

Tuscany Heights Elementary

Oct. 29th - Nov. 2nd

Parents,

It has been a busy time of the year, but you all manage to continue your support. We appreciate your never ending encouragement!

*Thank you,
Tara Bailey*

Upcoming Events

Oct. 25th - Nov. 2nd

Turkey Grams

Nov. 2nd

Awards Assembly

3rd Grade Field Trip

Nov. 7th

Character Parade/ Read Across School (Slight Schedule Change)---Look for a letter home this week!

Nov. 9th

Field Day—Grade Level Times are as listed:

Kinder 8:45-9:35

First 9:35-10:25

Fourth 10:25-11:15

Second 11:15-12:05

Third 12:45-1:35

Fifth 1:35-2:25

Nov. 12th - 16th

Jump Rope Sales

Nov. 14th

4th Grade Field Trip

Nov. 15th

Eat for a Cause—Papa John's Teacher Delivery Night

Nov. 19th - 23rd

Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 26th - Dec. 7th
Sister School Toy Drive

Helpful Information

NEW!----Character Parade

To help kick off this year's Read Across School, we are hosting a character parade so that everyone can showcase their favorite character! See below for more info:

We are so excited to host our first school-wide Book Character Parade on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 8:00a.m. Students, teachers, and staff are encouraged to arrive at school dressed up as their favorite story book characters. Parents will have the opportunity to view the parade from the front of the school. No worries about RAPTORing in the office. Bring your cameras and cheer on our parading book characters walking down the front sidewalk around to the back gym.

How do you prepare for this fun day? Brainstorm with your child favorite characters in books that have been read. Find that perfect book either at home or in the library and see what you can uncover around the home to piece your costume together such as sheets, boxes, poster board, scarves and ties, large shirts, etc. There are many ideas on the internet such as Pinterest. Please check Mrs. Kuentz's Library website for book character idea links @ <http://tw.neisd.net/webpages/skuent/>.

**** NEISD Dress Code and Student Code of Conduct are still expected to be followed (NO WEAPONS or LOOK- ALIKES)*

Library Resource Page

See the last page of the eBlast for helpful information on navigating our library resource page.

Bullying Website

The district now has a "Bully Awareness" website that you can use as a resource. The link has many helpful components as well as a campus section. On our campus section, you will find all the things we do as a school and community to teach bully prevention. You will also find our campus administration contacts in the event you need to reach us regarding a situation.

*You can access this information at:
www.neisd.net ; Parent Link, Bully Awareness*

Healthy Birthday Treats

Are you looking for a "healthy alternative" to those traditional "sugar packed" birthday treats to send to school for your child's birthday celebration? Our students have developed a "birthday treat alternative" list that has a variety of healthier options to pick from. Your children are excited about these healthier options so we hope that you will take advantage of these new choices. Please check with your child's teacher for a copy of that list. In the future, Tuscan Heights Elementary would like to apply for The Healthier Generation Award and this is the first step towards earning this great honor.

Leader in Me

*We will host another Leader in Me Night next semester. We are discussing January 29th as a tentative date.
More info to come*

PTA News to Remember

Red Ribbon Week Sister School Uniform Drive, extended through October 31: We are wacky about khakis! Please donate new or gently used khaki or navy blue pants, skirts, and shorts; and white, navy, or forest green polo shirts. We are also collecting new packages of underwear and socks. Turn items into the bins in the front entrance hallway and make sure items are labeled with name of your student's teacher. The class with the most items wins lunch with Mrs. Bailey and Tusky! Let's sharpen the saw for our Sister School!

Honorary Texas Life Member Nominations due by 10/31: Please consider nominating a parent, teacher, staff member, or community member who has made a worthwhile contribution for the well being of the children and youth of this community. The nomination form is available online at tuscanheightspta.org under "Backpack Flyers." If you have any questions, please contact Brooke Miler, lifemember@tuscanheightspta.org.

THE PTA Presents...Red, White, and Blue Field Day, Friday, 11/9: All students will be participating in our

patriotic Field Day during the times listed below. Come and join the celebration in honor of Veterans Day. To volunteer, please contact Gina Roth, Field Day Chair, fieldday@tuscanheightspta.org.

Kinder 8:45-9:35

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Second 11:15-12:05

Third 12:45-1:35

Fifth 1:35-2:25

Papa John's Teacher Delivery Night, Thursday, 11/15: Get ready for a surprise delivery from one of your Tuscany teachers! Teachers and staff will be delivering pizzas this night and collecting tips to support our school. Order forms will be sent home in backpacks the week of Nov. 5th.

*** Library Resource Info...on the next page!

Fantastic Student Resources at Your Fingertips on our Tuscany Heights Library Resource Page

Tuscany Heights students have access to many great library resources! Be sure to take advantage of these resources by using them at home also. To access the Tuscany Heights Library Resources Page, click [here](#). If link doesn't work, click on Library from Tuscany Heights school home page (<http://www.neisd.net/tuscany/>). Then click on the orange sun on the screen that says, "Library Resource Page: Where our questions are answered!"

To access any of our resources:

1. From the [Tuscany Heights Library Resources Page](#), click on the resource of your choice
2. At the login page, NEISD ID # = Your Student's ID # and School Code = "TUSC". If you don't know your child's student ID #, please go into your Parent Portal and access your child's cafeteria account. The student ID # will be listed there.



Here are some of the great resources you can explore with your student:

Tumblebooks (e-books for e-kids)

Great reading resource! Students can listen to or read along with storybooks, watch storybook videos, read in other languages and read non-fiction books. When they are finished with a book, they can take a quiz to see what they learned and practice writing book reports.

World Book Encyclopedia Online and Britannica Encyclopedia Online

Perfect resources for all subjects that your child is interested in and the encyclopedias are updated daily – can't get any better than that. World Book offers:

- WB Kids for our young students from preK – 3rd graders*
- WB Students for our 3rd – 5th graders*
- WB Advanced for our 5th – 12 graders*



Brain Pop (animated educational site)

Video connections for above and beyond teachings at school. Teachings include the core subjects as well as spotlight topics (i.e. Hispanic Heritage and Elections). Brain Pop Jr. focuses on lessons for grades K-3.

To access:

1. From the [Tuscany Heights Library Resources Page](#), click on the Brain Pop icon.
2. Click Login at the top and enter Username = 'tuscanyes' and Password = 'neisd'.

NEISD Digital Library

Free eBooks that can be read on Kindle, iPod touch, Android, NOOK and more devices! Selections include Fiction, Non-Fiction and Audiobooks. Search by Most Popular books, New Releases, as well as "Lost in Stacks".

To access:

1. Click [here](#) to access the NEISD Digital Library. If link doesn't work, go to <http://neisd.lib.overdrive.com>.
2. Click on "My Account" and enter your Student's ID #.