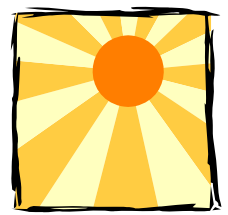




West Intermediate Newsletter

May 2008



5th Grade News

TAKS Science -May 1st

Fifth grade will be working on character education in May. They will be talking about positive character traits in science.

The fifth grade awards assembly will be held in the WIS gym on Friday May 30th at 10:30 am. Students will be allowed to leave with parents immediately following the ceremony.

NAME "THE GARDEN PROJECT" CONTEST WINNER
Clay Nors
"Cool Outdoor Manufacturing Product of Soil"

TAR Wars poster WINNERS

- 1st place – Jenna Riemenschneider
- 2nd place – Thomas Barton
- 3rd place – Shyan Schulte
- 4th place – Kamrynn Schiller

I can not believe we are in our last six weeks of school! This 2007-08 school year has been a terrific year. Our fourth and fifth grade students have worked hard, put forth great effort, and kept a positive attitude. Teachers and staff have kept a focus to always put children and their learning first. We appreciate the support of parents as we all work together to prepare our children for the future. I hope you and your children have a safe, enjoyable summer.

We're All In This Together!

Michele Scott
West Intermediate School Principal

What's Happening This Month?

MAY

- 1st – TAKS-5th grade Science
 - GT Collection Fair
- 5th thru 9th – Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5th – Diabetic Walk For Life Kickoff (All PE Classes)
- 6th – PTO meeting @ WES
- 11th – MOTHER'S DAY
- 12th – After School Reading Program begins
- 13th – TAKS- 5th grade Math Retest
- 14th – 4th Grade Living Museum
 - All Library Books Due
- 15th – Choir – Sandy Lake
- 16th – Bluebonnet Readers Skating Party
 - Diabetic Walk for Life Fundraising Money due
- 21st – 4th Grade Field Trip Mayborn Museum
 - After School Reading program ends.
- 22nd – Last day for Morning tutorials
- 26th – Holiday/Memorial Weekend
- 27th – 4th grade Field Day
- 28th – 5th grade Field Day
- 30th – End of 6th six weeks
Last day of school

Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) Interactive and Printable Study Guides available at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment>

"IT'S NOT OVER 'TILL IT'S OVER" - Yogi Berra
Meaning: Something isn't over until all of it is finished.

It seems appropriate for this time of year to take a quote from former baseball great Yogi Berra. It is a good reminder that we still have several innings of school left. The academia season is not yet over.

As the baseball season gets a full head of steam, we are still going on with the business of learning. Late hours and changes of daily (and nightly) schedules can lead to tired, cranky children, but there is still much to do to prepare your child for next year. Parents can help students by making sure they complete homework before going to a game or practice. Reminding students that school is still a priority will also help with academic success. Insisting on regular attendance and getting to school on time are also ways for parents to show students how important school still is.

Good sportsmanship at the ball field AND at school is important. Students, parents, teachers, & staff are all an important part of the WIS team and we need to continue to work together for a successful school year.

We still have a few strikes left! We're ready to swing into the last inning of the season. We need to keep playing as hard as we can until the umpire cries out, "You're Outta Here!"

4th Grade News

The first part of May will be spent preparing for the Texas Living Museum. This year's Living Museum is scheduled for May 14th. Parents are invited to come take a tour and view their work. Performances will take place in the morning from 8:30 until 9:20 and then again in the afternoon from 1:15 until 2:30. It takes approx. 15 minutes to take the tour.

On May 21st, 4th graders will be going to the Mayborn Museum in Waco. Departure time will be around 8:15 a.m. Students will need to bring a sack lunch - NO GLASS BOTTLES. Parents are welcome to meet us at the museum. Their cost for the tour is \$6. Students may leave with their parent only! ...no leaving with a friend!

Prepare to be ELECTRIFIED and MAGNETIZED this month in Science. Students will be studying electricity and magnetism.

The fourth grade awards presentation will be held in the classrooms on Friday, May 30th at 9:00 am. Students will be allowed to leave with parents immediately following their class presentations.

Let's Be Green and Save Electricity!

Turn off lights, TVs, and electronics when you leave a room.

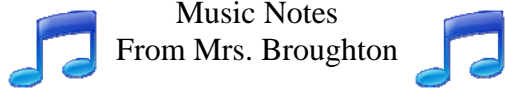
From the Cafeteria

No Charging after Friday, May 16th

All Charges need to be paid by Wednesday, May 28th.



For questions and/or comments about the newsletter contact:
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Music Notes From Mrs. Broughton

No choir practice on Tuesday, May 6th

The choir will be singing for the West School Board on Wednesday, May 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Choir attends Sandy Lake Choral Festival on Thursday, May 15th 2008. (time pending)

Congratulations Top Readers! 5th Six Weeks

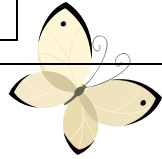
4th Grade

Peyton Janek
Brooke Johnson
Lane Martin
Griffin Paxton
Josh Svacek
Tanner Uptmore

5th Grade

Colton Adams
Lane Adams
Marissa Adamson
Addyson Foitek
Aynslee Kucera
Jenna
Riemenschneider
CJ Wachsmann
Cameron Wolf

MEMO FROM MRS. JANEK:



April was Child Abuse Awareness Month -- But we should ALWAYS remain alert. Please report any abuse or suspicions of abuse or neglect to the web site for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at <https://reportabuse.ws> or phone in at 1-800-252-5400. Together, we can help protect our children and keep them safe. You may save a life!

Recommended Summer Reading

Librarian Kathy Roller recommends - *Heat* by Mike Lupica
4th Grade Teacher Ida Wines recommends - *The Stonewords* by Pam Conrad
Secretary Mary Wolf recommends - *Snot Stew* by Bill Wallace
5th grade Teacher Christine Brinegar recommends - *Hank Zipper series* by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver
Technology Director Cori Chappell recommends - *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls and *Belle at Midnight* by Diane Stanley
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
5th Grade Teacher Chanda Taylor recommends - *Among The Brave* by Margaret

2008-2009 Texas Bluebonnet List



Atherton: The House of Power

by Patrick Carman

Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars

by Douglas Florian

Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw

Tale of Friendship and Freedom

by Tim Tingle

Gabriel's Horses

by Alison Hart

How to Steal a Dog

by Barbara O'Connor

The Invention of Hugo Cabret

by Brian Selznick

Just Grace

by Charise Mericle Harper

Lawn Boy

by Gary Paulsen

Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret

E. Knight Became an Inventor

by Emily Arnold McCully

The Middle of Somewhere

by J.B. Cheaney

One-Handed Catch

by Mary Jane Auch

One Potato, Two Potato

by Cynthia C. DeFelice

Tall Tales

by Karen Day

Team Moon

by Catherine Thimmesh

The Thing about Georgie

by Lisa Graff

This is Just to Say: Poems of

Apology and Forgiveness

by Joyce Sidman

Toys Go Out

by Emily Jenkins

Way Down Deep

by Ruth White

What You Never Knew About Beds,

Bedrooms, & Pajamas

by Patricia Lauber

The Winner's Walk

by Nancy Ruth Patterson

The **West Public Library** will be hosting a Summer Reading Program: **Celebrations!**

Kick-off with Magician Todd McKinney will be Wednesday, June 4th at 6:30 p.m.

The program continues on each Wednesday, (June 11th, 18th, 25th, and ending on July 2nd)

10:30 a.m.

Regular Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 3 – 7 p.m.

Wednesday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturdays 9 a.m. – Noon

Closed Fridays

