

Tuscany Heights Elementary

January 6th - January 11th

Parents,

We hope that our families had a wonderful Winter Break! We look forward to welcoming your children back to our campus tomorrow. Enclosed you will find the messages/reminders that were sent at the beginning of the break.

*Thank you,
Tara Bailey*

Upcoming Events

<i>January 7th</i>	<i>PTA Presents Matthew McElligot</i>
<i>January 9th</i>	<i>Morning ONLY ---Class & Club Pictures</i>
<i>January 10th</i>	<i>Afternoon Only --Club Pictures</i>
<i>January 11th</i>	<i>Awards Assembly</i>
	<i>Written Spelling Bee for 4th & 5th graders</i>
<i>January 18th</i>	<i>Run for the Heights 3rd Annual SPURS Night</i>
	<i>Oral Spelling Bee</i>
<i>January 21st</i>	<i>No School---Student & Staff Holiday</i>
<i>January 22nd - 25th</i>	<i>Conversation Hearts: Go on SALE</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</i>
	<i>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 26th, 27th, & 28th</i>	<i>EARLY RELEASE DAYS</i>
	<i>Students Dismiss at 12:40pm</i>

Helpful Information

Welcome New Staff

Angel Alcocer- Data Processor
Marian Riddles- Clinic Assistant
Hector Fernandez- Special Education Teacher
Jessica Weber- Special Education Assistant

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.

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).

PTA News to Remember

Snowflakes for Sandy Hook Elementary School-due by Tuesday morning, 1/8/13: The Connecticut PTSA has met with the PTA and community leaders in Newtown and Sandy Hook Elementary to offer their assistance at this very difficult time, and decided to spearhead a simple, yet very meaningful, project for Sandy Hook students. Students all over are asked to create snowflakes to help the students of Sandy Hook have a winter wonderland at their new school. Please be creative and make a snowflake with your child over the winter break. We hope this activity will provide meaningful and supportive conversation with your own kids and allow them an opportunity to reach out and help other students so far away. Many Tuscan kids have been working on these snowflakes at school as well, but we encourage your family to make a special snowflake together. Get creative-no two snowflakes are alike! We will have collection boxes in the front hallway of the school on Monday, Jan. 7th, and Tuesday, Jan. 8th. All snowflakes will be mailed Tuesday morning to arrive in CT by January 12. Thank you for supporting Sandy Hook!

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.

3rd Annual Run for the Heights 5K Run/Walk, Kids' Fun Run & Health Fair Saturday, February 23, 2013: Mark your calendars for another fun and exciting morning of health and wellness. 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.tuscanyheightspta.org/>.

All proceeds benefit the Tuscany Heights Elementary PTA, a 501(c)3.

SAVE THE DATE- Tuscany Heights Night at the Spurs-January 18: Come join Tusky 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. You don't want to miss this fun evening! Forms will be sent home the week of January 7th. Go Tigers Go!