle of the Flowers
- May 1st PTA General Meeting- 1st Grade Reading Restaurant
- May 4th PTA Presents: Dave "Travelin'" Davlin
- May 10th 4th Grade Battle of the Books in the Cafeteria 8:15-9:15 a.m.
- May 11th 2nd Grade Fairytale Bowl in the Cafeteria 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- May 14-18th Aloha Book Fair
- May 18th 3rd Grade Battle of the Books 1:20-2:20 pm

PTA News to Remember

Join T.H.E. PTA Executive Board for 2012-2013: We have many committee chair positions open for the upcoming school year and need your help to keep our PTA effective and productive. Please consider serving on T.H.E. Executive Board for 2012-2013. Descriptions of each chair's responsibilities may be found on the PTA website: tuscanheightspta.org. No experience necessary-we just need volunteers who are willing and eager to reach new heights for Tuscany! Please e-mail 5 chair positions you may be interested in leading to Mindy Waters 1stvp@tuscanheightspta.org. Thank you!

Shop the NEISD Used Book Sale: Thank you to everyone who donated used books this year! Now that the collection is over, mark your calendar to buy these books at great prices. The sale takes place at Littleton Gym at the Blossom Athletic Center on Friday, 4/13 10-

6pm, Saturday, 4/14 10-6 pm and Sunday, 4/15 11-7 pm. Paperbacks are \$.50, hardbacks are \$1 and DVDs/CDs are \$1. Sunday is bag day where you can purchase a bag for \$15 and fill it to the top. Additional bags are \$10. Cash and credit cards are accepted!