Tuscany Heights Elementary

January 13th - January 21st

Parents,

It has been an exciting week! We are so happy to welcome 13 new tigers and their families to our campus. Wahoo! This is a busy month as we all prepare to get in shape after the holidays just in time for our Run for the Heights Fun Run. Be sure to check out the PTA section for specifics. I hope that you will all run for the heights with me.

On another celebratory note, we are one of 12 schools chosen to receive the HEB Grant ($5,000 each year for the next three years). A thanks goes to our wonderful PTA Members Denise Jones and Mindy Waters. Both took time to prepare the necessary documentation about wellness and what it means to our school. We are featured on the NEISD Homesite, www.neisd.net. I look forward to working with them and a team of staff members for the next three years to invest funds into products, ideas, etc that will aide in our students being healthy leaders and successful learners.

Thank you,
Tara Bailey

Upcoming Events

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

Helpful Information

School Choice

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

Leader in Me

We will host another **Leader in Me Night** on January 29th---Football Themed Night!

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.

WatchD.O.G.S.

A Tuscany 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@tuscanyheightspta.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@tuscanyheightspta.org, or call them at (210) 381-2632.

PTA News to Remember

3rd Annual Tuscany Heights Spurs Night & Run for the Heights 5K Rally, Friday, January 18! Come join Tusky, the Spurs Coyote, and your Tuscany Tiger friends on Friday, January 18th, at the AT&T Center to promote Run for the Heights and watch the Spurs game. Students will have special opportunities to have a pre-game courtside experience, walk on the court during halftime, and shoot a basket after the game. Plus, each ticket includes a hot dog, chips, and soda. **The order form is attached and must be returned to school or faxed to the San Antonio Spurs by Monday, January 14.** Once your order is processed, detailed information about the event will be e-mailed to you by January 17th. You don't want to miss this fun and exciting evening! Go Tigers Go!

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 on-line 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 <http://runfortheheights.tuscanyheightspta.org> . Progress will be posted weekly.

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 and Sat 7:30 am. See the attached schedule or our website for details at runfortheheights.tuscanyheightspta.org <http://runfortheheights.tuscanyheightspta.org> . All ages and abilities welcome!