

Tuscany Heights Elementary

December 17th - December 21st

Parents,

Our students warmed my heart with the idea to share their annual book exchange with our sister school East Terrell Hills. All grade levels are using their "Random Acts of Kindness" goals to meet the needs of other children. East Terrell Hills is a NEISD bilingual campus that we work closely with throughout the school year. We are pleased to share our leadership with their campus. All books are due on Dec. 21st, but all books will be carried to East Terrell Hills by student leaders in January. Thank you for teaching your children to share!

*Thank you,
Tara Bailey*

Upcoming Events

*December 21st Winter Parties/ Polar Express Celebration (*School Appropriate PJs worn with regular shoes)*

Pre-register for the parties you plan to attend!

Winter Party Times:

<i>Kinder</i>	<i>9:40-10:40</i>
<i>1st Grade</i>	<i>8:30-9:30</i>
<i>2nd Grade</i>	<i>11:20-12:20</i>
<i>3rd Grade</i>	<i>11:45-12:45</i>
<i>4th Grade</i>	<i>10:25-11:25</i>
<i>5th Grade</i>	<i>12:30-1:30</i>

*January 7th
January 9th*

*PTA Presents Matthew McElligot
Morning ONLY ---Class & Club Pictures*

January 10 th	Afternoon Only --Club Pictures
January 11 th	Awards Assembly Written Spelling Bee for 4 th & 5 th graders
January 18 th	Run for the Heights 3 rd Annual SPURS Night Oral Spelling Bee
January 21 st	No School---Student & Staff Holiday
January 22 nd - 25 th	Conversation Hearts: Go on SALE
February 4 th - 15 th	Ronald McDonald Hearts
February 5 th	PTA General Mtg
February 14 th	Happy Valentine's Day No Parties
February 18 th	Student Holiday/ Professional Development for Staff
February 20 th	PTA Presents Mark Rothstein (Jump Rope)
February 26 th , 27 th , & 28 th	EARLY RELEASE DAYS Students Dismiss at 12:40pm

Helpful Information

Leader in Me

We will host another Leader in Me Night on January 29th!

Run for the Heights

We are getting excited as our team of volunteers start planning for the big event, February 23rd. We hope you will run with us! See the "PTA News to Remember" section below for more details.

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—Tuscany 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 Tuscany 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).

PTA News to Remember

Winter Party Times:

Kinder	9:40-10:40
First	8:30-9:30
Second	11:20-12:20
Third	11:45-12:45
Fourth	10:25-11:25
Fifth	12:30-1:30

Teacher Favorites' Lists available online: If you are looking to give something special to one of our Tuscany staff members this holiday season, check out the Teacher Fav's Lists found on the PTA website, tuscanheightspta.org, under "Helpful Links." Each staff member has completed a unique list of favorite items.

Find lost items on the new "Lost & Found" section of the PTA website: Lost and Found online is working! We have had many families claim items that have been posted on the PTA website. Have you checked to see if your lost items have been found? Please remember that if your child's items are legibly labeled we will do our best to return the item to their classroom. Please contact our Lost and Found chair, Alana Harris, lostandfound@tuscanheightspta.org, to claim lost items.

THE PTA Presents....Author Matthew McElligott, Monday, 1/7/13: Author and illustrator, Matthew McElligott, will be visiting our campus on January 7th and sharing his expert skills in reading, writing, and illustrating. Please contact our Library chair, Karen Wooster, library@tuscanheightspta.org, for more info.

Start training January 7th for *Run for the Heights*: Join a neighborhood running/walking group to get ready for the 3rd Annual Run for the Heights, 5K Run/Walk, Kids' Fun Run & Health Fair, scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2013. Groups will begin training the week of January 7th through race week. All ages and abilities welcome. E-mail Shelley Berke at berkeshelley@yahoo.com or visit our website at runfortheheights.tuscanheightspta.org.

Run for the Heights: Mark your calendars for another fun and exciting morning of health & wellness!
3rd Annual Run for the Heights 5K Run/Walk, Kids' Fun Run & Health Fair Saturday, February 23, 2013 Events begin at 8:00 a.m.
Come for the race and stay for the fun at the Health Fair, Sponsor Expo, & Fitness Demonstrations. There is something for all ages at Run for the Heights! To learn more and to register now, go to <http://runfortheheights.tuscanheightspta.org/>. All proceeds benefit the Tuscan Heights Elementary PTA, a 501(c)3.