



Letter from the Principal

Dear Westwood Families,

At Westwood our students are growing and learning every day. It is our mission to give our children the academic, social and emotional skills they need to succeed.

Westwood works very hard to provide all of our students with an instructional program that supports their individualized needs. We do this through getting our kiddos invested in their learning by providing them choice whenever possible. We want them to read books of interest and write creative stories that show their understanding and be able to learn from each other on an ongoing basis.

We have also been providing trainings for our teachers on how to differentiate our students' instruction by utilizing a variety of small group support, open-ended activities and goal setting. We are a Leader in Me campus. Our teachers provide a Pride Time every morning to support our students in developing their leadership and life skills. We are learning how to create a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that every child can be a leader. We have noticed when teachers incorporate this type of instruction; students take more ownership of their learning.

Even with these uncertain times, we are excited about what is happening at Westwood. Our students are learning so much about themselves and how they learn. Please help us continue to meet our goal—make sure they come to school every day on time and ready to learn. We also want our parents to attend our monthly parent meetings where we discuss our programming, safety protocols and community resources. Together, we can provide the foundation for your children that will allow them to be successful now and in their future.

Sincerely,
Kay Kennard

Counselor's Corner

Westwood's Student Lighthouse team is excited to practice Habit 7 Sharpen the Saw with Healthy Choices Week February 21-25. We all feel best when we take the time to nurture our mind, body, heart and spirit. That is what it means to Sharpen the Saw. Be on the lookout for messaging from our Student Lighthouse Team highlighting a variety of ways to improve our health.

Valentine's Day Celebration

Our Valentine's celebrations are scheduled on our half day, which is on Friday, Feb. 11th. This year students will be able to bring in Valentine's cards. Our teachers are in the process of planning special treats for our students. All treats that will be provided will be store bought and individually wrapped. We want to thank you for supporting our safety protocols to ensure our students health.

FEBRUARY at a Glance

- 2nd World Read Aloud Day
- 3rd Parent Meeting 5:30 pm
- 4th Progress Reports go home
- 5th 5th Gr. Science Camp
- 6th National School Counselor Week
- 7th-18th Heart Challenge Week
- 9th 5th SOMs Fieldtrip
- 10th-11th Early Dismissal Parent /Teacher Conferences
- 11th Valentine's Class Celebration
- 14th CIT Meeting 3rd - 5th STAAR Field Testing Week
- 17th Monthly Parent Meeting
- 21st Student Holiday Healthy Choices Week
- 24th Literacy/Wellness Night
- 25th Go Texan Day
- 28th Food Drive Begins

Student Holiday

There will be
no school on

Go Texan Day

We are encouraging all our students to participate in Go Texan Day on Friday, Feb. 25th by wearing their favorite cowboy/girl outfit.

WWE Kids Heart Challenge

The Health Fitness team will conduct the Kids Heart Challenge from February 7th - February 18th. During the two weeks, students are encouraged to collect money for the American Heart Association. A nonprofit association that funds cardiovascular medical research and reduce the cost of cardiac care of children with sick hearts. Last year Westwood raised \$3,600! Our goal for this year is to collect \$4,000.

This event will be a Win-Win situation. All the money will support children with sick hearts and students will get a prize for every \$5 they bring. Students who collect \$75 or more will get to slime a teacher on field day. A flyer will be posted in your child's class Dojo with more information.

#HealthFitness

Parent Center News

Wishing that the **month of February** bring joy, love, peace, and happiness. **This month is full of exciting parent opportunities.** Please join us or our ESL (English as a second language) class every Friday from 9:30a.m. to 11 a.m. Level one and two. We also will have our Leader In Me parent class every Wednesday starting Feb. 2nd at 9:30 to 10:30. Our monthly coffee with the principal will be in Spanish at 9:00 a.m. and in English at 5:00 p.m. both sessions can be translated and will also be on zoom for your convenience.

We hope you will join us!

Healthy Mind, Healthy Me Literacy and Wellness Night

On February 24th at 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm, we will have **Healthy Mind, Healthy Me Literacy and Wellness Night.** We are incorporating Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw to our library night as we celebrate a healthy heart for the month of February. Second, and third graders, together with our Specials teachers will prepare some activities that will promote healthy minds and bodies. There will be games, basketball, cup stacking and other fun activities. Fidget toys will be given away as door prizes while supplies last. It will be a fun night! We look forward to seeing you.

Character Without Question

We would like to honor each of our Character Without Question Award class representatives. The following students were selected by their classmates for consistently showing honesty, responsibility, respect, perseverance, courage, caring, and citizenship. Thank you all for being role models for our Westwood family and continuously showing character without question in everything you do!

Maria V.	Jaylin R.	Leanna C.
Eliza O.	Abby A.	Kathrine M.
Emilia C.	Estrella G.	Julie G.
Scarlett G.	Luis V.	Jocelyn S.
Sylvie P-E	Isabella C.	Ashley H.
Brayan R-S	Mia G.	
Danyel C	Paola S.	
Gael R.	Jesus L.	
Anthony J.	Allyson J.	

From all of the class representatives, we had the difficult task of selecting one student to represent Westwood as our Character Without Question recipient at the February SBISD School Board Meeting. We will announce our representative at our Monday Morning WWE broadcast on Feb. 7th. Our representative will be honored at our SBISD District Board Meeting in February.

Library News

Read Aloud. Change the World. On **February 2, 2022**, we will celebrate **World Read Aloud Day!** LitWorld founded World Read Aloud Day in 2010 as an opportunity for people all around the globe to celebrate the joy of reading aloud, and advocate for literacy as a fundamental human right that belongs to everyone. Celebrate with us by reading aloud a book to your child on that day!

Kindergarten to third grade classes at Westwood Elementary have started the **Champions Are Readers Reading Program** sponsored by Pi Beta Phi. Please encourage your child to read and turn in their responses or reading log. Teachers will track their progress until Friday, **March 7th**. Students who reach their goals will participate in a CAR Celebration on the week of **March 21** where they will receive a book and a certificate. The top 20 students will receive a medal for their accomplishment.