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WELCOME BACK THUNDERBIRDS

Upcoming Events

9/5,9/10,9/24

Volunteer Orientation @8am

9/6

Upper Grade Assembly

9/10

Volunteer Orientation @8am

9/11

Lunch w/Parent Begins W & F

9/12

5 pm Back to School Night

9/13

Lower Grade Assembly

9/16

3:30 pm Thunderboard Mtg

9/23

No School/DIO Day

9/28

Beautification Day

6 pm DL Parent Meeting

9/26

School Picture Day

9/27

McKinney Roughs 5th Grade

Camping Trip

Coffee Chat



We are excited to begin this year with new and returning Thunderbird families. This year brings new plans for project based learning (PBL) and all grade levels have a minimum of one PBL unit planned for each semester. This learning format allows students to connect their learning to real life, collaborate with others, and communicate their learning.

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A reminder about parking...

As good members of this community, please remember to be kind to our neighbors. When parking, please do not block driveways or walkways. Parking is available along the street south of the school by Stacy pool during arrival and dismissal. Please do not park by Wildman Woods or along the front of the school before 8 am or after 2 pm as it blocks the car line and causes traffic jams.

READING IS ESSENTIAL

For a successful student, read at least 20 minutes a day!

Welcome Back! (continued from page 1)

In addition, we met TEA standards on our STAAR results and made progress closing achievement gaps between our student groups. We have received 3 distinctions and we are proud of all the hard work everyone at THES has put forth. We still have areas to work on but we are proud of our progress.

Our calendar this year is changing due to the Travis Vertical Team Innovation Plan. The Travis Vertical Team is made up of schools within our local area and includes Lively MS and Travis HS among others. In the Innovation Plan, our school day will begin at 7:40 and end at 3:00 p.m. In addition, we have six planning days for teacher development to support student learning. The following dates will be student holidays: Sep 23, Oct 3, Nov 11, Dec 19, Jan 7, and Feb 14. Creative Action Club & Extend-A-Care will offer programs for these days and information can be found on their websites.

Our four instructional foundations of blended learning, multicultural learning, whole child focus with the creative learning initiative and social emotional learning, and project base learning prepare our student for future learning. We are thankful for your trust in our school and look forward to working together to ensure a great year for our students!

THES is a community school

We have safety protocols for arrival and dismissal to ensure all students are safe. Please let your classroom teacher know if your child will be a walker, a car rider, or goes to an after school program. After School students are escorted to their program and Walkers are picked up at the play pad. Car riders receive a tag with their child's name and teacher to hang from their rearview mirror. When picking up your child, please join the car line at the end of Alameda Dr. and please be patient. During dismissal, no cars are allowed to come down Rosedale to keep the flow of traffic going one way on Alameda and prevent car accidents.



BREAKFAST IN THE CLASSROOM

As you may have heard, we will have Breakfast in the Classroom again this year. Breakfast will occur each day between 7:40 – 8:00. PK- 5th grade classrooms will eat in the their classrooms. Breakfast is free and every student is encouraged to eat!

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL

We have also been granted FREE LUNCH to every child on our campus.

We are encouraging all students to participate and grab a tray to help support the need we have on our campus.

