



January at a Glance

- 4th School Resumes
Beginning of the 3rd 9
Weeks
Program Begins
- 5th 5th Gr. Parent Meeting
- 7th Report Cards Go Home
- 10th Boys and Girls Club &
Tutorial Programs Begin
- 13th Early Dismissal
- 17th Holiday
- 20th Monthly Parent Meeting
- 21st Individual/Group Pictures
- 24th CIT

Letter from the Principal

Dear Westwood Families,

We hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday. We are delighted to be back for the second half of the school year. As always, we need your continued support to provide the best education possible for our children. Your child's report card will be sent home on Friday, January 7th. Please discuss your child's report card with him/her. This month teachers will be analyzing our mid-year MAP testing. This is an online test that assesses students' academic needs and growth in reading and math. The data they collect will help your child's teacher target skills that will allow them to develop instructional strategies to support their progress and success for this semester. We are working hard to make sure every child meets end of year expectations. Please help us by reading with your child every night. If you have any questions about their report card or your child's progress do not hesitate to call your child's teacher for a conference.

Sincerely,
Kay Kennard

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Our Tutorial & BGC program will resume the week of Jan.

Attention all 5th Grade Parents:

We will be having a Middle School Options Meeting on Wednesday, January 5th at 5PM. The meeting will be in our library. We will also provide it by zoom. We will send the link on Westwood's Class Dojo on Tuesday January 4th. We will have a short presentation with time for questions.

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT TEAM INFORMATION

If you are interested in taking an active role in Westwood's funding an programming we would like you to consider being a part of our Campus Improvement Team (CIT).

Our annual election/nomination process for being a part of our Campus Improvement Team begins mid-January. This month our district will be posting the forms that need to be completed on the SBISD website. You can also come to our front office and we can provide you a copy of the forms. Forms will need to be completed and returned to our front office by February 18th. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions at 713-251-2100.

WWE SPELLING BEE

Westwood's 11th Annual Spelling Bee was held on December 9th in our cafeteria. Twenty-seven students from grades 3rd-5th grade participated. The spelling bee went 13 rounds. The 1st place winner was **Hope McLean**; 2nd place went to **Joshua Mendoza**. Both of them will be representing WWE in our district Spelling Bee scheduled for February. We would like to express our congratulations to all the students who participated. In addition, we would like to thank all our parents who came out to support their child.

PARENT CENTER NEWS

Our Communities in Schools (CIS) would like to wish our Westwood Community a Happy New Year to you and your family! I hope this year will bring warmth of love and positivity in your life.

We would like to invite you to our first parent meeting of the year on Thursday, January 20, 2022. We will have two sessions one at 9:00 a.m. in person and a zoom session at 5:00 p.m. We will send the link through Class Dojo on Tuesday, Jan. 18th. We look forward to discussing tips on how to keep your family healthy and Community Resources that are available. We hope you will join us!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

For the month of January we are focusing on Habit 6 Synergize!! Together is better! When we are practicing Habit 6, we are humble, value other's strengths, seek out other's ideas to solve problems, get along well with others even if they are different from us, and know that by teaming with others we can create a better solution than we can alone. Have your family work on a project together, point out each person's strengths and discuss how together is better!

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL INFORMATION

Entering and exiting the building is very important. If you drop your child off via car, please remain in the carpool line and your child can exit the vehicle once you reach the sidewalk. If they are walkers, they must enter via the back of the school. Mrs. Kennard monitors the back entrance each morning. If they come after 7:50 all students, report to the front of the building as school instruction begins at this time.

In the afternoon, the same pick up and drop off rules apply. Please do not park your car in the parking lot during carpool times and walk your child to the front door, this is very dangerous.

If a problem or emergency arises, please feel free to call the school and ask to speak with either Mrs. Kennard or Mrs. Moulton. While we work through these difficult times, know that it is important to do the right thing, because it is the right thing to do.

NURSE'S NOTES

As we move into the Cold and Flu season please be mindful of our Health and Safety plan (www.springbranchisd.com). Please contact the school if you keep your child home. For all illnesses, if in 24 hours your student recovers without any medical intervention, to include over the counter medication, can return to school the next day. Please send a note with your child regarding their absence.

If your child's symptoms are not resolved, follow the SBISD Health and Safety plan. Students must be fever free (without the use of over the counter medication), no vomiting nor diarrhea. May return once symptoms resolve and has been at least 24 hours since last episode. If your child is sent home from school with, any of the above symptoms will not be able to return to school the next day.

Please keep your phone number and emergency contacts current.

Nurse Waller

LIBRARY NEWS

McDonald's Roaring Readers

On **January 10th**, we will have **McDonald's Roaring Readers Party** in the library. McDonald's would like to reward Westwood students who have been reading a lot or have made an improvement in their reading habits. Please continue to encourage your child to read because 20 minutes of reading a day will make a big difference in their future!

Champions Are Readers

Kindergarten to third grade classes at Westwood Elementary will participate in **Champions Are Readers**, a reading program sponsored by Pi Beta Phi. The reading program was developed in 2003 by Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women. Students will have to read and turn in their responses based on the goal set by their teachers. The reading program will begin on **January 24th - March 11th**. Students who reach their goals will participate in a CAR Celebration on **April 1st**. Watch out for more information that will be sent home through your child and Class Dojo!