



# Margaret Landell Elementary School

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## Landell Weekly Communication

October 20-24, 2025

### Principal's Message

We had a wonderful turnout for Literacy Night! Thank you to all the families who braved the rainy weather to join us for an evening of literary fun and learning. It was great to see so many students and parents engaged in reading activities and celebrating the joy of literacy together. As we move into this week, students are working hard and beginning their STAR assessments. These assessments help us track student progress and guide instruction to support continued growth and success.

### Information

#### **Student Chromebook Reminder**

- We would like to remind all students who take their Chromebooks home to log off and fully shut them down each night. This helps ensure that important updates are installed and that the devices are ready for use the next school day.

#### **District GATE Screener**

- An important update regarding our district's GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) screener was sent out by our District Office. Beginning this year, Cypress School District will no longer administer the GATE screener, as we now use ongoing assessments such as STAR Reading, STAR Math, and other progress-monitoring tools to identify and support advanced learners. Placement in advanced courses at the junior high level will continue to be based on current achievement data and teacher input, ensuring each student receives instruction that meets their individual needs. A copy of this letter is attached.

#### **Hearing and Vision- Wednesday, October 23 (Only Grade: tk/k, 2, and 5)**

- This week, grades TK/K, 2, and 5 are being screened for hearing and vision per state mandate. Families will only be notified of results if the student does not pass. Please have your student bring/wear their glasses on screening day.

### Future Dates to Remember

#### **Mark your calendars! Monday, October 27 will be an early release day!**

- Tk/k @ 1:10
- 1, 2, 3 @ 1:15
- 4, 5, 6 @ 1:20

## **Red Ribbon Week- October 21-25**

### **Date Dress Up Theme**

*Monday, October 27: Red Day*

*Tuesday, October 28: Wacky Clothes and Hair*

*Wednesday, October 29: Pajama Day*

*Thursday, October 30: Sports Jersey and/or hat*

*Friday, October 31: Halloween Costume*

- Food Drive: Canned and other packaged food will be collected all week to be given to a local food pantry for people in our community.

## **Landell Literacy Night- November 18- 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

- Literacy night is an opportunity to come to campus and celebrate reading. Students will be able to rotate through three literacy stations where they can take an AR test in the library, read a book in the multi-purpose room, and participate in a literacy activity in the stem lab. We hope to see all our families come to enjoy this monthly event!

## **Student Council Spirit Day- November 13**

- Show your school spirit and wear your **Fall Colors** on Thursday, November 13!

Thank you,

**Vanessa Freedman**

*Principal*

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