

Tuscany Heights Elementary

February 25 - March 1, 2013

Parents,

Thank you for the overwhelming turn out for Run for the Heights! We will be sending out a Run for the Heights eBlast tomorrow night.

We look forward to seeing you all on campus this week conferencing with your children. They have done an exceptional job collecting their work and tracking their goals. I know they are thrilled to share their success with you as well as show you their plans for the future.

*Thank you,
Tara Bailey*

School Info

Texas Cavaliers River Parade Art Finalist

We have a student artist being recognized! Help us congratulate Jeanie Yu, 5th grader, for her recent Non-city Category Win! She was named one of 12 finalists in the Texas Cavaliers River Parade Art Contest. She was selected from 3,300 entries from 50 different elementary schools. Jeanie Yu will receive a one-week scholarship for Summer Camp Art at Southwest School of Art, and our campus wins \$1,000 to be used for art supplies.

Thank you to Mrs. Bratt, Art Instructional Assistant, for entering student art work! Congrats to Jeanie Yu for earning a distinguished honor for her school. We are proud she is a Tuscany Tiger!

For more information and a picture, please see

http://www.neisd.net/ComRel/News/NEISD_CavaliersArtContest_13.htm .

Library Resource Page (attachment)

Please keep this Library Resource Page handy by your computer because it contains all the logins and passwords to get into all of our educational databases for our elementary children. The Tuscan Library Resource Page can also be easily accessed from your Parent Portal which would eliminate any logins and passwords. Gather information at school and at home 24/7 - these resources offer invaluable opportunities to learn ALL of the time.

Sue Kuentz, Librarian

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

Cellphones:

Cellphones are prohibited in school zones! With the help of staff and parents, we can keep our students safe. Please avoid using electronic devices while in the school zone. This is the law! Thank you in advance for your help.

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, please use the front drive thru so that students enter through the front entrance! The back entrance is reserved for buses and our specialized support parents.

Upcoming Events

February 25th

Used Book Sale Starts

February 26th, 27th, & 28th

Early Dismissal for Students, 12:40pm; Student-led conferences will be held during these three days.

PTA News to Remember

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-March 28th: 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! More information will be sent home this week.

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.