



Texarkana
Independent School District

The Place To Be!

OCTOBER 2017

WESTLAWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

On behalf of our staff, I would like to thank you for your continued support! We are striving hard every day to make sure your child is in a safe, secure, and nurturing environment.

I would like to remind you of our school schedule and procedures for the 2017-2018 school year:

School Day: Classes begin at 7:50 a.m. and end at 3:10 p.m. If your child arrives after 7:50 a.m., he/she is tardy and will have to be signed in with Mrs. Simon in the front office.

Mornings: Please do not drop students off before 7:15 a.m. Car riders may only be dropped off in the designated car area beside the cafeteria.

Afternoons: Students should only be checked out early if they have an appointment or family emergency. Car riders should be picked up in the designated car area beside the cafeteria on time. Bus riders will leave the campus at different times. Please remember it is a privilege for your child to ride the bus. If he/she receives a bus referral, it could result in a bus suspension.

Absences: When your child is absent, please send a note when he/she returns to school.

Contact Information: Please update your contact information (phone numbers, email, and address) in the front office so we are able to reach you especially in cases of an emergency.

Support: We ask that you support our campus by checking your child's backpack daily for homework, papers that need to be signed and returned, and information about upcoming events. Also, please have your child read at home on a daily basis!

If you have any questions and/or concerns, feel free to contact us at 903-223-4252. We look forward to a very productive year!

Thank you,
Taryn Wells
Principal

Dates to Remember...

OCTOBER 23-27

Red Ribbon Week

MONDAY: Pledge to be Drug Free
Wear Red

TUESDAY: Friends help friends say no to drugs
Twin Day

WEDNESDAY: Turn your Back on Drugs
Wear a shirt backwards

THURSDAY: Team up Against Drugs
Wear your favorite team jersey/shirt

FRIDAY: Our School Chooses to be Drug Free!
*Wear your favorite school shirt
or orange and black colors.*

OCTOBER 24

Westlawn 7 Habits of
Successful Families Night
Habit 2 ~ 5:30-6:30pm

OCTOBER 27

Monster Mash ~ 5-7pm

Hints from the Curriculum Coach

At Westlawn Elementary we believe children are more successful when they have good support from both their parents and teachers. We encourage you to work with the teacher and find out some ways you can support the classroom. Remember, you have valuable insight about your child — no one knows him/her better than you — so it's important to take initiative and communicate that knowledge to the teacher throughout the school year.

Home-to-School Communication:
Best Practices for
Parent-Teacher Communication

A Parent's Wish List for Teachers:

- Please tell me how you want to be reached.
- Please, ask for help when you need it!
- Please set clear expectations.
- Keep me in the know!
- Please tell me the truth about my child and be timely.

A Teacher's Wish List for Parents:

- Please respect my time.
- Please check Tuesday folder!
- Feedback is always welcome!
- Please give me the benefit of the doubt.
- Be honest and open with me.
- Get Involved!

Ms. Nichole Smith & Kiaundra Walker

From the Counselor...

What a great start to our year and an exciting 1st six weeks we've had! Our campus is dedicated to helping shape our students through the Leader in Me program. One of our many priorities as counselors is implementing a service project each month to help promote the importance of giving back. During the month of September, through our Wipe Away the Tears Campaign, we collected water, wipes, and change for our fellow Texans who were affected by Hurricane Harvey.



Westlawn Elementary students and counselors showing community support through September's service project, Wipe Away the Tears.

Here's what's happening in October...

- “Sock-tober”, we will be collecting new socks to donate to those in need. We will be making donations within our community through the local outreach programs.
- Our 2nd six weeks kicks off our Kindness Rocks initiative. Students will be painting rocks with a kind message, and we will be placing these rocks within the community. So keep a look out for a beautifully painted rock to help brighten your day!
- Red Ribbon Week – October 23rd through October 27th
 - o Monday: Pledge to be Drug Free – Wear Red
 - o Tuesday: Friends help friends say no to drugs- Twin Day
 - o Wednesday: Turn your Back on Drugs - Wear a shirt backwards
 - o Thursday: Team up Against Drugs - Wear your favorite team jersey/shirt
 - o Friday: Our School Chooses to be Drug Free! - Wear your favorite school shirt or orange and black colors.

As school counselors, we serve as a “friendly helper” for ALL students and work with students on an individual basis and in small groups. We also facilitate classroom guidance and counseling sessions, help identify student needs, and assist in assessment of students with special needs. If you need to speak with one of us simply call the front office at 903-223-4252 or email Laura Banks (laura.banks@txkisd.net) or April Holley (april.holley@txkisd.net).

Leader in Me & the 7 Habits at Westlawn Elementary

Westlawn Elementary is growing future leaders as a Leader In Me School.

Leader in Me is a school-wide program based on Franklin Covey's book *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. It teaches 21st century leadership and life skills to students. These include skills such as being responsible, setting goals, honesty, teamwork, and renewal. Leader in Me creates a school where every child can be a leader.

Over the course of the school year, Westlawn students will learn about the 7 habits and use them daily. One habit will be highlighted each six weeks. The focus this first six weeks was Habit 1: Be Proactive. This habit teaches students about self-control. They are responsible for their behavior, words, and attitudes.

Westlawn families have the opportunity to learn about the 7 Habits by participating in the 7 Habits of Successful Families workshop series, which teaches how to use the 7 Habits to strengthen the family

unit and improve important relationships. Many Westlawn families attended our football-themed 7 Habits Kickoff event and learned about Habit 1. Two lucky families won family packs of tickets to a Texas High Tigers Varsity football game! Our next 7 Habits for Successful Families event at Westlawn will be on the evening of Tuesday, October 24. We hope you will join us that evening for some food, fun, and learning about Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind. This is the habit of planning ahead and setting goals both individually and for your family.

Finally, all year long, Westlawn families will be able to increase their child's learning of the 7 habits at home through school-home activities. Keep an eye out for these activities in your child's Tuesday folder once each six weeks. This is a great way to show your child that you feel that what he/she is learning about the 7 Habits at school is important and help him/her use those skills at home.



Westlawn Elementary families, students, and staff came together for the 7 Habits of Successful Families kickoff! Students enjoyed our "special guests," which were some of the Texas High football players and band members.

Amberly Shaw
Family Engagement Specialist

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#theyearofMORE

...it's a WESTLAWN
ELEMENTARY thing
you wouldn't understand.

THE 7 Habits of a Leader in Me School

1 **BE PROACTIVE**
I am in charge of me.

2 **Begin with the end in mind...**
Have a plan.

3 **Put First Things First**
Work first, play later.

4 **THINK WIN-WIN**
EVERYBODY WINS.

5 **Seek first to understand,**
then to be understood.
Be an active listener.

6 **synergize**
Teamwork

7 **sharpen the saw**
Balance feels best.

GT Academy at Westlawn Elementary

Texarkana Independent School District is committed to developing creative and productive leaders. This commitment can be met by nurturing the abilities of academically gifted children in a creative and stimulating environment. Our gifted and talented (GT) program focuses on teaching the child to think and encourages the child to create. The curriculum is purposeful, motivating, and dynamic and gives the learner freedom to experience a wide range of approaches to learning.

GT students in grades first through fifth are served through a pull out program, GT Academy, located on the Westlawn Elementary School campus. Students from around the district meet at GT Academy once weekly for a full-day program. There are many exciting things planned in GT Academy this year!

Julie Patterson & Monica Harrison

Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPs)

The Texarkana Independent School District Volunteers In Public Schools (VIPs) Program WELCOMES Parents, Community, Senior Citizens & College Students as VOLUNTEERS!

You need no special qualifications – just a genuine love of children and a desire to help them receive the best possible educational experience. As a volunteer, you will be assisting campus and district staff in the day-to-day efforts that allow us to provide the best possible educational experience for each child at Westlawn Elementary. There are many different types of volunteer opportunities all year long. Whether you want to help by making copies for teachers, serving during a staff appreciation event, or helping with school events, there is something for everyone!

Your decision to volunteer WILL make a positive difference!

We are currently looking for new VIPs members at Westlawn, as well as Parent Lighthouse Committee Members. The Parent Lighthouse is a group of family members who are interested in providing input to the school in order to aid in school improvement, as well as participating in the Leader in Me process.

If you are interested in any of the above or have questions, please contact Arvis Deloney here at Westlawn.



Volunteers served popcorn and drinks to all Westlawn Elementary staff during a staff appreciation day.

Third Grade News

Third Grade Math

Third grade has been busy getting in the routine of things this six weeks. Students have learned about place value, rounding, comparing and ordering numbers, and perimeter. We are starting our unit on multiplication and division. We will be having timed test week on multiplication facts. Parents please work with your child on their multiplication facts.

Mrs. Roberson, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Teddleton

Third grade reading is off to a great start. We have been working hard to build our reading levels. This month we will study the different types of poetry. If your child has a favorite poem they would like to share, please send it in. Make sure your child is completing their homework every week. Please encourage your child to read at least 15 minutes every night. "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." — Dr. Seuss

Diana Buchanan
3rd Grade Teacher (ELAR/SS)

Fourth Grade News

The fourth grade team is a passionate group of teachers who are willing to do whatever it takes to see our students be successful. Reading teachers, Mrs. Gammon and Mrs. Sampson, are thrilled to be implementing the 100 Book Challenge as well as helping their students earn the new AR incentives. For every level of passed tests and points earned, the students earn a different color bracelet. The math teachers, Mrs. Mathis and Mrs. Tittle, are both excited to see what growth our fourth graders will make in math this year. The students are determined to do their best. Westlawn's 4th grade writing team, Ms. Bayless and Ms. Higgs, are so impressed with their students' desire to write. It is so exciting to see how thrilled the students are at expressing their ideas and feelings through writing. The 4th grade teachers, Ms. Higgs, Mrs. Gammon, Mrs. Mathis, Mrs. Tittle, Ms. Bayless, Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. McClaran, Mr. Reid, Ms. Mayes, Ms. Pickings, and Mrs. Bramlett are looking forward to the rest of the 2017-2018 school year and all the success it will bring!

Fifth Grade News

Wow! It's hard to believe the first six weeks of the 2017-18 school year is behind us and what an AMAZING start it has been!

Our fifth grade students have experienced many engaging learning opportunities from hands on labs in Science, to rapping about the "plot" in ELA, to interactive online lessons and journals in Math. Each day brings new excitement and learning opportunities for our students and staff.

Our first six weeks in Math involved extending whole number operations and multiplication and division of whole numbers and decimals. Students learned place value of decimals to the thousandths place, how to round decimals, as well as how to multiply and divide decimals. We are looking forward to the love of learning to continue as we head into the second six weeks with algebraic reasoning and addition and subtraction of fractions. We encourage you to practice multiplication daily with your child(ren) to increase fact fluency and to help the transition into the second weeks be a smooth one.

In Science students were focused on learning about lab safety, matter, and energy. They discovered six ways to classify matter using physical properties like solubility, relative density, and conductivity. Our fifth grade students identified constant properties of water and physical changes water goes through when heat is added and removed. During their studies of mixtures and solutions, students were hands on in making their own. Lastly, they also explored the uses of five forms of energy "MELTS" and demonstrated how electricity flows in electrical circuits and what causes the flow to start and stop. Upcoming topics for the next six weeks include how light energy travels and behaves and how force effects the movement of objects.

ELA classes came to life as students explored the elements of fiction and poetry through songs and poems written by Westlawn's own ELAR team. The first unit of study was culminated by synergizing and writing a narrative poem about the Seasons within collaborative groups. During the second weeks students will take center stage performing monologues, plays, and speeches as they cover the study of drama and persuasive texts.

We encourage you to be involved in your child(ren) education and please contact his/her teachers with any questions or concerns you may have. We looking forward to working with you and ending the second six weeks with a BANG!

Sincerely the Fifth Grade Crew,
**Mrs. Melody Cranford, Mr. Kendrick Jones,
Ms. Pamela Nickleberry, Mrs. Jordan Turner,
Mrs. Mayan Wall, Ms. Kim Wharton**

Met Accelerated Reading Goals

1st Six Weeks

3rd GRADERS

Lalia Allen
Ariana Anderson
Anyah Bryant
Tybraylon Caldwell
Jonquavia Childs
Ivy Chiles-Mann
De'Necia Colquitt
Kayleigh Cooper
Kayleigh Cooper
Jaydyn Copeland
Khyasia Curry
Maliha Delarosa
Majik Fortson
Jaylon Hawkins
Shannel Hollins
KeMora Howard
Carmello Johnson
Cortez Johnson
Sanaa Jones
Akeira Lacy
Cornesha Riles
Camiylah Riles
David Simon-Morales
Angel Olalde-Garcia
Kamarea White
Isis Wrightner-Williams

4th GRADERS

Ziona Anderson
Alisha Arnett
David Carlton
Kenneth Davis
Jlynn Dowden
Candace Gilmore
Kayleigh Happ
Isiah Kendricks
Ricardo Martinez
Dixie McFadden
Nasyiah McHenry
Terriana McHenry
Ja'Nessa Noel
Tumetheus Pack
Ka'Mya Perkins
Jamaiah Ramos
Jaden Rhone
Ashton Rowden
Diante Scott
Shamiah Steward
MaKayla Sullivan
Carina Tovar
Mar'Kiyia Williams
Wynter Webster

5th GRADERS

Kavahre Adams
Kianna Baker
Jamarion Brown
Jeremiah Brown
LaKerrion Burns
Shachyrea Bush
Jcourtlyn Cobb-Simpson
Jakevinyon Crabtree
Kalaia Cuba
Kieunna Davis
Zimirah Fuller
Jada Fulton
Kenneth Gilliam
Tytaiona Gilliam
Taliyah Gilmore
Jordyn Golette
Shuntairra Grundy
Da'ja Jackson
Aniyah Johnson
Casijha Harrison
Kedron Hilliard
Deanna Merchant
Adrian Miller
Kanjijha Nard-Hartiman
Davidriah Neal
Kimberli Olalde-Garcia
Nicholas Pace
Jmontti Petty
Jibril Sanchez
Khamari Timberlake
Xavier Threadgill
Olivia Tyler
Maddison Underwood
Azala Ward
Treveon Weaver
Reagan Welch-James
Ki'Mora Williams
Ty'Jona Williams
Nyasia Williams
Richard Willis



*All "A" Honor Roll
1st Six Weeks*



THIRD GRADE

Ca'Miayah Brown
Maliha Delarosa
Zyrianna McGray
David Morales-Simon

FOURTH GRADE

David Carlton
Lavone Coleman
Jlynn Dowden
Aziya Hayden
Ariyunna Jackson
Skylee Johnson
Cameron Mitchell
Tumetheus Pack
Rakhyia Richardson
Ashton Rowden

FIFTH GRADE

Kianna Baker
Jeremiah Brown
Kimberli Garcia-Olalde
Jordyn Golette
Joel Ortega
Julius Ricks
Terry Thompson
Azala Ward



*Principals' Choice Award
1st Six Weeks*

3rd GRADE

Angel Garcia-Olalde
Faith Jackson

4th GRADE

Shaquena Ford
Daniel Hawley

5th GRADE

Zyon Fields
Adrian Miller

"A-B" Honor Roll

1st Six Weeks

THIRD GRADE

Alexis Allen
Ariana Anderson
Tichelle Arnold
Jayden Banks
Bralen Cochran
Kayleigh Cooper
Jaydyn Copeland
Khyasia Curry
Gabriel Davenport
Majik Fortson
Angel Olalde-Garcia
Paula George
Jaliyah Gordon
Christian Handy
Jaylon Hawkins
KeMora Howard
Tyquan Jackson
Stacy Keele
Akeira Lacy
Markayla Neal
Kee'Voney Reliford
Jamya Sanson
Tyteuna Sanson
Deon Shears
Martavious Smith
Laityn Sprawls
Rodregus Stewart

FOURTH GRADE

Ziona Anderson
Anthonioh Arechiga
Alisha Arnett
Anthony Baxter
Devon Brown
Eshayland Cooper
Brandon Cruz
Antoine Davis

FOURTH GRADE (CONT)

Kenneth Davis
Tony Davis
Jaden Finley
Shaquena Ford
Cameron Franklin
Nehimiah Franklin
Kemannie Galbert
Candace Gilmore
Jeffrey Graham
Daishaun Gray
Lashonda Gullatt
Christianna Handy
Kayleigh Happ
Darnell Hooper
Aleisya Jackson
Jerdarrian James
Sakaria Johnson
Brazil Jones
Jonathan Jones
Keziah Jordan
Isiah Kendricks
Artayvius King
Kaden Long
Rondarius Lott
Ricardo Martinez
Zacquia McChester
Zamarion McGray
Nasyiah McHenry
Terriana McHenry
Eric Miller
Dasia Neal
Ja'Nessa Noel
Ka'Mya Perkins
Chence Rah Plattenburg
Jamaiyah Ramos
Kaitlyn Riley
Richard Robinson
Prince'Micah Rollins

FOURTH GRADE (CONT)

Estrella Rosas Moya
La'Tavia Sanders
Diante Scott
Jamal Shepherd
Kamaria Solomon
MaKayla Sullivan
Carina Tovar
Janiya Walker
Radravian Ward
Derr'Yana Washington
Taveyon Watson
Wynter Webster
Charlotte Wilburn
Mar'Kiyia Williams
Mercadez Young

FIFTH GRADE

Champagne Blake
Matthew Blaydes
Jamarion Brown
LaKerrion Burns
Shachyrea Bush
Tyrell Clay
Damarion Cooper
Muriel Criner
Kalaia Cuba
Isaiah Dowden
Zyon Fields
Calese Finley
Kinshasca Fuller
Jada Fulton
Oskary Garcia
Julius George
Casijha Harrison
James Hawley
Aleaya Hopkins

FIFTH GRADE (CONT)

Ajanae Jackson
Da'ja Jackson
Robert Jacobs
Raegan James-Welch
Devon Johnson
Albert King
Deanna Merchant
Adrian Miller
Jack Mills
Nathan Mills
Essence Mothershed
Lessly Moya
Davidriah Neal
Tyrone Noiel
Nicholas Pace
Jmontti Petty
Vonderrick Richardson
Jesseca Ruiz Alcocer
Jibril Sanchez
Sarah Saxton
Kentravion Scott
Jcourtlyn Simpson-Cobb
Jerome Montez
Demetrick Sims
Fran'Davion Smith
Marquadriion Smith
Matthew Thompson
Xavier Threadgill
Olivia Tyler
Maddison Underwood
Makayla Watson
Treveon Weaver
Jammarian Whetstone
Ki'Mora Williams
Ty'Qunandre Williams
Tamyia Williams Allen
Richard Willis

Westlawn Elementary thanks all of our 2017-18 Partners In Education Business Partners for their continued support of our students and staff.

PLATINUM LEVEL: *Businesses, organizations or individuals that support campus and district goals with significant resources that impact student and/or teacher learning and achievement district wide.*

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<p>9 Round Fitness A Touch of Health AT&T Wireless Albertsons Alexander's Jewelers Alison's Party Supply All Rhythm Dance Studios American Signs & Banners Amigo Juan Café Anytime Fitness Richmond Road Applebee's Neighborhood Grill Ark-Tex Councils of Government Auntie Anne's Pretzel BJaxx Best Western – Crossroads Park Blue Canyon Pools Buffalo Wild Wings Burger King BWI Companies Inc CableOne Candlewood Suites – Cowhorn Creek Loop Chicken Express (2 locations) Chick Fil-A Richmond Road Children's Beginnings, Inc. Christopher & Banks Christus St. Michael Fitness Center CiCi's Pizza Clarion LaCrosse Hotel Classic Car Wash & Express Oil Change Center</p>	<p>Colonial Cleaners (6 Locations) Comfort Suites Hotel Cooper Tire Service Center Courtyard Marriott Copeland's of New Orleans Texarkana Daines Insurance & Financial Services Domino's Pizza Dixie Diner E-Z Mart Stores Enterprise Rent-A-Car Firehouse Subs Flanagan's Shenanigans Four States Living Magazine Gateway Tire Service Gayle's Cosmetics Glass Doctor of Texarkana Golden Chick Gusanos Chicago-Style Pizzeria Hampton Inn & Suites Holiday Inn Express Image Forward Photography Jason's Deli Jimmy John's Julie's Deli Junior League of Texarkana Kristy Smith State Farm Larry Oxford - State Farm Las Colima's Mexican Food Little Caesar's (2 Locations)</p>	<p>Lone Star Trophy & Engraving Mary Kay Beth Greening Mary Kay Kim Huggins McDonald's Family Restaurant MidSouth Bank Mooyah Burgers Mr. Speedy Car Care Orange Leaf Organic Gold Old Navy Olive Garden Oubre Animal Clinic Pace Glass Patterson Pest Patrol Papa Murphy's Papa Poblano Mexican Grill Pediatric Dentistry of Texarkana Pepsi Bottling Company Pillow Termite & Pest Control Pizza Inn Pleasant Grove Florist Pop Pop Shoppe Premiere Cleaners Progressive Hair Design Renew Medical Spa Residence Inn- Marriott Sandra's Stones Serendipity Salon Silver Spoon</p>	<p>Skate America Slim Chickens SMILES of Arkansas Dental Center Sports Magic, Inc. Sprint Together with Nextel Starbucks Subies Deli & Grill Superior Health Plan Super Splash Car Wash Taste and See Texarkana Community Journal Texarkana Embroidery & Graphics Texarkana Golf Ranch Texarkana JiuJitsu Texas Roadhouse The Kids Spot The Oil Changer The Sanctuary Medical Spa Townsquare Suites Marriott Twin Cities Taekwondo Vanderhoof Tree, Lawn & Landscape Verizon Wireless Vision Source Wally's Card & Party Factory WalMart Wendy's Whatley Sign Company Wingstop (2 Locations)</p>
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